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Annual Union Committee Convenes

WE have just completed our Annual Union Committee Meeting in Singapore. The Mission presidents and secretary-treasurers, the medical directors of our hospitals, the managers of our publishing houses and of our hospitals, our Union departmental secretaries, and officers and departmental secretaries

By D. R. Guild, President

from the Division have counseled together, prayed together, and laid plans for the advance of the work in our Union territory.

Time after time our hearts stirred as the devotional speakers brought messages from heaven. A sense of urgency, a desire to tap every resource of heaven for the finishing of the work, prevailed in our midst. In the decisions made in our business sessions we could see God's hand, guiding, shaping plans for the finishing of His work.

The theme of our council was "breakthrough". Over and over the thought welled up in our hearts that we are on the threshold of



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great and wonderful days for God's church, that the Holy Spirit of Pentecost is falling upon God's people, bringing about a breakthrough for the work of God.

The Spirit that pervaded in our Union Council began at the recent Fall Council in Washington, D.C. and caught fire at the Division Council in Baguio City. It is great to be members and workers in God's remnant church in such a day as this!

The resolution which follows was voted by the Fall Council, the Division Council and the Annual Union Committee Meeting. Will you join with your leaders and your fellow-believers in the Southeast Asia Union and unite in dedicating yourself to the principles outlined in this resolution?

WORLD-WIDE REVIVAL AND EVANGELISM

WHEREAS, The Autumn Council of ro66 has issued a call for revival and reformation of both the ministry and membership of the world-wide church of Seventh-day Adventists combined with plans for a great world-wide evangelistic endeavor to reach the unwarned millions of the earth and to finish the work, and

WHEREAS, Those in attendance at the Annual Division Council in Baguio City, representing all organizations and members of the Seventh-day Adventist church of the Far Eastern Division, desired to join the leadership of the General Conference, and

WHEREAS, Those in attendance at this Annual Union Committee in Singapore, representing all organizations and members of the Seventh-day Adventist church of the Southeast Asia Union, desire to join the leadership of the General Conference and Far Eastern Division, and our fellow believers around the world in such a program.

It was voted that: We pledge the support, co-operation, and dedication of the entire working force and church membership of our Union to the task of personal revival and reformation and a hold out-reach of strong evangelistic endeavor to reach the vast populations of the nations of the Southeast Asia Union. And that, we dedicate ourselves to leading our workers and church members in implementing the program voted by the recent Autumn Courcil for the world field as revealed in the fe⁴lowing action:

We recommend that the following program for worldwide revivals and evangelism be adopted:

This program of worldwide revival and evangelism calls for total mobilization of the whole church under the power of the Spirit of God in revival, reformation, and a wave of evangelism that will sweep around the world.

I. IN-REACH — Revival and reformation within the church of God has been clearly defined as a return to primitive godliness. This revival and reformation must involve repentance, confession, restitution, growing up in Christ, prayer, obedience and the exercise of faith in individual Christian experience in preparation for our Lord's return. This revival under the ministration of the Holy Spirit should begin first with the ministry and then reach out to church officers and members bringing with it a compelling love for souls.

Not by resolutions alone will a worldwide revival and reformation be experienced. It must become:

1. The burden of prayer and study on division, union, and local conference (mission) committees.

 The core of messages at workers' meetings, camp meetings, union and local conference and mission sessions, youth and lay rallies and in all denominational institutions.

3. A reality in a series of well-planned revivals in all of our churches around the world to prepare the way for the evangelistic crusades.

To this end the various departments should become the willing aid to the pastor in preparing the church and the world for this evangelistic thrust. All should be so co-ordinated as to strive for the achievement of our great objective.

11. OUT-REACH — When this is implemented every Adventist pulpit should reverberate with fundamental Bible doctrine emphasizing the distinctive message of the third angel and enshrining Christ in the heart of each sermon.

