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New Union Ministerial Secretary

Daniel R. Guild, President

DON Jacobsen has accepted the call to become the Ministerial and Radio-TV Secretary of the Southeast Asia Union.

Pastor Jacobsen has a wide background of experience. He has pastored several churches in the Northwestern part of the United States and in Fairbanks, Alaska. In 1962 he was called to the Religion Department of Andrews University where he has been serving as Instructor and Assistant Professor of Evangelism. He has conducted a number of field schools of evangelism for the university students.

A veteran of some thirty evangelistic crusades across the country, Jacobsen has also written for the **Review and Herald**, **The Ministry**, and **Go** magazines.

Pastor Jacobsen was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1946 by Evangelist Forrest Roper. He is a graduate of Walla Walla College and also holds the M.A. and B.D. degrees from Andrews University.

At the present time Pastor Jacobsen is conducting a field school of evangelism and an evangelistic campaign under the auspices of Andrews University in Greater Dayton, Ohio. Shortly after the close of this campaign, Pastor Jacobsen, his wife Carol, and his two sons Jerry and Randy will leave for Singapore. They will arrive late in August.

We are looking forward to having the Jacobsens join our Union family.



Evangelism's Ultimate Weapon

Don Jacobsen

It is said that the ultimate weapon will never be invented. As soon as a device is perfected, a counter-defensive weapon is developed. Not so with evangelism. In this warfare there is an ultimate weapon, one against which there is not, nor ever will be, a successful defense.

That weapon is prayer.

Revivals are not worked up. They

are prayed down from above. Evangelism does not succeed by organization, it forges ahead as the people of God spend time on their knees. Without prayer, sermons become lectures, handbills become scraps of paper, advertising is money wasted.

But, while evangelism cannot truly succeed without much prayer,

no evangelism that is really bathed in the atmosphere of the upper room will ever fail.

Vigil by the Bathtub

During an all-night prayer vigil in Chicago some years ago, while the church prayed for a certain family of blacksliders, the wife was suddenly awakened. Unable to sleep but not wishing to disturb her husband she arose, went into the bathroom and sat down on the edge of the bathtub "to think." Fifteen minutes later her husband joined her. He had not slept at all that night — thinking of the spiritual condition that existed in their family. They were strongly impressed that God was speaking to their hearts, that the time had come for them to make things right with their Maker. There, on that cold bathroom floor, in the middle of the night, they knelt and began anew their march toward the kingdom.

It was no accident that the church was in prayer at the very time they were impressed. Something happens when God's people pray! "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth some?" A little? Quite a bit? The promise of God is that our prayers in behalf of others, coming from converted hearts will avail MUCH! And that is God's adjective. How it ought to stretch our vision as to what God would like to do, through us, for others.

Angel With a Key

Peter was in prison and the church was praying. An angel was commissioned in Peter's behalf. I can imagine Jesus saying to that angel, "Look, here's a key that will fit any prison on planet earth. There's a little group praying for their pastor, why don't you go down and open that door and let him out. It will be a great encouragement to the church, and will further the cause of the gospel in the earth." How different the story of the early church might have been had that group not been together interceding in Peter's behalf.

And how different the story of a later church might be if more of its saints were praying together, pleading with God to push back the forces of evil and deliver those who are captive to the enemy of souls!

This is evangelism's ultimate weapon. Against this arsenal Satan has no effective defense. Satan's whole host trembles at the sight of

the weakest saint upon his knees! Isn't that an encouragement to you and me! The weakest saint! Most of us would feel that we qualify here. As Daniel March has said:

If you cannot be the watchman,
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Offering life and peace to all;
With your prayers and with your
bounties

You can do what heaven demands,

You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.

Picture Moses on the mount. A whole nation has just gone astray, worshipping a golden calf right there within sight of the presence of God. And now the Lord tells Moses that He will destroy Israel, make of him the new father of His people — a new Abraham. What a chance, what an opportunity to go down in history in a blaze of glory. But Moses would have none of it. "But now, if thou wilt, forgive their sin — and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written." Ex. 32:32. Here is intercession at its finest. Willing to spend and be spent on behalf of others.

