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Youngberg Memorial Hospital 20 Years of Service

TWENTY years ago the Youngberg Memorial Hospital opened its doors for service in the Singapore area. From the first it has committed its men and means to bring Christian healing, both spiritual and physical, to all who enter its halls.

As revealed in the picture above, a large staff has been assembled to help bring knowledge and skill together in a united effort to support the church's world program of medical witnessing.

At times, throughout the territories of the Southeast Asia Union, Youngberg has sent its trained physicians and nurses to hold clinics and assist our scattered believers.

From the original 20-bed capacity in 1948, and a staff of 16 workers, God has prospered their efforts and they have grown into a 75-bed hospital employing 114 workers.

The hospital received its name for G. B. Youngberg, veteran missionary to Sabah, in Borneo, who died in a Japanese internment camp at Kuching, also in Borneo, during World War II.

The beginnings of this medical-evangelistic institution was made possible by the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow of December, 1946. "Behold, what has God wrought!"

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Pastor and Mrs. E. B. Smith and daughter Carolyn are shown here in a recent photograph. Their three sons have been studying in the states for some time.

Smith Family Leaves After Long Service

by Robert L. Sheldon
PR Secretary, Thailand Mission

AFTER twenty-two years of mission service Pastor and Mrs. Elden B. Smith are leaving Thailand. Pastor Smith left recently for Loma Linda University where he has been accepted in their Clinical Counseling course for hospital chaplains. Mrs. Smith will continue teaching at Ekamai Adventist School until the end of the summer term when she and Carolyn will join Pastor Smith in Loma Linda.

Elden and Wanda Smith and their one year old son, Lamar, first came to Thailand right after World War II in 1946. After a few months orientation in Bangkok they were assigned to Ubol (pronounced Ubone) to re-open the mission school and revive the church. Japanese forces had occupied our buildings and church members were scattered making it a formidable task.

Before the end of their first term Pastor Smith was asked to assist in soliciting funds for the new Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. Their second term assignment was in the far north at Chiangmai. Here they worked, erected, and dedicated a representative church building.

Pastor Smith was later assigned to the hospital as chaplain, Bible Instructor and church pastor. During the last three years of service in Thailand he has been secretary in the mission office for the M.V., Lay Activities and Sabbath School Departments.

The young people of Thailand will never forget Pastor Smith for the wonderful experience of his Youth Camp at Kow Yai. He also worked untiringly during the past year to begin a student-missionary program in Thailand. The first stu-

dent missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Benson, have been teaching for nearly one year in the Ubol Mission School.

During their twenty-two years of service the Smiths have seen many changes take place—not only in the country but in the church as well. Trucks chugged along burning charcoal in 1946 and the church membership was only 200. Today the economy thrives and while the work still is difficult there are 1,500 baptized members.

The Smiths have three sons; Lamar, Ralph and Robert and one daughter, Carolyn. Their untiring efforts will be greatly missed in Thailand.

Pastor Do Binh, Vietnam Mission publishing secretary, visited the northern city of Dalat recently. He is seen here standing beside the graves of his literature evangelists that were slain recently by a hand grenade explosion.



Spring Week of Prayer at Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital

by D. Kenneth Smith, Chaplain

"LEARN to Pray by Praying" was the theme for the Spring Week of Prayer conducted at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital recently by Pastor G. J. Bertochini, Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Far Eastern Division.

Taking phrases from the Lord's Prayer, Pastor Bertochini developed each part, showing the importance and relevance of each concept to our lives. The climax of the week was an inspiring testimony service Friday night when many told of their faith in Jesus and love for Him. A number of decisions for Christ were made and most of these, together with others, indicated a desire to study further into the teachings of the Bible.

Several hospital patients attended many of the meetings. One of these, a young Thai university student with inoperable cancer of the liver, accepted Christ and Bible studies are beginning with him. Three of his brothers and sisters have been or are now studying at our Ekamai mission school.

All of those who heard Pastor Bertochini's messages appreciated his friendliness, the simplicity of his sermons, and the apt illustrations. It was a week of spiritual refreshing to all and a week of decision for many. We pray that the influence of this week will last throughout eternity because of the commitments made to Christ.



Laymen of the Singapore area have created such an interest among their contacts and so many have responded to invitations to the Word of Life Crusade, that three air-conditioned buses have been hired for the entire series to run from strategic locations in the city. Each of the three buses is packed each night.



