

The village was far from any road and almost inaccessible at certain times of the year. The government had trouble finding teachers to teach in the school. A former student of Ayer Manis was hired and made the one hour trip by bus and the three hour walk back into the jungle. It was too far to come out each Sabbath to church so he started his own branch Sabbath School, inviting the people from the village to join him. The people were friendly and responsive. When after a period of time the young man was transferred to another school his brother, also an Ayer Manis student, was sent to replace him. The second teacher had dropped out of school to accept the position so he knew the Ayer Manis staff well. He came back and told the principal of the interest the people in this village were manifesting and their desire to become S.D.A. Christians.

Teachers and students from Ayer Manis school began going to Kampong Engkaruh as often as possible.

## 101 Baptized in Kampong Engkaruh

By Vera Ortner, Ayer Manis School

Friday afternoon found four car loads of people from Ayer Manis, Kuching and Singapore preparing to go in to Engkaruh. Pastor Ortner requested six carriers to help carry in our personal effects, since the heavy equipment had been taken in on Wednesday. Over half a mile from the place where we were to park the cars there were people waiting to carry our gear. If each person requested to be there were multiplied by ten it would have been close to the number who came to meet the visitors. If ever a group of visitors felt welcomed we did!

Sundown worship was held in the church that Friday night and it will long be remembered. Pastor V. L. Bretch, Publishing Secretary of Southeast Asia Union, made the appeal that received 100% response.

Sabbath morning Sabbath School and church were conducted with most of the village people present. Pastor Sinaga gave the baptismal sermon in the afternoon after which the ordained ministers and candidates went to the baptismal pool.

The six ordained men took up their positions in the pond made for the occasion. One man gave the solemn baptismal rite and six candidates were baptized. Then the next minister said the sacred words and six more were baptized, until all 101 people had been baptized. The candidates changed clothing and lined up after the services to be received into fellowship in the church. "Salamat Mudip Bauh" (happy in your new life) took on new meaning after repeating it over 100 times.



The group waiting to be baptized by Pastors P. Sibarani, L. Keizer, E. Sinaga, R. Hall, C. Ortner.

\* With a copy of "45th Anniversary 1920-1965 Malaysian Signus Press" (8 pages - larger than those of The Messenger)





**The teacher (white shirt) who started the work and village chief (in cap) soon to be baptized.**

A group went at least once a month, but more often twice a month. The response and enthusiasm of the village people made the long, hard trip seem desirable.

The village was beset by illness and filth after generations of heathenism. The Tuan, as they referred to Pastor C. Orther, principal of Ayer Manis, would bring in medicines each time he went. Sometimes the more serious cases were carried out and taken to Kuching to the hospital for further treatment.

The people were thirsty for the better things. Before mention was made of clean and unclean foods, the chief came to our people and told them they were planning to rid the village of pigs. Once a week

they carried pigs out to market until now there are but a few left and they are in pens awaiting their trip to market.

Soon the people wanted a meeting house. They cleared the land, and of native materials built a church for themselves. They requested roofing from the Mission. When the committee met, those who had not been in to Engkaruh to see the interest displayed, were dubious about roofing so large a building. Why it was bigger than most of our established churches in the Mission! Finally they decided to furnish the zinc. Happily the people walked out to the road to carry in the zinc roofing.

The mission president, Pastor R. C. Hall, returned from furlough, and made a trip in. He was greatly encouraged by what he saw. From time to time visitors from Singapore and other places came to visit and were taken to Engkaruh. First visitors were taken there because of the primitiveness of the place and later visitors were taken to see the miracle of the Gospel.

During the last bi-annual session in Sarawak, it was voted to send two full time mission workers into Engkaruh, Brother Martin Suisan and his family, and a young worker, Brother William Anam. Soon the two men had houses erected for themselves and began the work of Bible studies and personal work with the people. They divided the people into groups of twenty. Each evening each man had twenty people in his home for a Bible study. This they did six nights a week.

Then the whole group would meet after the 11:00 o'clock hour on Sabbath for a joint meeting.

Brother Anam has 176 children in the children's department and Brother Martin has the rest in the senior Sabbath School. The church is far too small for all who come. The children meet out side on seats the people have erected.

