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God's People Want a Revival

D. R. Guild, SEAU President

IT was Monday night. The members of the Singapore churches had gathered for the second night of their revival series.

The speaker had finished his sermon. The minister in charge read the statement: "There should be earnest searching of heart. There should be united, persevering prayer, and through faith a claiming of the promises of God." Then he called for all of those who wished to pray for the outpouring of God's Spirit, for a revival, to come forward after the benediction.

It was not possible to move very far forward, for nearly everyone stayed. The prayers were short but in earnest.

On my way home my wife and I agreed that it had been a wonderful service. "One thing I am convinced of," I said, "God's people want a revival!"

Since the call to World-wide Revival and Evangelism was sound-

ed by the Fall Council, the Division Council and the Union Annual Committee Meeting, the call has been heard in each of the five mission sessions of our Union. My heart has thrilled as the Fall Council action has been read at each of these meetings and workers and leading lay members have responded to the call for revival and re-dedication of life. God's Spirit has been markedly manifest. A new sense of urgency, the desire for breakthrough, the call for revival and evangelism is catching fire in the hearts of the pastors and leaders of our local missions.

Over and over again the conviction has been expressed that the revival we have been waiting for, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain that we have been praying for, is now beginning to fall upon God's people. Is it falling on you?

Great days are ahead for God's

work in Southeast Asia. God has promised: "Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you." Habakkuk 1:5. God is beginning to work a work that is too good to believe, too good to be true, but it is true. "He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Romans 9:28.

God will finish His work—through **you** and **me**. "Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. . . .

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Mission Presidents - Report of Progress

Ed. Note: At our Annual Union Committee, which convened December 27 through January 2, the evening program included a brief report of the work done last year throughout our Union. From the fact-sheets presented by our local mission presidents, we have gleaned the following information:

Sabah (G. Munson, President)

Surrounding Southeast Asia's tallest Mountain, Kinabalu, are 30 organized Seventh-day Adventist churches, 54 other places have regular Sabbath School services. The Sabah Mission membership stands at 3,739 as 192 souls were baptized this year. (1966)

Helping eleven Ordained Ministers are three Licensed Ministers, three Licensed Missionaries and ten Academy and Church School teachers. On the front line of duty are five Licensed Bible instructors and eleven Kampong School teachers. Brother Lee Pak Ming is our literature evangelist doing yeomen service.

With such a loyal team of workers no wonder the Sabah Mission smashed previous records and rocketted past the 1966 Ingathering goal by raising **\$31,913.24**.

We thank the Lord for the faithfulness of our believers who gave up to November \$95,403.51 in tithe for carrying on His work in Sabah Mission.

Vietnam (R. E. Neall, President)

One large and six small evangelistic efforts were conducted in 1966. Baptismal total was 81. Sixty-six Literature Evangelists worked 101,000 hours and sold over six million piasters worth of books and magazines.

Vacation Bible Schools totaled 12 with an enrollment of 509 including 359 non-SDA's. From this large group 21 have enrolled in VOP; 90 are attending church school; 100 are now enrolled in one of our Sabbath Schools.

There are 1,500 active students in the Vietnamese VOP school. In our Chinese section 300 are active students. Forty thousand test papers were corrected last year.

At the Vietnam Training School

560 students are enrolled. A six-classroom building was erected in 1966. Total church membership at the end of 1966 was 1,436.

Malaya (S. J. Lee, President)

During this biennial (1965-1966) period our pastors held 25 public efforts. This was four more than the previous biennial period. Of the 25 efforts three were held in new places which had never before been entered. In Jinjang of Selangor, Kendong of Negeri Sembilan, and Kepala Batas of Kedah. The results were most encouraging.

Baptisms totaled 257 while that of the previous full biennial period was 390. A number of baptisms has been lined up for the last two weeks of December which will help to swell the total baptisms for the fourth quarter of this year.

The membership at the end of September 30 was 2,518. English churches 1,091; Chinese churches 1,055; Malay churches 138 and the Indian churches have 234.

Mr. Yap Ming, a veteran colporteur has been sent to Kota Baharu, capital of Kelantan to canvass and to hold Bible studies and meetings in his rented apartment. Already he has a group of people meeting every Sabbath morning for Bible studies. In the evenings he goes to different homes for Bible studies.