A Theater and a Dream

After our evangelistic meetings each evening it is our custom to gather our team members together at the front of the auditorium for an earnest season of prayer that God's Spirit will accompany each listener to his home and impress the words of the evening upon his heart. At one such series of meetings a young woman had been attending regularly but reluctantly, always heavily bedecked with jewelry. However one evening she came with the ornamentation gone and spoke of her willingness to go all the way with her Lord. One of the men asked what it had been that had worked such a sudden change in her attitude. She said that the night before she had had a dream. It seemed that in the dream she slipped back into the theater after the evening meeting. There she saw a prayer meeting going on at the front of the building, and in that prayer meeting they were praying for her by name. She said she was convinced that this was God speaking to her heart, and that these people therefore must be proclaiming His truth.

We have not outlived the day of miracles. God is simply waiting for us to take hold of the arm of His willingness.

His Spirit is given in response to our request. Angels are dispatched in answer to our petition. All heaven is astir as God moves to honor those who concern themselves with the salvation of others.

No Iron Ceiling

We sometimes bemoan the fact that in our day evangelism faces unprecedented obstacles—materialism, worship of science, lust, the Godless philosophies. This is a truth that cannot be argued, but Christianity made its debut in a hostile world. And while the world may be full of iron curtains of one brand or another, there is no iron ceiling! This war will be won when the army of God falls, collectively, upon its knees.

In his challenging book, **Nothing to Win But the World**, Clay Cooper tells of an experience from the days of Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Island Mission. "A missionary couple in charge of ten stations felt constrained to write the Home Secretary confessing the lack of progress. Indifference, open opposition and ignorance prevented their making headway. The situation seemed hopeless.

"The suggestion was made that the Secretary try to find ten persons, each of whom would make one station a special object of unceasing prayer. With the passing of time, events began to change in seven of the ten mission stations. Opposition melted, spiritual revival came, and significant numbers of persons were converted. On the other three fields, there was still no observable change.

"Again the missionaries wrote the Secretary, telling him of the phenomenon and expressing concern and bewilderment over the stalemated three.

"It was not difficult for the Secretary to clear up the mystery. He had succeeded in getting special intercessors for seven of the ten stations but not for the other three."

Someone has said, "Satan laughs at our toiling, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray." Let us not forget that the greatest thing we can do for God or for man is to pray. As A. J. Gordon puts it: "You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you can never

do more than pray until you have prayed."

By the Clock?

It might be shocking to some of us to count the minutes we spend with God in prayer each day. Not that our prayers should be governed by the clock, but it might be an interesting indication of the things to which we give priority. A few moments in His presence and we hurry away. It should make us weep to admit it.

Wouldn't right now be a good time to change all that? What better time than now to begin emulating the example of Him of whom it was said, "And rising up a great while before day, he went out and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

Pray for your own needy heart. Pray for your pastor — and the evangelistic team. Pray for your loved ones, neighbors, friends, who need the transforming power of Jesus Christ in their lives. Why not call a fellow Christian and make a date for a few minutes of prayer fellowship — perhaps after work some evening this week, during a lunch break, before breakfast, or while the children are napping. At no time in earth's history have the prayers of God's people been so desperately needed.

Prayer is "the key in the hand of faith to open heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence."

Won't you bow your head right now, and pledge yourself to lay hold of evangelism's ultimate weapon and become an in-earnest prayer warrior for Jesus Christ.

Publishing Leaders Visit Union Publishing Houses

IN the month of April, Pastor Carson Adams of the General Conference Publishing Department visited Southeast Asia Union on his first overseas assignment. He was accompanied by Pastor E. A. Brodeur of the Far Eastern Division Publishing Department and the Union Publishing Secretary.

Surveys including finance, book planning, and over-all operation of our publishing houses were studied with leaders in each local area. In Singapore, a very successful book

sale, amounting to nearly MS2000.00 was held in the auditorium at Southeast Asia Union College.

In Vietnam, these men paid a special visit to Da Nang. Meetings over the Sabbath were held for our Literature Evangelists and members there.

We appreciate what these brethren have done for us and hope we can enjoy this privilege sometime soon again.

