

## ADVENTISTS IN VIETNAM ORGANIZE REHABILITATION PROGRAM AS THOUSANDS OF WAR REFUGEES POUR INTO SAIGON

**Editor's note:** Pastor G. O. Bruce, Union treasurer, accompanied by the Messenger editor, flew into Saigon February 15 to survey the needs of our brethren and determine a course of action. The following account was related to them by our leaders who were eye-witnesses throughout the holocaust of the past few weeks.

**JANUARY 31, 1968** will be a day long remembered in the lives of Seventh-day Adventists in Vietnam, as well as a good many others present in the country at that time. The Tet festivities of the day had ended, the shooting of fire crackers had died away. Almost everyone had finally gone to rest after midnight and were just fading away into what was hoped to be a good night sleep. When all of a sudden—

About 3:00 a.m. two tremendous explosions took place not far from our oversea's compound. Sparks leaped into the air. Missionaries and national workers jumped out of bed. Sleep had ended for the night.

As machine gun fire opened up and M-16 rifles cracked away, our compound folks gathered outside their homes not knowing just where the safest place might be. Shells whistled overhead, tracer bullets streaked through the sky, some of them not far from where our people stood.

In other areas of the city, our national workers watched with mixed emotions. At the hospital, many workers and others gathered on the roof to watch battles all over

the city. Dr. Holm and Dr. Welch were called to treat war casualties soon after fighting began. During the first twenty-four hours they treated forty-four. In Cholon, the Chinese sector of the city, Pastor Wong Yew Seng and his family watched a major battle take place only a few blocks from their home. They saw fire leaping heavenward and in the direction of a member's home. They began praying and as they watched, the fire turned in another direction and upon inspection some time later, Pastor Wong discovered the fire had stopped only fifteen homes from the home of our church member. Their prayers were answered right before their eyes.

The enemy forces seemed determined to take over the police stations and national army installations. Therefore, in all strategic areas occupied by these forces, key attacks took place. Electricity was off for four days. The only communication available to our workers was the armed forces radio broadcast. Tele-communications were cut off and it was not safe for our workers to go into the streets. This continued for much of the first ten days. Gradually mail service resumed and later cable service became available. But up until press time of the Messenger, it still takes three or four days to send or receive cables.

A very strict curfew was enforced throughout the city. Because of the curfew, operations at the Saigon Adventist Hospital have been greatly curtailed. The out-patient depart-

ment has been practically nil. The nearly 150 war casualties treated thus far have received care free of charge. Several nurses living in restricted areas where snipers still remain, have not been to work since the fighting began. All of this has hit the hospital's finances hard.

Schools all over the city have been closed and re-opened as refugee centers. On Sabbath morning, February 10, a group of officials came to our hospital asking for help. Along with them came a large number of refugees. Word was sent to President Neall and permission was granted for all refugees in that group to be housed and cared for at the Adventist training school. By noon on Sabbath, nine hundred and sixty refugees had arrived.

Immediately plans went into operation organizing these refugees into teams in order that classrooms could be cleared and equipment stored safely. Sanitation facilities were cared for as best as possible, which was far from adequate. A daily program was outlined in which feeding, entertainment and spiritual help could be given.

Branch Sabbath School, under the direction of Mrs. Beatrice Neall, is held each day at 9:00 a.m. In just a matter of a days the little children have memorized choruses and love to hear the stories of Jesus. In the afternoon at 3:00 p.m., health classes, under the direction of Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Holm, are well attended. Family planning, care of

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A tribute to two faithful literature evangelists  
in service



Brother Pham Hong has been a credentialed literature evangelist for many years. He, his wife, and two children were slain. A third child remains.

A. A bus load of enemy soldiers entered this residential area near the missionaries compound.

B. Mrs. Harris, wife of hospital business manager, holds bullet that passed through sun screen on the front of her home.

C. This is the residential area only one block from where our missionaries live.

D. Mrs. Neall, with a translator, is shown telling the story of the crucifixion at the morning branch Sabbath school.

Inset—Children are shown kneeling in prayer. Although it is new to them, they love the program at branch Sabbath school.