This year we sent out four ministerial students to the Philippines to complete their studies. They will return in two to three years time. We also have six students studying for the ministry at the South China Island Union College in Hong Kong.

Thailand (P. G. Wick, President)

In January, 1966 the Thailand Mission began using the new "Way of Life" VOP course. At the present time we have over 2,000 active students. The course is well received by all who have taken it.

During the year 1966 there have been several new buildings added. In Bangkok a new Section I house for a mission departmental secretary was completed a few months ago. A new church, built all of teak wood, has been built at Amphur Prow in north Thailand, which will

seat between 80 and 100 people. There is now a membership of 20 at this church and during the coming year we hope to organize this church and dedicate the church building. A new chapel was built in Fang, which is on the Burma border in north Thailand. This chapel will seat about 60 people. At the Ekamai School in Bangkok a new cafeteria building with classrooms on the second floor has been completed at a cost of M\$ 60,000.00.

We have had 117 baptisms and our membership at the end of 1966 stands at 1345, a net gain of 110 members for the year.

Financially, 1966 has been a good year. Our operating capital now stands at 165%. We have had a tithe gain of 8% for the year. We are now paying into the tithe percentage fund 11% of our tithe. However, we have had a continuing loss in Sabbath School offerings. Our loss this year is 4%. Our ingathering totals M\$16,598, which is a slight gain over 1965.

We thank God for His continued blessing and we pray for Divine wisdom in meeting the challenge of the unwarned millions of Thailand.

Sarawak (R. C. Hall, President)

THE membership of the Sarawak Mission, as of December 31, 1966, is 1,771. Fifteen churches and 20 companies comprise the total number for the past biennium. Two of the companies, Kahus and Ayer Manis Dayak Church, were voted into church fellowship at the recent session held in Kuching.

Fourteen ministers, 57 elementary teachers and 10 village teachers are presently employed by the mission. At Ayer Manis, a new administration building was dedicated in March of last year. At Sunnyhill School, 4 new classrooms have just recently opened. Present enrollment at Ayer Manis is 587. At Sunnyhill it is 850.

At Engkaruh village, in August of 1965, a baptism of 101 souls took place. As far as we know, this is the largest single baptism in the history of the work in the entire Southeast Asia Union.

Golden Sands Chosen As Site For Malaya Mission 10th Biennial Session



Auto-Accident Claims Teacher's Life

SAMUEL Wan Kalock, Dean of Boys at Southeast Asia Union College, was killed in an automobile accident on Friday night, February 3, 1967.

Brother Wan was born on July 4, 1932, in Weichow, China. In his early years he attended our San Yu school in China and was baptized in Canton on July 5, 1947. When he arrived in Singapore later that same year, he joined Southeast Asia Union College where he received his secondary and junior college education.

Upon completion of his secondary education, he worked for his uncle in Kuala Lumpur for three years. In December, 1957, he was united in wedlock with Lassie Kwok, a classmate of his at Southeast Asia Union College.

He served his alma mater as teacher and then dean of boys from 1959 to 1967. He is survived by his mother, a sister, his beloved wife, and two sons, aged six and seven.

God's People Want a Revival (Continued from page 1)

Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand. The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God."

The Great Controversy, page 612.

In your own heart, are you longing and seeking for God to use you?

THE Baptist camp on the beautiful shores of the golden sands near Port Dixon, served as a setting for a Church Officers Council, followed by the 10th Biennial session of the Malaya Seventh-day Adventist Mission.

Pastor S. J. Lee, in his opening remarks, reviewed the blessings God has bestowed on this mission during the past two year period. A resume of his remarks can be found on page two of this magazine.

Strong emphasis was given to every department of the work. Union departmental leaders joined with those of the mission to bring instruction and inspiration to every delegate.

Pastor D. R. Watts, of SEAU College, brought morning and evening hours of inspiration. A real spirit of revival and a desire to see God's work finished was felt by all.