As the throngs enter the Victoria Memorial Hall each evening, they are presented with a lovely Bible. The Bible in the Hand program is enthusiastically received by Singaporeans as can be seen in the audience participation at each meeting. After twelve nights of faithful attendance, the Bible becomes the property of its user.

Greater Singapore Crusade



Don Jacobsen, crusade organizer and speaker, has thrilled his audiences each evening with his interesting style of preaching the Word of Life. Meetings will transfer from Victoria Memorial hall to local churches after May 5.



Ted Jones, ministerial secretary of the West Indonesia Union, on loan to us for this campaign, is in charge of music. His trumpet provides beautiful songs for meditation before the preached word each night.



Mrs. Ted Jones makes the Yamaha organ sound beautiful each evening. The crowds are usually in their seats in advance of the announced time, in order to hear her ten minute concert before each meeting.

April 13 - May 5

The Greater Singapore campaign of the Word of Life Crusade at the beautiful Victoria Memorial Hall has provided an opportunity for all five churches in the area to unite together in one great thrust. Providing a well-balanced program, with variety, such as films, medical talks, musical groups, and many other interesting and informative offerings, probably no other meetings in our history in this city have had better ground-work and preparation in advance.

Approximately 1300 attended the first two meetings Sabbath, April 13. The nightly meetings thus far have been very well attended, with more than 700 each night. In order to accommodate the large numbers who come on the weekends, identical services have been held at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Several hundred have indicated perfect attendance from the start. Follow-up meetings will continue twice weekly in each local churches through June 28.





"Like a mighty army" these sixty laymen, with faces lighted with gospel-enthusiasm, have been trained for out-post evangelism.

Like A Mighty Army "Sending the Light" to the Dark Corners of Sabah

by Doyle Barnett, Secretary
Lay Activities Department



This lady exemplifies the theme of one of the meetings, "Keep looking up."

DURING the first two weeks of February nearly sixty laymen from all over Sabah gathered in a newly erected pavilion to receive lay evangelistic training. The classroom work was a grind for these hard working country folk, but everyone of them stayed through to the end.

Day by day they struggled with the memory work. Hour by hour they racked their brains in trying to retain all the ways and methods of evangelism. Why should they be so inclined? What was the reason behind this tremendous endeavor for God? There are many reasons but we shall give only one or two. Back in mid-1967, Atlantic Union College sent a student missionary, Charles Eusey, to Sabah for several months. He worked on the east coast near Bandau where a cluster of Adventist churches are located.

His term of service was climaxed

during a district campmeeting held at Goshen. It was the biggest and one of the most inspiring meetings ever conducted in Sabah. Over a thousand attended the night meetings and over the Sabbath more than fourteen hundred came.

On the last night of the campmeeting, Pastor Bill Smith, mission evangelist, made an appeal for young couples to take the message to new and unentered territory. The response was thrilling. Twenty-two couples volunteered their services in this pioneer adventure.

When Charles returned to college, his heart was burning with enthusiasm. On a Sabbath morning at the college church he told of his experiences. His appeal greatly impressed Charles' father. Mr. Eusey had been saving money to buy a new car. But that morning a new plan took shape in his heart.

Pastor Munson, mission president, a few weeks later, received a check in the mail that was to help finance this great mission advance. "Sending the Light" in Sabah became more than a dream. . . . a reality. Soon word was sent out to the far corners, that a laymen's training school would soon begin.

On the night of graduation, just a few weeks ago, one of the Sabah workers was heard to say, "Look at the faces of these laymen! They are shining. What a world of difference in their countenances now. Surely the Lord will work wonders through these dedicated lay workers."

Light a mighty army "Sending the Light" in Sabah, these trained laymen are now ready to write a new chapter in the modern day book of acts. We solicit an interest in your prayers for their success.

Pastor George Munson, president of the Sabah Mission, presents information and a picture roll to a young trainee.

Pastor M. Gaban, secretary of the Lay Activities Department in Sabah, explains the use and operation of the slide projector to one of the villagers who came for the training school.





This lady kneels on the ground, with her paper on the bench, as she writes the answers on the test sheet.



Top—two ladies practice the art of giving a successful Bible study. Lower—Throughout the two weeks of training, tests were given periodically. Here we see a large group writing their tests.

Top Picture—
Pastor Do Binh, representing the Vietnam Mission, is shown here with more than six hundred refugees at the site of our Dalat church. He dispersed clothes, bedding, and food, to help care for their immediate needs. Tents were donated by the government to help our church serve these mountain people.