E. Mrs. Holm uses visual aids in discussing health problems of the home.

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If you were not ready when the offering was taken, please bring your offering in an envelope and

The evening program is also accepted with a good response from the children. Candy and marshmallows are often given.



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angels who laid down their lives  
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Brother Nguyen Van Niem was a licensed literature evangelist and local church elder. His twelve year old child was injured at the time he was slain.



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F. The government supplies rice but our workers have the responsibility to see that each family gets their rightful share.

G. This young man has his share.

H. All refugees are registered with numbers, and here they stand in line waiting their turn to receive food.

I. The old men make excellent baby sitters, while mothers and fathers carry on camp chores.

J. Each school room must be kept clean and tidy. A special prize is given to the one chosen best.

K. This mother and her four children have been allocated a spot in one room. All their possessions are stacked along the wall.



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ering was taken, you still may put  
give it to your church treasurer.



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A. The Chinese Pagoda where enemy troops headquartered for several days, is at extreme left. Hundreds of homes and shops were destroyed at its side and behind for some distance.

B. Wherever food appears, a large crowd of children will soon gather.

C. A new building directly across from the Vietnamese Palace was not yet occupied when twelve snipers entered. Every window was shot out and the interior completely destroyed.

D. Thousands of children are now orphans.

E. A South Vietnamese marine stands guard at a burned out petrol station.

F. This refugee is sharpening his blade so that he can cut more wood for cooking fires.

G. A petrol station and apartment dwelling became headquarters for key attackers.

H. In one camp we visited, five thousand have taken refuge.

I. Living in tents or on mats under the stars, not one complaint was heard.

J. Sanitation is the biggest concern of those in charge. Water is still available in good supply.

K. In the night, some hid behind this water truck.

L. Two buses and one car were caught in an attack.

M. Vehicles of all descriptions were caught in the blasts.

N. This one was only one block from where our missionaries live.



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Hoa Cuong members rejoice in the dedication of their new church on December 30.



Sixteen baptismal candidates, and Pastor Pham Truong Thanh, right, await their entry into the waves of "China Beach," Danang, on Sabbath, December 30.

## Literature Evangelists Help to Raise Up New Church at Danang

THE literature evangelist company in Hoa Cuong, near the Danang air base, was organized into a church on Sabbath, December 30. On the same day their new church was dedicated and three people were baptized. Le van Huong, assistant Publishing leader for the northern area, acts as shepherd of this church, for nearly all the adult members are literature evangelists. Pham Truong Thanh is the district pastor.

The interest in Hoa Cuong actually began twenty-five miles away in Trung Dao ten years ago. In 1957 Pastor H. W. Petersen, Union Publishing Secretary, with Pastors Nguyen van Xuan and Le Huu, traveled to Trung Dao on bicycles for the first visit. Pastor Pham Thien's brother-in-law was the village chief. He called the people together for their first meeting with Adventists.

The interest grew under the subsequent care of Pastors Pham Thien and Duong Sau who served in Duc My and Danang. A branch Sabbath School was organized in 1961 and ten people were baptized in 1963. Three of the leading members joined the literature evangelist force, and later others followed them.

The entire group fled from the war in 1965 and the Mission helped them relocate in the refugee village of Hoa Cuong. In the beginning they met with the Danang church; but Pastor Thien advised them to organize their own group. God has helped them win some of their former village friends. Pastor Doyle Barnett, Union Lay Activities Secretary, baptized thirteen in May of 1967. The new church cost about

\$33000.00. The local group, the mission, other literature evangelist groups, and even union workers, joined hands to help raise the money.

In the seaside baptism on December 30, a total of sixteen were baptized, most of them as members of the Danang church. The sound of wind and wave drowned out my voice to the members on shore, but the candidates' faces were joyful as they gave themselves to Christ. Pastor Pham Truong Thanh has taught these people in weekly Bible — marking classes for many months.

—Ralph Neall

## Malaysian Sets Dumaguete Church on Fire

by Ben Trumata,  
MV Leader, Dumaguete

JONATHAN Ng, vice-president of ministerial association of Philippine Union College, conducted the 'Hour of Hope Bible Lectures' at the Dumaguete Central Church, Dumaguete City on December 18 to 23, 1967.