The huge old spirit tree was cut down and burned. The village is cleaning up. The people have learned to love the Lord. All was being built toward a great climax. The day when they could be baptized! Well over 100 people had gone through the entire series of Bible studies and were requesting baptism. The date was set, August 28, 1965.

Three days before, Pastors Hall and Sinaga and Sarawak's student missionary, Forest Follett, from Pacific Union College, went in with a portable saw mill. Pastor Hall and Mr. Follett taught the people how to run the saw mill and cut up the trees into lumber that they were cutting to clear space for an airstrip, so our mission plane could fly in. The first of the lumber will go to construct a bigger and better church. Now there are four longhouses with a total of fifty-one doors. As the longhouses are old and always in need of repairs, it is the plan to build individual homes for each family.

Pastor Sinaga spent his entire time examining baptismal candidates and he found 101 ready for baptism. Another 100 or over will be baptized near the end of the year after further study.

## First Fruits From the Country of the Prince

**By Tan Ah King, Sabah**

Lahad Datu is a small sea coast town in Northeast Sabah. It is in an area where the main source of income is from timber. It is a peaceful place and the people live in a simple manner. "Lahad" means country and "Datu" means prince; so Lahad Datu means the country of the prince.

In this area live a few Seventh-day Adventist families. Gamaliel Tsai family has lived here about five years. Then Lee Shu Cheng moved from Jesselton and more recently Wong Yau En. About a year ago I also joined them. We

have had regular Sabbath meetings. Pastor Samuel Tsai from Jesselton visited us regularly and brought materials and supplies and encouragement.

In November, 1964, a young man, Ngian Mok Kion and his younger brother came to Lahad Datu to seek work. Mok Kion obtained work in our place and soon began attending our Sabbath meetings. His younger brother was working some 13 miles away and had little opportunity to meet with us. Soon Mok Kion began to pay tithe, got his Sabbaths off, and studied diligently his Bible.

After careful study and examination it was found that he was ready for baptism. On August 28 he was baptized by Pastor Samuel

Tsai of Jesselton. The baptism took



**Pastor S. Tsai baptizing in Sabah.**



The group now  
keeping the  
Sabbath at  
Sadec.



place in the crystal waters of the river that runs through the rubber estate near here not far from a beautiful waterfall. Please pray that this brother will be faithful and that soon we may have a church in this place to be light to all those about.

## VOP Brings Results

**By Pham Thien, HM-SS Secretary Vietnam**

In 1952 Phan van Tao received a Voice of Prophecy enrollment card from one of our colporteurs. He became interested in the strange new truth that he was studying about, as these were things he had never known before. It was not long before he was keeping the Sabbath and paying his tithe.

Pastor R. H. Wentland, Jr., and I were so impressed with the reports from Mr. Tao that we decided to make the 150 km. trip south to the delta country and see him. We found him in a small san pan underneath a bridge in the town of Sadec. He and his wife were alone as all of their children were now grown and away from home. His valuables were not much but he did own his boat and he cherished his Bible. He made his living by selling goods in the town market. He had been faithfully laying aside his tithe and then would send it to the Voice of Prophecy in Saigon.

They were very happy when they saw us. He told his wife, "We are forgotten by human society but God loves us and sends His servants to bring us the life giving message." He told us that he was so richly blessed by this truth and he longed for others there to know it as he did and could we please send some one to teach them. He told us that he was the only Adventist in town.

He offered to sell his boat and buy a cottage so that it might be used as a meeting place.

In 1954 we returned but this time Brother Tao was not living in a boat but had sold it and was in a nice thatched roof cottage. His home was close to many neighbors and he took us to some of their homes. Among those whom we visited was a retired minister of another Christian group who had become interested. He said "this is some fruit which has grown because of seeds planted."

Even now we were not able to

send them a minister to watch the flock. Brother Tao was not discouraged but kept on witnessing for Jesus. It was more than ten years before someone came to teach them. Brother Truong Thong held an effort soon after coming and brought in fifteen souls. Recently others took their stand and now more are preparing for baptism.

We now have more than fifty church and Sabbath school members and have plans of putting up a church. Continue your support by giving and in securing students for the Bible lessons.