No field or area should be neglected. The message must certainly be repeated and the cause greatly expanded in areas where the work of God is already established; however, let each leader, mission committee, and institutional board perfect bold plans to establish the work in unentered areas. Such efforts should continue until strong churches and institutions have been erected to the glory of God. The time for an unprecedented worldwide advance is here. A larger soul-winning work must be accomplished in the great cities of the world. Let us unitedly move forward with God. "If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one under the direction of one purpose, they would move the world." — Christian service, p. 75. Let every church, every mission, every

Let every church, every mission, every union and every division launch out by faith in setting bantismal objectives within the framework of fervent prayer and unwavering faith in the limitless power of the Holy Spirit. Let the chief burden of administrative officers, departmental secretaries, pastors and church officers be focused on the winning of souls. We encourage our administrators and departmental secretaries to participate with our pastors in public evangelism. We encourage our local church officers to more fully fulfill the duties of their offices as clearly called for by the Spirit of Prophecy and as outlined in the *Church Manual*, thus freeing the pastors for soul-winning work.

Let baptismal days he set each quarter in every church, reports of unique experiences and encouragement be reported in division and union papers, the Ministry Magazine and the Review and Herald.

In order to obtain these baptismal objectives, let each department assume as a minimum goal the following responsibilities:

1. The Publishing Department plan to have at least one resident literature evangelist in each church.

2. The Sabbath School Department continue and expand its efforts to train teachers, to assist the pastor and local church elders in shepherding members, locating missing members, and organizing branch Sabbath schools and vacation Bible schools.

3. The Lay Activities Department earnestly give increased impetus to Bible studies and systematic literature distribution on an unprecedented scale, organizing members for concerted efforts such as the Gift Bible Evangelism program. Dorcas welfare groups should share faith as well as clothes and food.

4. The Public Relations Department through public information, personal contact and participation, shall strive to prevent misunderstanding, and help in developing a climate of informed favorable opinion toward the Seventh-day Adventist Church, its work and its distinctive truths.

5. The Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty shall continue to discreetly meet and follow up each religious liberty crisis with definite evangelistic objectives.

6. The Radio and Television Department shall offer an increasing coverage of the message. Through the Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today, and It Is Written programs, and by increasing local broadcasts and telecasts by pastors and evangelists, the Advent message in all of its beauty shall be presented to the multitudes. Correspondence courses shall be improved and updated and Faith for Today and Voice of Prophecy evangelistic teams invited to enter areas for evangelistic reaping campaigns.

7. The Department of Education shall continue to encourage and foster a deeply religious atmosphere in each classroom, confronting each student with his relationship to the Saviour and His task.

8. The Medical Department shall constantly uphold the soul-winning objectives before all medical institutional personnel and lay tactful plans for arousing interest and follow-up work. Dedicated physicians and dentists should be encouraged to locate in unentered areas for the purpose of using their influence in witnessing for Christ and thus open the way for the message to enter.

9. The Temperance Department shall strive to enlarge the work of helping people break the chains of defiling habits and thus prepare hearts for the reception of the third angel's message.

10. The Missionary Volunteer Department shall continue to organize youth to actively involve themselves in evangelistic campaigns and church projects fulfilling the promise, "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world." — Education, p. 271.

11. Distinctive Bible truths that make us a people shall be featured by our missionary journals, division and union papers. Ambitious circulation goals for missionary journals shall be set using division, union, and official church organs to inspire progress in this world-wide program.

12. The Ministerial Association, by precept and example, shall continue to co-operate with administrators at all levels in encouraging each minister in year-around evangelism, especially seeking to help the less productive workers.

13. A stronger follow-up program shall be initiated to make the greatest use of Bible school enrollees and interests stirred through this expanded program of evangelism.

In carrying out the above 13 points church pastors will be able to see in each denominational department here listed an invaluable assistant.

IMPLEMENTATION — We appeal to the committees of the divisions, union, local mission, and to the boards of every denominational institution, to lay broad and comprehensive plans for the implementation of this program of evangelism in their respective areas by January, 1967 (early in 1967).

All organizations are requested to report the plans developed and make periodic progress reports to the next higher organizations.