The spirit of the Lord working with this young preacher effectively moved the hearts, enough to rekindle the seemingly lukewarm faith of God's people. Brethren from nearby churches and non-Adventist friends flocked to attend the nightly series urging them to prepare for Christ's soon coming and setting them on fire for souls perishing in darkness of sin.

The climax of the series took place on December 22, when a special stove was prepared where our darling sins, which were written on pieces of paper, were burned

away forever. During the last meeting, several souls indicated their desire to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour. Also in the afternoon, many prisoners took the same stand when brother Ng was invited to speak before a group of about 200 in the local prison.

Assisting him was Mr. Edmund Ho of Singapore, who served as the song-leader in the meeting. Before leaving Dumaguete, Ng said that he was much inspired by the reconsecrations and testimonies of the brethren and he further hoped that more souls will be won to the truth in this new year.

## SAUC Alumnus Returns

LONG FOO YEE, class of '58, recently returned to Singapore after spending eight years in Australia. He first enrolled in Avondale College, then proceeded to the University of New South Wales where he completed his B. A. majoring in the fields of psychology, education, and history. After receiving his M. A. in Educational Psychology from the University of Sydney, he studied under the Colombo Plan Fellowship for another two years of post graduate work leading to a diploma in Clinical Psychology. He is now back to serve as Clinical Psychologist at the psychiatric hospital. Although he is committed to the government, he plans to so arrange his program that he can still serve his alma mater. He offered his services to the President who is more than happy to accept this generous offer of his to teach one or two college classes in the area of psychology, education, or history. His fiancée, Molly Wong Kim Sart, class of '63, has one more year to finish her course in nursing after which she will return to serve at Youngberg Memorial Hospital.

—Maggie Tan





These are the youth that went out every week on Sabbath afternoons to enroll students for the VOP Bible courses.

Prepared by Gan Seng Ann,  
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Church, Edited by V. L. Bretsch

**I**N too many of our churches throughout Southeast Asia, membership has increased slowly — if at all. In some cases, the number of souls added to the church in one year, could be counted on the fingers of **one hand**.

On the following few pages of the messenger, we will tell you the success story of the Singapore Malay Church and an event that awakened them into service for God. We hope and pray that their example will serve to encourage other churches . . . "to go and do likewise."

It all began in late 1965. A laymen's training school was conducted in the Malay church that revived a missionary spirit, effecting especially its young people. An organized program of Sabbath afternoon evangelism began, undertaken by the MV society, using maps carefully planned with the aim of covering as wide an area as possible.



The young people whose combined effort,

Though few in number, these inspired and determined youth went out each Sabbath afternoon. In spite of the hot sun, or the long distances usually covered by walking, they continued to gain experience and courage. Then in 1967, "Operation Visitation" was introduced to the group and accepted as their new plan of evangelism.

Each week, they visited each home along a carefully planned route, enrolling as many people as possible in the VOP. Many friendships were made. Little did they realize that soon **they** would be



These cheerful ushers at the gate, welcomed the people to the Voice of Youth meetings.

Sim Chor Kiat, one of the youth speakers.



These precious souls were baptised by Pastor Liklikwatil in the 1st baptism.





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—E. G. White, GC Bulletin  
January 29, 1893



made the evangelistic meetings a success.

conducting youth evangelistic meetings. At each Sabbath afternoon contact they publicized their meetings and entered into preparation and planning for the evangelistic meetings.

When the pastor of the church introduced the idea of a series of meetings, someone asked "what kind?" "Why not a Voice of Youth series" was the response and thus "operation visitation" contacts became the center of youthful prayers and interest.

Once again, with renewed vigor and earnestness, the young people

invited their new friends to come.

Meanwhile, each one contributed his best talents to make the meetings a success. One group had charge of preparing a special lighting system, another the intricate public address system, the stage decorations, the banners and posters, and designing the handbills, and etc., etc., etc. The list of youth speakers, singers, musicians, pianists and ushers.

With the help of the pastor, a special training class was held. From soul winning to pulpit manners, from techniques of counselling to a knowledge of major religions, a comprehensive course of study followed.