## Thailand Holds First MV Rally

**By E. B. Smith, MV Secretary, Thailand Mission**

By bus and by train the young people from the four corners of Thailand came to Bangkok to attend this first MV Rally. For many this was their first trip to Bangkok, the capital city. In spite of overnight trips they did not feel tired or sleepy since everything was so

new and exciting. The music offered by Elder John Hancock on his accordion made us sit on the edge of our seats! There were also special choral groups and many other special musical numbers.

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**Left to Right: E. Smith, P. Wick, C. Martin, J. Hancock (behind flag), J. Lantry, Sunti S., Chalaw A., Gumjorn S.**





## *Impressions of Sabah and Sarawak*

By Beth Coffin, Singapore

We left Jesselton June 18 on the "M.S. Kunak" and would heartily recommend the trip to those who haven't visited Sarawak and Sabah. We called at Pending, (near Kuching) Miri, and Labuan before reaching Jesselton. The voyage by ship was pleasant and relaxing, the food and accommodations very satisfactory. We were very interested in the various types of cargo being carried on deck. From the upper decks we could see a bus, three Caterpillar Tractors, six V.W. Combi vans, a speed boat with outboard motor, a rock crusher and over 100 pigs stacked in baskets. From the upper decks we could also see the Muslim pilgrims who were returning from Mecca saying their evening prayers.

The purpose of our visit to Sabah and Sarawak was to hold medical clinics as well as to take a holiday. After seeing the town of Jesselton

and the modern buildings being constructed we started on our itinerary. We went by Land Rover to Kudat which is about 120 miles from Jesselton. The scenery is beautiful and Mt. Kinabalu presents an inspiring and different view at each turn. The road is paved as far as Kota Belud a distance of about 40 miles. After that the condition of the road depends on the weather and frequency of rain. The road is again paved for about 20 miles out of Kudat.

Kudat is located in a beautiful spot at the entrance to Marudu Bay. The Rest House faces the sea. We made the Rest House our base for five days. Each morning we loaded up the Land Rover with our medical supplies, and visited a different village. One village was accessible only by boat. We found this one of the neediest villages, since the people are so far from the Government Hospital.

After leaving Kudat we drove over very rough roads into an area called Goshen near Bandau. After fording the river twice, and going through roads with deep ruts, and driving through grass taller than our heads we could see why Pastor and Mrs. Andrew Peters, our guides for the trip had been concerned lest we have heavy rains and the roads be impassable. It is very obvious why most of the vehicles seen on the roads are jeeps of one kind or another.

We held clinics in the villages we visited and gave such medical care as we could. We found the people very grateful for the help we were able to give them. The most common complaints, were worms, fevers, malaria, decayed teeth, infected eyes, and ears. Dysentery and malnutrition due to inadequate diet was very common. The government has a good Health Service, but it is hard to reach all the people who live great distances from the medical

centers. Our clinics were held by the roadside, under trees, in school-houses, churches or bamboo shacks.

The medicines for our trip was donated by Youngberg Memorial Hospital, and various drug companies in Singapore. Vitamins were given out as long as the supply lasted.

We took one week for strictly vacationing. We drove to Kinabalu National Park. The Park Headquarters at 4,500 ft. 58 miles from Jesselton has been established at Simpang Kinabalu at Mile 35 on the road from Tamparuli to Ranau. The road is not paved, and travel by Land Rover takes 4½ to 5 hours from Jesselton. At the Park Headquarters there is a hostel where one may stay for a small fee. Kinabalu, 13,455 feet, is the highest mountain in Malaysia. It is also the highest mountain between the lower Himalayas in Burma and Mount Carstensz in West Irian. The lower part of the mountain is covered with primary and secondary rain forest, smaller trees, and the so-called moss forest occurs between 6,000 and 10,000 feet. There is no snow at the summit although ice does occasionally form during the night.

The trail up the mountain begins at 6,000 feet and starts up very steep wooden steps made of logs. A jungle track is followed to the mountain huts passing two radio stations on the way. It is necessary to stay overnight at one of these huts when climbing the mountain. It is also necessary to get an early start from the huts to the summit because after about 9:00 a.m. clouds obscure the view. Dr. Coffin and his son, David, along with Danny and Jimmy Peters climbed the mountain and felt it was well worth the effort. One of the rewards of a trip to Borneo is the chance to see many lovely birds some of which are not found elsewhere in the world.