SEAU Implementation Plan

In response to the call from the General Conference to world-wide revival and evangelism to finish the work of God in our time, we recommend the following steps be used to implement this plan in Southeast Asia Union:

1. That every church in the Southeast Asia Union territory hold a revival meeting as early as possible in 1967.

2. That in order to implement the 13-point program of total evangelism of all departments, that we encourage each administrator, departmental secretary, Voice of Prophecy worker, and office worker, to assist or conduct a revival series or an evangelistic effort in 1967.

3. That we encourage every institutional worker, every doctor, every nurse, every teacher, and every literature evangelist to have a special missionary project, such as a Bible study, or personal visitation program every week in 1967.

4. That we encourage every pastor to set aside a special time each week in which he will make a decided effort to reach the weak, backslidden, and missing members within his district.

5. That we encourage every pastor, worker, and lay member to unite their efforts in following up each Voice of Prophecy interest, and endeavoring to connect them with one of the above plans.

6. And further that evangelistic meetings be held in conjunction with the revival series of meetings, or as a follow-up to the recommended program.

7. That we set the eleventh Sabbath in each quarter as a special Baptism Day, and endeavor to hold a baptism on this Sabbath in every church.

SPECIAL DAYS AND OFFERINGS -- 1967

IANUARY OFFERINGS

- 7 Home Missions
- 14 Open
- 21 Christian Education
- 28 Church Expense

FEBRUARY

- 4 Home Missions
- 11 Open
- 18 Christian Education
- 25 Church Expense

MARCH

- 4 Home Missions 11 Spring Missionary Offering (G. C.)
- 18 Christian Education
- 25 Church Expense

APRIL

- 1 Home Missions
- 8 "Messenger"
- 15 Christian Education
- 22 Church Expense
- 29 VOP Correspondence School
- MAY
- 6 Disaster & Famine Relief (FED & G.C.)
- 13 Open
- 20 Christian Education
- in Maria maria
- 27 Church Expense

SPECIAL DAYS Soul Winning Plans, Projects, Commitment Day

*Stewardship Day

Bible Evangelism Crusade SAUC Day *Christian Home & Family Altar Day Christian Home Week Feb. 18-25 Temperance Commitment Day

Visitation Evangelism S.S. Rally Day Big Week for Church Members, March 5-11 *Missionary Volunteer Day Union-wide Baptismal Sabbath *MV Week of Prayer, March 18-25

Home Missionary Day

Health & Welfare Evangelism

*Spirit of Prophecy Day Spirit of Prophecy Emphasis for Schools, May 14:20 Bible Correspondence School Enrollment Day

Changes at Southeast Asia Union College

SINCE there is an urgent need for the growth and development of the college section of our Southeast Asia Union College, at the annual board of directors meeting plans were made for a reorganization of the college that we believe will promote the desired growth and development.

It was voted to separate the college section and the secondaryprimary school as far as possible in academic administration, teaching faculty, use of classroom buildings, and offices for the academic administration and teachers. Plans are being developed for a separate building for the college section which will house the classrooms, the offices of the dean, registrar and faculty of the college section, and an assembly hall for the college students.

Daniel Tan was elected as President of the College, Eugene Rau as Dean of the college section, Mrs. Maggie Tan as Registrar of the college section. Daniel Tan will continue as principal of the secondaryprimary school. Mrs. Grace Yeo will continue as registrar of the secondary-primary school. W. Y. Chen will continue as business manager and M. P. Sormin as treasurer for both the college and the secondary-primary sections of the school.

Premedical Student from Thailand Qualifies for Student Pilot Wings

P. G. Miller, Dean Philippine Union College

PAUL WONG, son of Pastor and Mrs. K. S. Wong of Bangkok, Thailand, qualified recently for his student pilot wings when he completed successfully the solo requirements set forth by the Civil Aviation Commission of the Philippines.

Paul is a premedical student at Philippine Union College, being sponsored by the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. Following his completion of the medical course, Paul hopes to serve the Thailand Mission as a flying medical missionary.