When the opening night came, the chapel at the Malay church was too small to hold the crowd. A rousing song service, followed by a quiz, special music, a health talk and youth sermon, illustrated with slides, provoked a real interest among the visitors. After every service the young people remained

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The youth speakers—seated in the front row. The youth technicians — lighting, public address system, artists, interior decoration, photographers, carpenters — back row.



The youth singers contributed gaiety and variety to the Voice of Youth meetings.

These were baptised by Pastor Barnett in the 2nd baptism.



The quiz-mistress that encouraged ears to be attentive during the sermonettes.







"NEVER before have so many of our members in Singapore involved themselves in a concerted soul-winning program." So spoke Pastor Daniel R. Guild, president of the Southeast Asia Union Mission on a recent Sabbath afternoon. He was visiting with Pastor Ng Sui Koon, pastor of the Balestier Road Church, and they were discussing the Sabbath afternoon activities of the five churches in the Singapore area, plus Southeast Asia Union College and Far Eastern Academy. Hundreds of homes are being visited every week. Hundreds are studying the Bible as never before.

And where will it all lead? To the kingdom for many.

Beginning Sabbath evening, April

13, in the beautiful Victoria Memorial Hall in downtown Singapore, our members will have opportunity to see the first-fruits of their labors. The Word of Life evangelistic crusade begins on that evening, with Pastor Don Jacobsen as speaker, and runs each night until Sunday, May 5.

Among the outstanding items of the crusade will be the "Bible in the Hand" feature. As each person attends the meetings he is handed a new Bible. Pastor Jacobsen gives the references by page number and everyone can look them up quickly together. After attending just 12 meetings of the 23 night series the Bible is given free to the user. Other features will include practical health talks by local physicians,



## TELL SINGAPORE CRUSADE

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outstanding music, and several excellent motion pictures.

Pastor Jacobsen comes to Singapore with a rich background of evangelistic experience. He has conducted evangelistic crusades in scores of cities across of cities across America and Canada, including Alaska. Most recently he has been on the faculty of Andrews University in Michigan where he taught both public and personal evangelism.

Assisting in the series will be the pastors of the local churches, Joshua Chong, Ng Sui Koon, H. Liklikwatil, and D. R. Watts. David Wong, a recent graduate of Philippine Union College has been assigned as an associate, and Lee Tsai Teik and Jonathan Foo will also be assisting. Pastor T. S. Pang, chaplain of Youngberg Memorial Hospital, and his two assistants, Agnes Low and Lee Yeow Kiang will be helping in the visitation.

About sixty church members have been elected to serve on various committees to help in the organizational aspects of the services, and scores more will assist with ushering, music, projection, and various other duties.

Besides the personal contacts nearly every avenue of advertising is being used according to Pastor Jacobsen. "We are expecting a rich harvest of souls from these meetings," said the speaker. "Surely with our own people carrying the burden for their neighbors, world conditions being so tense, and the hour so late, we know that God will bless this all-out evangelistic effort."



Pastor D. G. Jacobsen calls the roll at a Sunday evening planning session.



Representatives from all Singapore churches met Sunday evening February 4, for a planning session at the Southeast Asia Union committee room.

## Batu Tiga Evangelistic Meetings

by K. S. Abraham, lay member  
Sungai Way Church

**T**HE inhabitants of Batu Tiga Oilpalm Estate witnessed showers of heavenly blessings recently through the sermons of Pastor V. N. Joseph.

Batu Tiga Oilpalm estate is a remote place, about 18 miles from Kuala Lumpur. It has a population of, including children, about 500. Most of the Chinese and Malays, though they could not speak Tamil fluently, yet almost miraculously could understand the speaker, and this fact helped us to carry the gospel to most of the village.

The idea of holding an effort meeting here started with this year's ingathering campaign. Pastor V. N. Joseph visited our only Christian family living in this estate. Visiting homes of neighbours of this Christian family, he found several young friends who are not aware of christianity but indicated their interest in knowing more about our Lord and the church. All the interested people were enrolled in the VOP. Thus was sown the seed of Truth. When the time came for selecting a place for evangelistic meetings, the Batu Tiga Oilpalm estate was selected.