Leaving Kinabalu and Sabah we flew to Sarawak where we spent five days visiting and holding clinics. We visited two villages by Cessna plane, owned by Pastor Richard Hall. It was a quick easy way to travel. The airstrips at these villages have been literally carved out of the jungle and are just barely adequate for landing and take off.

As we left Kuching by Malaysian airways for Singapore, we took away impressions of a beautiful country, and friendly and interesting people.



Miss Kathy Coffin, daughter of Dr. Coffin, prepares a patient for an injection.





Above, left. An indoor clinic is improvised with everyone doing his part to help. At the tables to give medicines are Daniel Peters, Kathy Coffin, David Coffin, and Jimmy Peters. At the lower table Mrs. Coffin, Mrs. Peters, Dr. Coffin, and Pastor Gaban await the coming of patients.

Above left. Outdoor clinic is held with large crowds of willing patients awaiting their turn to receive examination and treatment. Due to lack of time many patients could only be given quick simple treatments. Many came from long distances. Other arrived too late for the doctor was gone.

Right, top to bottom. Dr. Coffin holds an outdoor clinic for taking care of extracting decayed teeth. Even though the medical supplies to kill pain ran out, still the patients came to have the teeth removed. More than 300 teeth were removed. The very young as well as the parents and grandparents come for examination and treatment and medicines for their pains and illnesses.



Mrs. Coffin, a nurse, prepares the medicines to be given to the various patients. Helpful as the medicine is for the time being, more extended care and treatment is needed by most of the people. Nearly all are suffering from some form of illness caused by internal parasites and diseases caused by improper diet and lack of proper food. There is an urgent need for instruction in the more healthful way of life and a more sanitary method of living.



## Bhuket Evangelism

By John F. Harris, Evangelist  
Bhuket, Thailand

After four months of intensive preparation another evangelistic campaign was launched on the island of Bhuket, March 7, 1965. This effort used the name "Voice of Youth", with the young people supporting and participating in the entire sixty-two meetings.

From Sabbath to Sabbath twenty teams of youth fanned out in beautiful Gatu valley and visited the same two-hundred homes leaving a new lesson from the health course each week. It was hoped that the months of personal work by Mrs. Ruth Watson and other church members in that valley might be harvested.

Just before opening night all were invited to attend the graduation service for those completing the health course as well as a showing of the film "One in Twenty Thousand". The doors were opened and the people flowed into the newly constructed tabernacle. The seating soon proved inadequate. Hundreds jammed their way into every seat and overflowed into the isles down to the pulpit. Several hundred had to stand on the outside. The one hundred twenty graduates could not come forward but had to have their diplomas handed to them over the heads of the audience. It was necessary to have two showings of the film. At the close of the all-health program one of our health books was given as a prize for the oldest man who had never smoked in his



The group who took part in Voice of Youth meetings.

life. Recognition was also given to another who was fifty eight years old and can still run three kilometers and walk on his hands.

The handbill for the next three weeks of preaching was also distributed at the opening meeting and for those three weeks many returned night after night. It was necessary to conduct a special children's meeting at the same time each evening in order to provide for their particular needs.

The second phase of the program got under way the beginning of the fourth week. This was carried on by a dozen pre-selected and trained young people who preached the doctrines of the church for the next eighteen nights. They spoke with power and enthusiasm. It was during this phase that rocks began to be hurled at the tabernacle and the road sign advertizing the meetings. One weighing a half a kilo crashed into the P.A. cabinet barely missing the heads of several young people, glanced off and struck the evangelist. Fortunately no one was injured. It is believed that God protected His own on several occasions. The

road sign was pulled out of the ground and heaved into a nearby ditch three times, but each time it was hauled back and put in place. At last the villains grew weary of this and splattered purple paint on the sign in one last insult. It was evident that Satan was not pleased with the good response to the meetings. The evangelistic company were falsely accused of being anti-Buddhist, thus fomenting this trouble. Many stopped going to the meetings. Some attended a nearby fair. But the church entered a week of fasting and prayer and they were soon to see many of the absent ones return in answer to their prayers.