The Sabbath weekend program was a fitting climax to the week. At the morning worship service Pastor D. R. Guild, Union president, challenged everyone to seek earnestly for the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. The response of the delegates was unanimous. As the meetings came to a close, a sense of urgency filled every heart

and many expressed the feeling that "it was certainly good to have been here."

In the afternoon most of the church pastors told soul-winning stories from their respective areas. Miraculous accounts of God's leadings were told. "It was one of the best meetings of the week," many were heard to say.

Pastor Samuel Tsai, Secretary-Treasurer, suggested a very fitting motto for Malaya Mission members to think of this year. "Make it a year closer to heaven, by working harder in 1967."

Pastor D. Barnett and Pastor S. J. Lee
Presenting Lay Evangelism Plans



Malaya Mission Session — January 10 - 14





Pastor P. G. Wick and G. Gurusamy are shown at the opening of the Thailand Mission Session. Pastor Chalaw of the Ubon church is translating.



Thailand Mission Session — January 24 - 28

Ekamai School Auditorium Site of Thailand Biennial Session

NEARLY eighty delegates were present when Pastor P. G. Wick, President, and Brother G. Gurusamy, Secretary-Treasurer called to order the 10th Biennial Session of the Thailand Mission.

The business meetings of the session were held in the Milne Auditorium at Ekamai School and the night meetings were held at the Bangkok Sanitarium Hospital Church.

Pastor R. C. Williams, FED departmental secretary, conducted a nightly series of messages dealing with the Holy Spirit's power in life and work. Large crowds gathered from all parts of the city to hear Pastor William's powerful messages.

Reference was made several times by Pastor Wick and others to the needs of the work in outlying areas, such as north Thailand, and Laos, which falls under the responsibility of the Thailand Mission at present.

We were all encouraged to hear of new work in Laos. Already, only a few months after two young Mao tribesmen have commenced work, three precious souls are ready for baptism.

Before the session had ended, plans were made for a young Burmese worker to begin medical-missionary work among the Karen people. Over twenty thousand Karens have re-settled on the Thai side of the Thailand-Burma border. Now we will begin to work for these dear people.

Highlighting the Sabbath afternoon was a program of sacred

music held at the Hospital Church. A variety of instrumental and vocal renditions were given.

Financially and in every way, the Thailand Mission is strong. We thank God for every leader and worker. Lay Instructor courses, Ministerial Training Schools and Retreats, Sabbath School Workshops and promotion in every department of the work has helped, so that today among the protestant churches of Thailand, the Seventh-day Adventist Church (according to OMF monthly missionary journal, February, 1967) is one of the largest and most flourishing churches. Approximately, one-third of all protestants worshipping weekly in some church in the Bangkok area, are Seventh-day Adventists.

Capping exercise for the Class of '67 held recently in Bangkok. Address was given by E. A. Pender, manager, and the charge was given by Dr. R. T. Nelson, assistant medical director. There are 31 students in this class.

The delegates at the Thailand Biennial Session accepted the challenge to revival and world evangelism with heart-searching and prayer. Stories of God's miracles in connection with this experience will appear in a later issue of the Messenger.



Pastor Pangan, Thailand Mission Publishing Secretary, stands between Nai Hoo and Nai Sawang, our two Mao workers who are now opening new work in Laos.



"Amidst the Battle, a Peace is Found"

6th Biennial Session Held in Saigon

WITH helicopters overhead, mortars sounding in the distance, nearly seventy delegates gathered at the 6th Biennial Session of the Vietnam Mission.

Plans had been well prepared by the officers, Pastor R. E. Neall, President, and Charles Harris, Secretary-Treasurer. The new classroom building at the Mission School was used in conducting the business of the day. And evening services, conducted by Pastor R. C. Williams, of the Far Eastern Division, were held at the Vietnamese SDA Church.

Pastor H. W. Bedwell and Pastor H. D. Johnson, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, of the Far Eastern Division, were present for the first two days of the session. They gave valuable assistance to the meetings and to plans for expanding our work in various phases.

During the session, a small group of key leaders paid a visit to the Prime Minister, General Nguyen Kao Ky. This visit was in the interest of our hospital work and our desperate need for a new building. Recently, the Prime Minister's daughter has been a patient in our hospital and therefore the Prime Minister was grateful and at the same time acquainted with our need for expansion of facilities.