"True character is not shaped from without, and put on; it radiates from within. If we wish to direct others in the path of righteousness, the principles of righteousness must be enshrined in our own hearts . . . The consistent life, the holy conversation, the unswerving integrity, the active benevolent spirit, the godly example,—these are the mediums through which light is conveyed to the world."

—D.A. p. 307

MALAYA

Orion Pathfinders Club Trip to the Hill of Tin

Robert Lee, Deputy Director

ON Sunday, April 9, eighteen members of the Orion Pathfinders Club, under the direction of club director, Mr. James Yong, 3 deputy directors, a teacher, a lab technician, and a minister-in-training, enjoyed a hike and picnic at Bukit Timah. Bukit Timah, in Malaya, means "the hill of Tin" and it is the highest hill in the Republic of Singapore.

This trip was planned as a follow-

up after Achievement Week, as a "reward" to the pathfinders for their club spirit in some achievements.

At the base of the hill, near the 7¾ milestone Bukit Timah Road, the Pathfinders assembled for the roll call. Soon the grand ascent began, first along the main road. After climbing about 100 yards, a side trail was chosen on which an enervating and enjoyable hike to the summit proceeded. This took more than an hour, with stops along the way.

At the summit, a period was allotted for some rest. Then all gathered for some games, and other activity. About noon a lunch was served. Mr. Daniel Tan, the President of Southeast Asia Union College, kindly brought the food and drink up by car. Appetite, needless to say, was gargantuan. After lunch a short rest was enjoyed and then the last game was played.

About 1 p.m. the whistle blew indicating the time had come to make the descent. By 2 p.m. all assembled at the base for the roll call and then left for the school. Most of us were tired but all had a good time — the fun of the hike and picnic at the Hill of Tin.



Four precious souls were baptized at Ipoh recently by Pastor S. J. Lee, president, Malaya Mission. Pastor H. P. Lian studied and prepared these candidates for baptism on March 4.



A baptism on Sabbath, March 18, included three candidates from the Sungei Way Indian church and two from the Kuala Lumpur Chinese church. Pastor Giang Tu Minh officiated.

SABAH

Movings of the Spirit

G. Munson

IT was Thursday evening in March. The breeze was chilly as seventeen ministers and Bible instructors of the Sabah Mission gathered around the cheery camp fire at the Kinabalu Lodge, six thousand feet on the slopes of Southeast Asia's tallest Mountain.

Pastor Ginduk Laung led the group in singing chorus after chorus by heart in English and Malay. One of the faces shining in the flickering light of the camp fire was that of newly found friend, Mr. Kazumi Nakayama, a Japanese business man from Singapore, who was sharing the hostel with us. He listened respectfully as Pastor Munson began telling a story of ancient customs in a land far from Borneo. He told of strangely costumed soldiers building fires on the top of Korea's many mountains to warn the nation of impending invasions by enemy troops. This story led into another story of a group of men and women in an upper room, of tears of repentance, of close fellowship, and then the sound—like a mighty rush of wind, and in the ensuing stillness, tongues of fire!

All eyes watched the flickering flames and felt the movings of the Spirit that was symbolized by that fire. As the appeal was made, one by one, ministers, office workers, Bible teachers from far off jungles, stood to rededicate their lives. They asked that God would give them the same power that moved the disciples of Pentecost.

We had just finished our prayer of dedication when a voice broke the reverent stillness. "Excuse me, gentlemen. I would like to say something. I am a business man. I have been dealing with making money and not with spiritual things. . . . This is the first Christian meeting I have attended. I want to say that I have been greatly impressed with this service. I came to visit this country on business. Two days ago I cancelled my flight back to Singapore and came up to Mount Kinabalu for a short visit. I don't know why I made this trip but I am very happy that I could enjoy this service



President George Munson, of Sabah, and his secretary-treasurer, Pastor A. Wawaroendeng, met with the ministers and Bible instructors of the mission at a mountain-top retreat recently. Three days were spent in planning and praying together.



This large group of children regularly attend branch Sabbath school in Baram, Sarawak. The elderly man on the left is our oldest member in Baram. Samuel Teo, right side, is the leader of this school. He has a layman's certificate and is actively giving Bible studies each week. A regular Sabbath school is planned for, and a baptism is anticipated soon.

—E. Simga, Lay Activities Secretary, Sarawak Mission.