Ricky Harris, age 10 leads the music.



Recent baptism of 9 at Bhuket. Far left, Khum Sanote, Bible worker; center, Pastor Harris; far right, Nai Mun, church pastor.



The third phase of the meetings was spent in Bible-marking. Several of the policeman assigned to the tabernacle for protective purposes could be seen with ruler and pencil in hand and with bowed head from night to night.

On the final night, May 18, over twenty decided to continue studies in a baptismal class, including the policeman, and six decided for baptism.

We thank God for His protection and goodness in this series of meetings.

## First Vacation Bible School Held in Thailand

By Elden B. Smith, SS  
Secretary, Thailand Mission

It is always exciting to pioneer, to be first in an adventure or an undertaking. This special thrill was the experience of our Sabbath School Workers in Haadyai, South Thailand. In April 1965 they held the first V.B.S. for the Thailand Mission.

Mrs. Ura Sriratprasas was the director of the school, and she received helpful assistance from Mrs. Jane Crider, Mrs. T. C. Chin, Miss Dusadee and Miss Nongluk-sana.

About seventy children attended the Haadyai V.B.S. One of the



The Voice of Youth tabernacle in Bhuket.

highlights of the school was a coloring contest in which fifty of the children participated.

Congratulations Haadyai! Now we hope every Sabbath School will follow your good example during the vacation season.

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## Thailand Holds First MV Rally (From page 3)

The final meeting will long be remembered as 8 fine young workers were invested as Master Guides. Then more than one hundred young people marched across the platform to receive the MV Leadership Certificate.

Yes, the youth of Thailand are on the march. We want to thank Elders Hancock, Martin and Lantry for the wonderful inspiration they brought to the young people of Thailand.

## First Southeast Asia Extension School in Thailand (From page 8)

This was the first extension school held in Thailand but we feel that it was so successful that we would like to have one every two years. Plans are already being made for the next one to be held in 1967, following the same plan of having one practical course and one Bible content course.

In the Thailand Mission territory there are three mission hospitals. These three hospitals sent eleven workers from their chaplain departments to the extension school. We are happy to be able to have all these institutions benefit from our first extension school.



Vacation Bible School in Haad Yai, Thailand.



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## First Southeast Asia Extension School in Thailand

By Palmer G. Wick, President Thailand Mission

What should be done in a mission where not one of the local workers has more than ten years of education? It seems that under these circumstances some sort of training program should be undertaken. This is what the Thailand Mission decided to do. A two-year training course for workers and those wishing to be workers was set up and now all but two members of our ministerial working force have finished this school. As a result of better trained workers in the field the baptisms for the mission have doubled for two years.

A need was felt for more in-service training for all our workers so a request was placed with the Southeast Asia Union College for a four-week extension school with credit for those who could qualify. Elder Paul H. Eldridge, Far Eastern Division Ministerial, Radio and TV Secretary, and Elder Dan R. Guild, Southeast Asia Union Ministerial, Radio and TV Secretary were the teachers for this special extension school.

Elder Eldridge taught a course covering all phases of evangelism, personal and public. This year he has taught this same course at the Andrews University Seminary Ex-

tension Schools held in India and Indonesia, so he came especially well prepared for this course. Because of the many years of mission service which Elder Eldridge has had, and his understanding of mission problems he was able to make the course very practical for this area.

Elder Guild taught a course covering the book of Romans by the inductive study method. The students made word outline charts of key words with summaries, and chapter outlines with summaries. The book of Romans had to be read through many times in preparing these outlines.

The workers of the Thailand Mission feel that these courses are the most valuable training that they have ever had. Four to six hours of home work was assigned each day and some spent up to ten hours getting all of the work done. Several of the workers said that they have never used their brain so much before in all their lives, but they were not complaining for in the same breath they asked if we could possibly have another extension school next year.

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The group of workers in Thailand who attended the Extension School conducted by Pastor Paul Eldridge, Far Eastern Division, and D. R. Guild, Southeast Asia Union.