At the Friday night service, a special program was given honoring the "laymen of the year." One young man, Brother Huynh, won sixteen souls to Christ in 1966. Fifteen other laymen were also honored for the excellent work they have done in sharing their faith.



Top picture — Sixty-six VOP graduates at Saigon Prison.

Bottom picture — Brother Huynh, Vietnam's Laymen of the year with a prisoner he has helped.

On Sabbath morning, a Volkswagen bus load of workers, including Pastor Williams, journeyed outside of Saigon to a prison for communists. More than four hundred prisoners gathered in a large hall for our services. Pastor Williams gave a stirring message of Jesus' love and at the close, sixty-six young men came forward to receive VOP graduation diplomas. One young man spoke in response for the entire audience, in expressing appreciation for what the VOP had done for them. Among his remarks, he said, "The Bible is a precious book, but to believe it is a real experience." As he spoke, explosions

very close by, shook the ground where we stood.

Ministers from throughout the Vietnam Mission related personal experiences of evangelism at the afternoon meeting on Sabbath and the session ended that evening at a social program to which all delegates were invited.

The delegates to the Vietnam Biennial Session are now carrying back to their churches the spirit of revival and evangelism that has gripped their own hearts. No doubt soon, a peace will be found in many more hearts, "the peace of Jesus," amidst the battle raging in Vietnam.

Vietnam Mission Session — January 31 - February 4



"DEDICATED TO SERVICE" Theme of Sarawak Session

ONE hundred and sixty-six delegates and church members assembled Tuesday evening, February 21, for the opening meeting of the 3rd Biennial Session of the Sarawak Seventh-day Adventist Mission.

Pastor R. C. Hall, President, called the meeting to order and seating of the delegates followed. Pastor D. R. Guild, SEAU President, was the key-note speaker. He presented a call to Revival and Evangelism that received unanimous response from all assembled.

The following days were filled with thrilling reports of progress from every district within the mission. Plans were also discussed and action taken to set higher goals in each department of the work. A spirit of dedication and unity was felt throughout.

Baptisms reported in 1966 totaled 210. Of this number, 65 were students at Ayer Manis School. All students in Form 4 at Ayer Manis last year were Adventists. This year Form 5 again holds the same distinction. This is the only elementary SDA school with its own airstrip. It is the first private school in Sarawak with a radio transmitter. And it is probably one of the few Adventist schools anywhere in the world to have its own zoo.

At Sunnyhill School, 4 new classrooms were recently completed as a result of last year's Ingathering funds. Brother D. F. Aldridge, Principal, reports that 94 percent of this year's student body are non-SDA. This makes Sunnyhill School Sarawak's largest evangelistic project.

Two companies, the Kahus Church and Ayer Manis Dayak Church, were voted into membership in the sisterhood of churches at the closing business session on Friday.

Pastor T. V. Zytoskee, FED Departmental Secretary, spoke at the Friday night meeting. On Sabbath, the visiting pastors from Singapore, visited several village churches. In the afternoon, several



Delegates from Engkaruh

village pastors related experiences of God's providence. Thrilling stories of Branch Sabbath School evangelism, Story Hours, and many other types of evangelism were told.

Delegates to the session voted to set as a baptismal goal for 1967—400 souls. "Dedicated to Service", motto of the session, expresses well the desire of all in attendance as this Spirit-filled meeting closed and everyone returned home.

Sarawak Mission Teachers Dedication Service



Sarawak Mission Session — February 21 - 25





Sabah Mission Session — February 28 - March 4

Sabah Mission Reports Good Progress at Session

"GOD's prophetic clock is fast ticking off the final events of this earth's history. We have come to the Third Biennial Session of the Sabah Mission. No one knows how much time is left for us to work." These were the opening words of Pastor George Munson, President, at the assembly hall of the Sabah Training School, in Tamparuli, as he brought the Third Biennial session to order.

Encouraging reports followed throughout the session from forty-four faithful ministers and teachers. Pastor and Mrs. A. Waworoendeng were introduced at the opening night's session. He is the new Secretary-treasurer of the Mission. Mrs. Waworoendeng will serve as accountant.