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Pastor Tan's Ordination

J. H. Lantry, Department Secretary

MR. Daniel Tan was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sabbath afternoon, 31 December, 1966, in a very solemn and impressive service held in the Southeast Asia Union College chapel.

Pastor Tan began his gospel ministry in 1939, after being educated entirely in Seventh-day Adventist Schools. His responsibilities have included teaching at Sunny Hill school in Sarawak, where he also served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Sarawak Mission simultaneously. At Southeast Asia Union College he has served as science and mathematics teacher, dean of men, registrar, and currently as president. His graduate degree was awarded in 1965, at Andrews University.

Pastor Tan's services in behalf of the youth has been outstanding in helping them choose Christ, train for His service, and inspiring them to strive for eternal life.

Recent Appointments Add New Responsibility

DURING the past few weeks a number of new appointments, particularly in our medical institutions, have taken place. We appreciate the willingness of our workers to accept, so readily, these new positions of responsibility and trust laid upon them. We solicit the prayers of God's people in behalf of these brethren. They are as follows:

Dr. Merle Peterson, SEAU Medical Secretary. Dr. Peterson is a board surgeon and has served at Youngberg Hospital since July, 1965. We are happy to welcome him into the ranks of the Union departmental staff.

Dr. Calvin Olson, Medical Director for Youngberg Hospital. Dr. Olson is also a board surgeon. He formerly served one term at the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital.

Dr. R. F. Hann, has been appointed Medical Director of the Penang Sanitarium and Hospital. His former field of service was in Indonesia. He arrived in 1966 to take up duties in Penang.

Dr. James Jay, is the new Med-



Pastor and Mrs. Daniel Tan and family

ical Director for the Haadjai Mission Hospital. Dr. Jay spent most of 1966 in the study of Thai and only recently moved to Haadjai. Soon after his arrival a terrible flood hit the city, a story and pictures will be included in another issue of the Messenger.

Dr. F. A. Mote, assumes leadership as acting Medical Director at the Saigon Adventist Hospital. He has been on the staff since November, 1964.

Mission changes

Pastor A. Waworoendeng, former pastor of the Singapore Malay Church and Johore Church is soon to move to Jesselton, Sabah. He is the new secretary-treasurer of the Sabah Mission. He has been a worker in Malaya since 1961.



We Launched by Faith Into New Field

Pastor T. M. Giang, Kuala Lumpur Chinese Church

IN early August, the writer started an effort at the village of Kendong, about 26 miles south of Seremban. The population is about 1,500. Mostly they are rubber tappers. Our Literature Evangelists have not yet touched this place. Only a few are studying the Voice of Prophecy lessons. They learned about the VOP lessons through their friends who brought back the enrollment cards from outside.

Though only about one-half mile from the main highway, there was no electricity. We had to use the car battery to furnish electricity for our projector.

We obtained permission from the head of the village to use the school hall which seats about one hundred people. This was indeed a "small" effort. The writer was the speaker. Mrs. Giang took care of the projector and ushering. Brother Thiah Tham-wan was the general manager of the meetings.

Everything went smoothly. Seventy to eighty persons came to the nightly meetings. We were very happy for this.

Then it happened. At the closing night. There were some mischievous young people and children who began to cause a lot of noise outside of our meeting place. The noise was so loud that the preacher could not be heard. So he stepped down and went out to ask them to please quiet down. After a while they began to yell again. Some even uttered blasphemous words. It was worse than before. Some in the audience could not stand it any longer. They stood up and were about to fight with the people outside. The air was very tense and it looked like there might be more trouble. We tried our best to calm

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them down. Somehow the meeting closed successfully.

There were twenty-two who received Bibles as rewards for their faithful attendance.

Some of the young people were worried about our safety as we were heading for our homes. They reported this to the head of the village, then volunteered to escort us out of the village to protect us from danger. We thanked them and said: "We believe the angels of the Lord will be with us. We will come back to study the Bible with you. May the Lord bless you till we meet again." It was with great reluctance that we parted.