Below: New office of the Sabah Mission



with you tonight." Mr. Nakayama's testimony touched our hearts for here we could see evidence of the movings of the Spirit of God.

This was a fitting close to a very profitable retreat for our ministerial

workers who spent three days in planning revivals and evangelistic meetings and studying the Bible together. In the warmth of Christian fellowship our hearts had been welded in unity.



The new headquarters building of the Sabah Mission at Tamparuli was officially opened on April 19 with a ceremony held in front of the renovated house. This picture shows the large group who attended the hour-long program climaxed by a tour through the new building.



This is George Munson, President of the Sabah Mission, at his desk in the new headquarters building. All of the rooms are bright, clean, and airy. Much work went into the renovation of the building and now it is a representative structure in which to direct the work of God in Sabah.



The ribbon-cutting ceremony included a Far Eastern Division, a Southeast Asia Union, and a local official. Left to right, D. A. Roth, Assistant Secretary of the Far Eastern Division; the District officer for the area; and Daniel Guild, President of the Southeast Asia Union.



The main remarks at the official opening of the new building were made by Daniel Guild, President of the Southeast Asia Union. He is shown here addressing the group with a translator at his side.

THAILAND

Overflow Crowds Attend Meetings in Phuket

John Harris, Evangelist

"**L**ORD, you stopped the rain for the effort in Port of Spain. We believe you can do the same here in Thailand. Thank you Lord for hearing our prayer." Many prayed this or a like prayer as angry clouds billowed over our latest tabernacle and great drops of rain started their staccato on the roof. Then, as if some giant hand had reached out and turned off the faucet, the rain stopped! And the tabernacle filled to overflowing with people. This was opening night of another public campaign in Phuket.

Public evangelism is no longer something new on the Island of Phuket, Thailand. Since 1963 there have been five major campaigns held in all of the island's three political districts. These campaigns have met with both frustration and apparent failure, and with success. We say, "apparent" failure, for who can accurately assess the results of any meeting? Only eternity will reveal the fruitage of hundreds, yea thousands of hours of preaching, teaching, visiting and the rest. Surely, this is not bread cast upon unrelenting waters.

Our latest campaign has involved

John Harris, preaching in Thai, leads Buddhist minds in a study of Christian beliefs.



Meeting hall in Phuket filled to capacity each night as meetings continue.

the services of several dozen church members since the 1st of December, 1966 until the present, and they continue to work. Each Sabbath afternoon, two by two we have systematically covered a given area of some 300 homes with the health course lessons developed by the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. The test sheets were collected the following week and a new lesson left until the course was completed. Then, the new "Way of Life" course was introduced and we found many were happy to continue study.

On Sunday night, April 9, 1967, we held our graduation and health rally in our "Towards a New Life" tabernacle. Eighty-one received diplomas for completing the health course and hundreds viewed the film "One in 20,000" and received a handbill containing the following two week's program.

We were besieged, almost engulfed, with a sea of children right

from the start. We tried to capitalize on these children, since we know that this is the age when impressions are made on minds for life and eternity. So we opened a Vacation Bible School the next day. Over 100 youngsters attended this school as well as coming faithfully every night. This school was under the direction of Pastor Suthin Plai-nate and proved a success and blessing from start to finish.

One sweet little girl looked up at me shortly after the school began and innocently asked, "Pastor, who is God's Mother and Daddy?" Bless her heart, during the V.B.S. she had the opportunity and good fortune to learn just whom God is and that she is one of His dear children.

We are about to begin our sixth week of meetings and are progressing well into the Bible-marking phase of the program. Some 65-70 are registered in this program and we hope and pray that many will make lasting decisions for Christ.



"Wonderful, wonderful, yes my Lord is wonderful; Isn't Jesus my Lord wonderful? Eyes have seen, ears have heard, 'Tis recorded in God's word. Isn't Jesus my Lord wonderful?" Pictured above is a portion of those at Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital who joined in singing this theme song during the Week of Prayer, held by Pastor L. A. Shipowick recently. Hearts were drawn closer to the wonderful Jesus during this inspirational week and many decisions were made. Thirty-nine Buddhists accepted Christ for the first time and more than fifty requested Bible studies.