Between four and five hundred people attended the first meeting. The estate management's encouragement and their appeal for a good response helped us greatly. Malaya mission president T. K. Chong's prayer for power from the Divine Spirit was answered, for the meetings were well attended till the end. Additional inspiration was added by the sermons of Pastor P. Benjamin of the Bagan Datoh and Teluk Anson district.

On the last evening of the meetings, we counted twenty six hands

raised in answer to our appeal. Among them, sixteen are attending the follow-up Bible instruction services on Saturday and Sunday evenings. One of the sixteen, Brother Subramaniam says, "I was a staunch Hindu and used to carry the statue of one of our goddesses in a procession during every Hindu festival. But until this day I saw neither truth nor a way for my salvation. If you (Pastor) say Jesus will give me the salvation that I am seeking for, surely I will accept this truth, bear His name and carry it for the rest of my life." He is a student of V.O.P. and attends our Bible classes very attentively. We are happy for the blessings of our Lord.

We cannot forget the help wholeheartedly given by the youth, especially by brothers R. Adam, P. R. Daniel, H. George, D. A. Abbrow and P. M. Jacob of Sungai Way church. We also request our fellow believers to join us in prayer for God's blessing that a company will soon be organized in this estate.



Attendance was very good despite language barrier. Young and old were inspired to better living.



# First Baptism on the Benkoka Peninsula

by Pastor W. E. Smith, evangelist

OUR jeep reached the small seaport of Kudat at 8:00 a.m. after three hours of bumping over the dusty road from home. We were on our way to the hard-to-reach Benkoka Peninsula to conduct the first baptism ever held in the area. We had to reach the port early or risk missing a freighter crossing the bay. In our group was: Charles Eusey, student missionary; Pajon, our translator; Assong, our guide; as well as my family accompanying me for the first time on this trip.

We could not find a ship going this day so we had to bargain with an owner to hire his ship. In an hour's time food and barang was all aboard and we settled comfortably on the small deck to enjoy the journey. The day was clear and beautiful, the picturesque Marudu Bay was calm and lovely. Large jelly fish played near the water's surface. A giant green turtle broke the water and watched us as we slowly chugged by.

In two hours we had made the ten miles across the bay and entered the large Benkoka River. This river snakes its way lazily through Mangrove swamps and past many small villages and coconut estates that use it as their highway. After nearly three hours on the river the captain steered the boat sharply to the left into the smaller Kebatatan river, then pushed the prow into the sandy bank so we could unload. This was our destination. A short walk through high lalang grass and we were at Ajun's house.

Ajun is a young Rungus worker whose home is near Kudat. He ventured into this area two years ago and was finally asked by the mission to pioneer the work there. He built a small thatch house on stilts for his family, planted a garden and began the task of breaking down prejudice and winning the hearts of these longhouse spirit worshippers. Though he has had little formal education, the Lord has blessed his efforts. A group of fifty now regularly attend Sabbath School.



Pastor W. E. Smith baptizes four candidates in jungle river.

It was on Friday that we had arrived and a meeting had been announced at the small place of worship attached to Ajun's house. We had brought with us a small generator and movie projector to show these people something of our work elsewhere in Asia. For many it was their very first gambar hidup (living picture) and their reactions were interesting to witness. Afterwards we made our beds on the split-bamboo church floor under the ever-necessary mosquito nets.

Sabbath morning the people were early. They had no way of telling time. When enough had arrived Sabbath School began. The children met out under a coconut tree while the adults squatted on the raised bamboo floor of the church. Four persons were ready for baptism, the Sabbath school leader and his wife and two younger girls. Ajun had been studying with this group ever since his arrival.

I found them well grounded in the Bible teachings. They bore ample evidence of conversion. Gone were the heavy brass coils of wire from the necks, arms and legs. Gone was the filthy beetlenut. These people were clean and well clothed, alert and happy. Jesus had entered their lives.

During the worship service we explained to them the meaning of baptism and the power that God has promised to help them live for Him. Then we walked to the boat landing at the river and assisted these four in sealing their promise with their Maker. It was a real breakthrough for the Advent Message, a foothold in this vast land of heathenism.

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for special prayer, seeking for God's power and guidance.