On our way home, Brother Thiah, pointing to some of the small towns, said: "Are not those also our fields of labour? When can we come to preach to them?" We thank the Lord for this wonderful experience and for the desire that has been kindled anew to go and to preach Christ to those who are still in darkness.

Petaling Jaya Branch Sabbath School

H. Y. Cheah, Pastor, Kuala Lumpur English Church

PETALING Jaya Branch Sabbath began about six years ago, under the leadership of Mrs. B. K. Ngoi and Mr. Chong Heng Chow with the united effort of our young laymembers of the Kuala Lumpur English Church. Today, through the untiring efforts of these enthusiastic church workers this Branch Sabbath School, which began at the

home of Brother and Sister Chong Heng Chow and still continues at the same place every Sabbath, has two adults classes and two children's classes

Each Sabbath morning, at about 8:30 a.m., Brother Chong Heng Chow makes several trips with his car, collects members—adults and children—to attend the Branch Sabbath School which begins at 9:30 a.m. After the services he takes them back to their respective homes.

Yet the faithful and untiring efforts of our brothers and sisters is not without reward or harvest. Four precious souls have so far been baptized, and now a family of five—father, mother, two daughters and one son, studying under Sister Ngoi, and another middleaged man, are preparing for baptism. Thank the Lord for His kind leadership, and the guidance and help rendered by His Holy Spirit.

Vacation Bible School

THE KUALA LUMPUR English church has recently completed a very successful vacation Bible School in Petaling Jaya. Total enrollment was twenty-eight and enthusiastic participation by this group resulted in all twenty-eight receiving diplomas at the graduation exercises.

At present five of these students and a mother of two of them are attending Branch Sabbath School services in this same place.

We appreciate the willingness of our members to sacrifice time and expense in the support of these meetings.

Parent and Home Society Opens in Bagan Datoh

Mrs. P. Benjamin, Pastor's Wife

THE first Parent and Home society meeting in the history of the Bagan Datoh church was held recently after several months of careful planning. Miss Nellie Ferree, from the Far Eastern Division was our special guest. Pastor and Mrs. S. J. Lee also attended this meeting.

An enthusiastic group witnessed the organization of the society. The pastor's wife was chosen to be the leader. About thirty-five men and women, plus some children have attended subsequent meetings since then.

Time has been spent talking over the problems of "Adventist children and their education." Cooking classes are also being planned, to help train our ladies in making more healthful meals for the family.

We believe firmly that which Mrs. White states in Adventist Home, page 15: "The well-being of Society, the success of the church, the prosperity of the nation, depend upon home influences." We solicit your prayers that our new society will fulfill the purpose for which it was organized.

One hundred and eighteen delegates attended the Malaya Mission Biennial session held January 10-15 at Port Dixon. Pastor S. J. Lee, President, was in charge of the meetings. Assisting him was Pastor Samuel Tsai, Secretary-Treasurer.

Vacation Eible School, Petaling Jaya

Branch Sabbath School, Petaling Jaya



Cholon Effort

Ralph Neall, President

THE first city-wide evangelistic effort ever held for the Chinese of Saigon-Cholon began October 16, 1966. Elder Milton Lee, Far Eastern Division evangelist for the Chinese, spoke five nights a week in a canvass tabernacle. He is assisted by his wife, Pastor and Mrs. Wong Yew Seng of the local church, and by Bible Course director Wong Chi Yuen.

The opening night nearly all the seven hundred seats were filled to hear Elder Lee speak on "Where Can Safety Be Found?" A series of heavy explosions nearby just a few minutes before eight o'clock did not discourage listeners from coming, but rather provided a vivid sermon illustration. All classes of people, except the draft-age young men, came in eager groups.

The opening night's offering was more than 6,000 piastres, and the offerings during four weeks of meetings have totalled more than 40,000, nearly three times that planned for the entire 45-meeting series. Church members also have pledged very liberal support toward the large effort budget.

On the third night Elder Lee called for an aftermeeting-the first time he has ever done this so early in a series. To everyone's surprise, nearly half the audience remained for ten minutes of instruction from the Gospel of Matthew on how to become a Christian.