VIETNAM

Literature Evangelist Refugees Lose Homes For the Second Time

Ralph E. Neall, President

IN the last two years a number of colporteurs in the country-side near DaNang have left their homes to find safety nearer the city. The mission rented land for them and helped them rebuild their homes in the village of Hoa Cuong, beside the DaNang air base. Their numbers are growing, and they are now building a new church for themselves.

In the early morning of February 28, however, they discovered that they had not escaped the war.

At 3:00 a.m. the first of some 400 mortar and rocket shells started landing on the airbase, and on Hoa Cuong. Terrifying explosions sounded on every side; houses were shattered; fires were started throughout the village.

Nguyen Xan, one of the leading colporteurs in this group, and a delegate in the recent Biennial Session of the Vietnam Mission, reported that he saw thirty charred bodies after the shelling, and four hundred homes were burned.

One shell landed just three meters from the home of church members. Fires reached to within twenty meters of others' homes. The home of one interested person was destroyed, but when the roll was call-



Top picture: Area where over 400 homes were destroyed by ammunition and fire. New cement is laid as a foundation for future homes.

Below: Pastor Carson Adams of the General Conference Publishing Department and Pastor E. A. Brodeur, stand in front of meeting hall where Sabbath School is held.



Right: Carson Adams, General Conference Publishing Secretary, stands in slit trench where some of our SDA members hid during mortar attack.



ed, our colporteurs discovered that none of our people had been killed or wounded, and no one had lost his home.

"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me."

Over forty persons attend the church that was started by Literature Evangelists. Many will soon be baptized.

These two old timers are happy for Jesus' love. They show it in the expression of joy on their faces.



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NEWS NOTES

● JUDITH HON, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Eric Hon of Australia, is on an 18-month round-the-world tour. She spent a week in Singapore, then proceeded on to Bangkok, India, and Europe. She plans to go through Europe by car, find a temporary job in England, and see America before making the trip back to Australia.

● LESLIE KEIZER and HULMAN SINAGA were in Singapore recently for a 3-week refresher course in Chemistry at the University of Singapore.



The Eugene Rau family has just recently returned from a study-furlough in the United States. He completed his work for Master of Arts degree in physics at La Sierra College. They are now settled on the Union compound and he is busy as Dean and Science Instructor at Southeast Asia Union College.

● PASTOR AND MRS. K. T. KONG arrived home from Australia on April 20. They had been visiting our Asian students in various parts of Australia. Upon their arrival in Australia they were interviewed by news reporters; they also appeared on television.

● PHILIP TAN left on April 23 for California where he will work as a lab technician at the San Antonio Community Hospital in Up-land. His wife and daughter joined him a week later. Mrs. Tan hopes to study medicine there.

● BILL AND JOYCE (PAUL) BENTA left for the United Kingdom on May 1. They will eventually make their home in Jamaica.

● MRS. LASSIE WAN has a little girl added to her little family of boys. Baby Samuelina arrived at Youngberg Memorial Hospital on May 5.

● ALBERTA LI LENG YONG also arrived on May 5. Her proud parents, Mrs. and Mrs. James Yong, are happy to have this little addition to their family. Brother Albert will now have a little sister to play with.

● MRS. F. A. LE VOS passed away peacefully at Youngberg Memorial Hospital on May 9, 1967. She was seventy-nine years old at the time of her death. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

SAUC Reports

● EDWIN SORMIN left on April 13 for Canada. He stopped at Philippine Union College to spend a week with his brother, Herbert Sormin, before proceeding to Canada where he plans to further his studies.

● LEONG SWEE GIN left for the Philippines in mid-April. He is on an upgrading scholarship from Southeast Asia Union College where he has been teaching for the last few years.

● JULIA TSAI of Singapore left for Japan with her parents, Pastor and Mrs. Samuel Tsai, on April 17. She will continue from there to California where she hopes to upgrade herself in the field of nursing.

● Work has at last begun on the new auditorium and library at Southeast Asia Union College. The wrecking crew began their work on April 17 and within just a few days, both former typing room and boys' toilets were down. The ground is now being leveled and actual construction work will begin very soon. It is hoped that the building will be ready in eight months' time.