At the close of the meetings, a social program was planned. Its purpose was to better acquaint the new interests with the personal lives of the young adventists. At the social, an invitation was extended for each visitor to attend special services on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Following this, an intensive follow-up program was launched. Each Friday night they met with their pastor to discuss problems that were encountered during the visitation of the previous week. Practical training on how to give Bible studies, how to answer objections, and how to help people make decisions, were given.

What was the result? First of all, these young people had the thrill of seeing thirteen souls baptized last year. The unspeakable joy expressed on their faces during the baptism was an indication that their unselfish work was well repaid.

Eight more are now in the pastor's baptismal class. The visitation program prepared by these youth continues. Bible studies are continuing each week. The youth Sabbath school class has rapidly increased.

For the first time in the history of the Malay Church, there is not adequate room to accommodate all who wish to attend Sabbath services. To date, fifty seven have graduated from the VOP lessons as a result of "operation visitation." Many others are still studying and will finish soon.

The progress of the work in this church stands as a living testimony of what God **can do** in every church. Indeed a soul won for God's kingdom is a missionary gained for this earth. We hope you will "go and do likewise."





Dr. Vern Prewitt examines patient, as his assistant, Mrs. W. E. Smith observes.

## Dental Clinics in Sabah

by Pastor W. E. Smith, evangelist

**I**N a unique gesture of self-sacrifice, Dr. Vern Prewitt of Sitka, Alaska, paid for his own ticket, other expenses and medicine while conducting a month of dental clinics in Sabah.

Dr. Prewitt conducted 17 clinics, helped nearly one thousand persons and extracted 1,886 teeth. Clinics were held sometimes beneath a house on stilts, in a longhouse, at the door of our church, or beneath a tree or whatever simple facilities the kampongs offered. Yet they were conducted under very sterile conditions. He brought a huge supply of disposable needles so the people received first-class care.

On his arrival in Sabah, Dr. Prewitt met with the government dental authorities and had their enthusiastic approval for his work. They loaned him extra instruments and sterile gauze sponges. When he finished the chief dental officer invited him to return to Sabah and offered to assist him in an itinerary.

Many people, heathen and Christian, came from many miles to take advantage of his service. Local dental care is not available. Old grandpas as well as small children were among the patients. One person had 17 extractions while a number had 12-15 at one time. In addition to the extractions, the children in many of our schools were given thorough examinations. At one such

school, Malangan, there were 328 extractions in a morning clinic conducted during a monsoon down-pour.

We left by boat early one morning going up-river to a longhouse near its headwaters. The trip was tiring and by 4:30 that afternoon when we reached the longhouse we had no desire to take another step. We spent the night in the longhouse — one of the most interesting experiences we've ever had.

After dark the chief and other men brought eight large bronze gongs and proceeded to play for us. Each gong produced a weird sound with different pitch from the others while their rhythm put it all together in a lively beat. When they had run out of music the chief brought some important letters he needed read. They were dated August, 1957! He had been waiting this long for a

visitor that could read. They were government letters telling of a proposed forest reserve in the area and restricting the people from any planting, timber cutting or hunting from that time. Of course these people had not gotten the message though it was in their hands these ten years — but then no one had bothered to check up on them either.

We asked the chief permission to tell a story about Jesus. They had never heard of Him and wanted to hear a story so after a song of our own I told them the story of Jesus healing the devil — possessed men in the heathen kampong of the Gadarenes. What a thrilling sight to watch the interest in their faces as we tell the story we love so well. For their first time we led them to Him in prayer then retired for the night.

The next morning after getting packed for the return trip we asked if any who had "sick" teeth would like the doctor to look at them. Most were afraid, while a few agreed only if the doctor could give them new replacements on the spot. But one old lady who was obviously in pain stepped forward, then others followed her when they saw how simple and painless the procedure really was. So the superstition was broken down giving us opportunity in the future to help these people. We left the longhouse, descended to the river, and ate a simple breakfast before starting the long journey home.

We hope Doctor Prewitt's example will be followed by others, who through their professional ability, can benefit these isolated people so much. Such unselfish service adds real strength to the mission objective.

Dr. Vern Prewitt gives injection and Mrs. W. E. Smith and local official stand by to assist.