On November 12, a baptismal class was organized with 50 in attendance. The following evening the first Bible marking class was held, and 170 Bibles were distributed.

Elder Lee says he has never received better newspaper coverage of his sermons than he has in Cholon. The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce escorted him and Pastor Wong Yew Seng to the newspaper offices before the meetings began. The same man also supplied us with many names.

Other advertising included regular newspaper ads, announcements on the radio, and a large sign by the entrance of the compound, which is on a very prominent street corner.

Each night Mrs. Lee presented a black-light illustrated talk before the sermon. Her opening talk pictured a ship crossing stormy waves toward a light house-and led up to the theme song, "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me." She also led out in a special story hour for the children in the church, in the half hour before the meetings began.

My Trip to Sadec and Longxuyen

Pastor Wong Yew Seng, Cholon Saigon Chinese Church

I HAVE been in Vietnam for a long time. My work has been confined somewhat to the area of Cholon and Saigon. But recently I had an opportunity to pay a visit to some of the churches in other parts of Vietnam.

Pastor Pham Thien wanted to promote the work of the Sabbath School department in the area of Sadec, Longxuyen and Cantho. I was more than happy to accept his invitation to accompany him.

Our first stop was at Sadec. There was a young pastor by the name of Le Hoang in charge of the church. All the members worked willingly under him to share their faith. There was Mrs. Nguyen Van Tuu who has led eight people into Evangelistic Effort Promotion in front of the Cholon Saigon Chinese Church.

the church even though she is handicapped with poor hearing. The young people decided to add two more Branch Sabbath Schools recently. They are also preparing to build a church.

Brother Le Hoang travels 45 kilometers to Longxuyen every Sabbath afternoon to conduct a Branch Sabbath School. We have three members and a small group of people who are interested in the truth in this place. They meet in the home of Mr. Nguyen Van So, of whom there is a very interesting story.

About twenty-five years ago, Mr. Nguyen accepted the Three Angels'

On December 17, 1966, twenty-four precious souls were baptized in Cholon as the firstfruits of the effort there. Pastor , ong Yew Seng is continuing meetings, and looks forward to a second baptism at the end of February. We thank the Lord for these fine people added to the Cholon church.





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From left to right: Pastor Pham Thien, Brother Nguyen Van So, and Brother Le Hoang.

Message and joined the canvassing work when he became a member of our church. Then World II broke out. He lost contact with the church. He could not resist the temptation of the devil, so he drifted further and further from the truth and from God. But God never forsook him.

About a year ago, Pastor Pham Thien went to preach in the prison. He found a young prisoner who seemed to know quite a bit about our beliefs. Upon further investigation, it was found that this young man was the son of Mr. Nguyen for whom he had looked many years.

Pastor Pham Thien tried to encourage Mr. Nguyen through letters and personal contacts. Before long, Mr. Nguyen decided to burn his idols and to open his house for our Branch Sabbath School. Today, his wife, and his children are studying to prepare for baptism. His 80year old mother and some of his relatives also come to the meetings regularly. He has had a very good influence among the neighborhood.

Before long, his house was too small to accommodate the growing number who come to the Branch Sabbath School. So he decided to donate a piece of land by the side of his house for the mission to build a church.

Mr. Lee Hoang is planning to conduct an effort in this town. We are sure that the Lord will bless them richly.



Camp Saa Noi Baptisms in Thailand

Elden B. Smith, Secretary Missionary Volunteer Department

SEVERAL years ago their majesties, King Phumipol and Queen Sirikit, were planning a visit to Ubol. The local officials planned a side trip to see the rapids at Saa Noi. In anticipation of the Royal visit the Forestry Department Officers built a very fine shelter from which the Royal Couple could view the rapids in comfort.

Seventh-day Adventist Youth have had many occasions to be grateful that their Majesties made this trip, and they were especially thankful this year. Generally we expect clear weather in North-east Thailand by the middle of October but this year an unseasonal rain changed the forecast and nearly one hundred Pathfinders found themselves out in nature in the rain. They were more than happy for the fine shelter built for the comfort of royal visitors, and most of the group were able to find sleeping room under the protection of the shelter.