Total church membership as of December 31, 1966, stands at 3,317. Souls baptized during the past two-year period was 469, a gain of 14% over the previous biennium.

Offerings and Ingathering donations received this same period increased remarkably. Ingathering in 1966 amounted to M\$32,008.49 or M\$9,964.20 more than that collected in 1965.

Pastor T. V. Zytoskee, FED departmental secretary, and the SEAU officers and departmental secretaries were responsible for

devotional studies and Sabbath services in various churches nearby. At the Sabbath afternoon symposium two workers and eight laymen, one a lady, told of mighty works for God. This one lady is responsible for at least seventy souls since she accepted the truth seventeen years ago. She is a former witch doctor and now is the mother of ten children.



Pastor Munson welcomes Brother Benggon to the session. Pastor Munson's father baptized this lay brother many years ago.

One hundred and ten delegates attended the regular session. Immediately following this, a three-day church officers council was held at which a large number attended the special training classes, with Pastor Munson leading out.

Delegates unitedly gave themselves in renewed dedication to God, pleading for His precious Holy Spirit, and committing themselves anew to helping in the finishing of His work.



Pastor D. R. Watts and family recently arrived from Hawaii. After spending five years in that mission, they join us now at SEAU College. He is heading up the Bible Department and pastors two churches. His wife, Audrey, is secretary to the Union President. Joan and Gary are students at Far Eastern Academy. The Messenger extends a belated welcome to them.

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Church, re-echoed this appeal in the Baccalaureate Service. T. V. Zytoskee, Acting Educational Secretary for Far Eastern Division, gave a stirring Commencement address to the graduates. He not only urged them to live up to their motto, "Live to Serve," but he also charged them to "Arise and Shine" and to keep this aim of theirs ever before them.

Permission was sought and granted for one of the graduating members, Lee Theng Kwang, to be released from the eye hospital for one night so he could attend the commencement exercise and to receive his diploma in person. It was a moment of great joy for this particular student who has suffered much disappointment in more ways than one when he was struck down by this eye ailment just as he was on the threshold of completing his course. His teachers and fellow students rejoiced with him in his moment of happiness.

Linda Pong, Education, and Danny Oh Siew Leng, Liberal Arts, graduated with honors. Both have been placed in the work—Linda is to teach in the elementary section of Southeast Asia Union College and Danny to teach in the Ayer Manis School in Sarawak.

Other graduates already placed are: Ting Kwi Eng, Education, to Ayer Manis School in Sarawak; Joseph Thia, Ministerial, to Sabah; Edward Poey, Commerce, to Youngberg Memorial Hospital; and Lee Theng Kwang, Education, to Bangkok upon his recovery. The

rest of the class plan to further their studies abroad.

We rejoice with these youth as they reach another educational milestone. May they dedicate their service completely to His cause is our earnest hope and prayer.

College Faculty Members Visit Malaya Churches

D. Robert Watts and James Yong, members of the Bible Department of Southeast Asia Union College, visited churches throughout Malaya in an intensive recruitment drive in the interest of Christian education and to promote Southeast Asia Union College.

They presented the urgent need for Christian education at all levels of educational progress and pointed out the dangerously high rate of apostasy among students not privileged to enjoy the blessings of Christian education. The local churches were encouraged to move forward in establishing church schools in their communities according to God's plan, despite the difficulties involved and to encourage and assist the youth now prepared for college to acquire their training in our school.

It is hoped that the fine young people scholastically prepared to enter SAUC will with the help of God find ways and means to enable them to enjoy the benefits of a Christ-centered education at Southeast Asia Union College this year.

—Public Relations Department
Southeast Asia Union College

Graduation Exercises at SAUC

CAPACITY crowds attended the graduation exercises held in the college chapel of Southeast Asia Union College on January 6 and 7 for eleven members of the 1966 senior class.

The auditorium was tastefully decorated, echoing the class colors of black and gold in its theme.

E. L. Minchin, Field Secretary of the General Conference, gave an inspiring charge to the graduating class at the Consecration Service, urging them to live to serve and to truly know their Saviour in a very personal way. T. K. Chong, Pastor of the Balestier Road

Class of 1967 at Southeast Asia Union College