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## News Notes

by Maggie Tan

● **GEORGE Phoong** passed away at Youngberg Memorial Hospital on February 9, 1968. He was a staff member at Youngberg and was 33 years of age at the time of his passing.

● **Joshua Samang**, a teacher at Ayer Manis School, passed away in Youngberg Memorial Hospital at the youthful age of 19 on February 11, 1968. A joint funeral service was held for him and George Phoong at the Balestier Road Church.

● **Milton Hutabarat** emplaned with two other young missionaries, Lily Gan and Leong Swee Keng, to Ayer Manis on February 11. He will teach at Ayer Manis School.

● **Ernie Ngo**, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ngo Beng Lim, has been accepted into the Loma Linda School of Medicine for the 1968 school year.

● **Peter Tan** of Youngberg Memorial Hospital and **Shirley Leng** of Penang Sanitarium and Hospital were united in marriage on February 18 at the Singapore Malay Church.

● **Mr. and Mrs. Ebbey Lucas** are proud to present a baby boy who arrived on December 30. Mrs. Lucas was down with hepatitis just before the baby's birth, but we are happy that both mother and child are now making fine progress.

● **Pastor and Mrs. E. H. Wu** will leave Singapore in mid-January for the United States where they plan to spend a year with their children, Seng Chai, Seng An, and Seng Ping. Pastor Wu, who is a star solicitor in the school's annual Ingathering Campaign, will be greatly missed in this year's campaign.

● **Floris Hutabarat** left for England on January 25 to study nursing.

● **Pastor L. E. Smart**, former Educational Secretary for the Division, was in Singapore for a week's visit in mid-January. His many friends welcomed him at the airport and kept him busy with speaking and dinner appointments throughout his week's stay.

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the body and numerous other pertinent topics are discussed. In the evening, Brother Khoa, editor of the Vietnam Signs Press and others, gather the children together for recreation, stories and other interesting activities. Altogether, a united effort is being put forth to help these unfortunate souls.

As the days go by, some areas of the city from which the refugees have come, are proclaimed livable again and so our workers take these folk to their homes. More than three hundred had left by the end of the first week. As they do so, our brethren ascertain their needs. Plans are now in operation to go in and help restore their dwellings with things most necessary to life. Literature Evangelists are being used as welfare teams to help in this program. Relief goods of clothing rice and medicines are in demand and a request has been relayed to the General Conference in hopes that a good supply may arrive soon. A million vitamin tablets and two thousand sacks of rice are included in this request.

The Vietnam Signs Press has been able to continue normal operations. Their biggest problem at present is income. The literature evangelists are not able to sell. The workers in the Press have agreed to take their pay in rice for the time being. Two literature evangelists have lost their lives. In the northern city of Dalat, Brother Nguyen Van Niem, licensed literature evangelist and also local church elder was slain by rifle fire. He was the pillar of our Dalat Church. In the same city, Brother Pham Hong, credentialed literature evangelist, his wife and three children were in the home of an adventist lady, Mrs. Tai. An enemy hand grenade was thrown in the home and all the adults and two children perished. The other child is being brought to Saigon for adoption in an Adventist home.

Word was received late Friday afternoon, February 16, that an elderly sister, living in the Delta of the south, was killed by shrapnel. And on Sunday, the 18th, we learned that one of our pastors and his family, living north of Saigon in a coastal city, have been missing for a week and presumed either captured or dead. Their house was found completely destroyed.

On March 2nd, a special day of fasting and prayer for our Vietnamese believers and a church offering to help care for their needs, has been planned. We know that our fellow believers everywhere will want to join in extending a helping hand. The Union treasury department will gladly accept any and all gifts preferably in cash or check, which will be passed on immediately to our brethren there.

We solicit an interest in your prayers for our dear people in Vietnam. It is impossible to describe the tension they live under day by day. When we asked if anyone, national or missionary, wanted to leave the country the response was unanimous. . . . "NO". . . . "there is a work to be done and we will do it." Yes, the opportunities for service are overwhelming. Great are the possibilities for evangelism in spite of the war. "In the last days, perilous times shall come." What we have not done during times of peace, we shall have to do in more difficult times. We found our brethren determined to do it.