The high light of the camp was

the baptism of twelve girls on Sabbath afternoon during the camp. The cloudy skies were not able to dispel the sunshine in the hearts of these fine youth who found pleasure in every activity, even to cooking meals out in the rain.

Great Future for Work of Haadjai Mission Hospital

Boonlert Saisanit, Chaplain

ON November 3, 1966, a large gathering of hospital staff and workers, plus many friends met to honor the arrival of Dr. James C. Jay and family. A full evening program provided everyone an opportunity to welcome the new family.

Welcome speeches were given by Pastor T. C. Chin, business manager; Pastor Yao Patchimrat, Haadjai church pastor; and Mr. Kamjud Thongmorat, secretary of the Haadjai Ministerial Association.

Already Dr. Jay has seen hundreds of patients and news of his arrival has circulated among the cities' population. Another doctor is coming soon to help us. We have every reason to believe that our Father in Heaven will greatly bless the Haadjai Mission hospital, and the future looks very bright.

Here pictured is God's great army of Vietnamese Literature Evangelists, and their leaders. Elder J. J. Aitken, (seated sixth from right), Radio — TV secretary of the General Conference was our key-note speaker and addressed the group on several occasions.



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Thailand Literature Evangelist Institute

A^T a beautiful seaside resort in southern Thailand, the leaders and literature evangelists met in study and fellowship for a five-day institute. A fine group of gospel salesmen, double the number of a year ago, set new goals in sales and souls that will prove to be a real advance for our literature program in Thailand.

Pastor Abel Pangan, Publishing Secretary, has given excellent leadership and it can easily be seen in the results that are now recorded. Mr. Robert L. Sheldon, who joined us in August and is now manager of the Thailand Publishing House. is also lending real stability to our growing program. Another new leader, Mr. Lie Huay In, Publishing House treasurer, gave excellent financial counsel to our workers.

Brother Diosdado Corpuz, of Northern Luzon, arrived at the close of our meetings. He is the new assistant Publishing Secretary for Thailand. We are most happy to welcome him into our ranks.

Leadership Training School

Following the Thailand Literature Evangelist Institute, a Union-wide training school for Publishing leaders was conducted at the same beautiful location. Men from every mission in the union, with the exception of Sabah, met for a five-day school.

Pastor E. A. Brodeur, Brother E. A. Pender and Pastor V. L. Bretsch, led out in the daily classes. Pastor P. G. Wick brought a nightly series of inspirational messages to the 20member group.

Pastor Guild, SEAU president, joined us over the weekend when both literature evangelists and all leaders were present. He conducted Sabbath services for the entire group. Mr. Jonathan Kong, SEAU auditor, also visited with us during the last two days of the training school.

Vietnam Literature **Evangelist** Institute

More than sixty Vietnamese literature evangelists and leaders met at Saigon in the last of our series of meetings for 1966. This five-day meeting was conducted on the grounds of the Vietnam Training School in Saigon.

Pastor J. J. Aitken, GC Radio-TV secretary, was our opening night speaker. Later in the week he showed his film of South America and visited our meetings several times. We greatly appreciate his counsel and inspiration. One of the highlights of this institute was the awarding of twenty brand new bicycles to as many fortunate literature evangelists. An efficiency campaign had been conducted during October and November. And on the Friday morning of the institute award winners were named. These bicycles were gifts from friends overseas. Thrilling stories of God's providence and protection were repeated at the Sabbath afternoon symposium. Sabbath morning Pastor J. T. Mason brought the worship hour message. Pastor E. A. Brodeur and Pastor Mason arrived in time to spend the weekend with this large group of workers. As the meetings came to a close, goals surpassing anything that has ever been done heretofore were set.

Literature evangelists and leaders, of many races — like the United Nations, are shown here at the close of Thailand's LE Institute and the beginning of the SEAU Leadership Training School, Every mission except Sabah is represented here.