Center picture—
This is what remains of the home where Brother Nguyen Van Niem and his family were living. They were not present in the home when it was destroyed.

Bottom picture—
Pastor Do Binh stands beside the few remaining bricks of what was the home of Brother Pham Hong and his family. This brother, his wife and youngest child perished. The three older children are in Saigon where an uncle is preparing to care for their needs.

News Notes from Sabah

TAMPARULI Campmeeting: For the first time in six years our brethren living south of Kota Belud were able to enjoy the spiritual blessings of a campmeeting. On Wednesday, May 1 through May 5. A full report will be given in the next edition of the Messenger.

Medical Clinics: Three medical clinics were held in April through the courtesy of Youngberg Hospital. Dr. Paul Genstler accompanied by his wife held clinics in Sook, Tiulon, and Tulid. He also had an opportunity to be of help to the mission teachers who were attending a convention on Mt. Kinabalu.

Teachers' Institute: Pastor and Mrs. Jay Lantry joined forces with Pastor Bartolome and his group of mission teachers at the Mount Kinabalu lodge for two weeks of class work. A full curriculum was planned to upgrade those present.

Child Evangelism: Miss Meyers, of the General Conference Sabbath School department; Pastor R. S. Watts, of the Far Eastern Division; and Mrs. Pauline Barnett, visited Sabah in mid-April. They held training classes and dedicated nearly ten lamb shelters.



Prospecting for Literature Evangelists In the Kampongs of Sarawak

FOR the most part, cities and villages in Sarawak are not very large. Kuching is the key center of travel and trade, also largest in population, and Sibü, being a logging center is rated second.

But up and down the rivers, hundreds of small villages and thousands of Kampongs house a good many judgment bound souls. So we found out, as Pastor E. A. Brodeur, Far Eastern Division publishing secretary and the Messenger editor, accompanied Pastor R. C. Hall, mission president, on a field trip not long ago.

Two school institutes were held, as well as several district meetings

with church members from remote areas coming in. An interesting sidelight to our trip, was the fact that Pastor Brodeur, unbeknowns to us before, is a real dentist and helped relieve the suffering of a number of folks. He pulled over twenty teeth at one Kampong.

A total of 45 students were trained for vacation canvassing. And sixteen teachers joined together to work during the holidays. Brother S. S. Daniel, Malay Mission publishing secretary, was asked to help them for one month. He reported outstanding success. So much so, that the Malaysian Signs Press has had to air freight books on four different occasions thus far.

Pastor R. C. Hall offered help to the village chief in a village near the mouth of the Tatau river. After the evangelistic-medical meeting ended, they posed for a picture.

Pastor Brodeur pulls the remaining teeth of "Samson", one of our Stulen church members. He was given his name by Pastor Hall. One look at his wide shoulders, strong arms and legs, you the reason why.

Pastor Brodeur bids farewell to his new friends in Stulen. The entire village of about eighty people are adventists.



Six of these seven candidates that were baptized recently in the Kuala Lumpur English Church, are Voice of Prophecy graduates.

Kuala Lumpur Youth on the March

by H. Y. Cheah, Pastor of the
Kuala Lumpur English Church

DURING 1967 the young people of the Kuala Lumpur English Church decided to use their Friday night MV meetings to present our message. Five of our youth volunteered to take turns preaching each Friday night. Using the Hope for Today film strips, they presented the message in a progressive manner, aiming to lead other young people to decide for Christ.

Mimeographed invitations were distributed in the neighborhood. Through personal visitation, Voice of Prophecy students and graduates were urged to attend these meetings.

Those who became interested joined a baptismal class which met every Sabbath morning for half

an hour before the Sabbath School. The result: Four girls and three young men, including the brother of Loo Saw Choong who was killed during the recent riots in Penang, were baptized on a recent Sabbath. Out of these seven candidates, six are Voice of Prophecy graduates.

These Friday night meetings and the Sabbath morning baptismal class are being continued. Through God's help and the help of the Voice of Prophecy, we are looking forward to many more souls in the very near future.

A twelve foot Python dared to cross the compound at the Union headquarters one Friday night last month, and within minutes nearly fifty people gathered to welcome him. After a few days on display, he was sold to a local merchant and the money was donated to Sabbath School Investment.



Examination Date Changed for Adventists

by R. E. Neall, President

THE day of miracles is not past.

A national examination date was changed recently in order that our Seventh-day Adventist eleventh grade students might not have to miss it because of Sabbath this year.

Only four months ago, word was received from the government that all examinations would begin on Tuesday and end on Friday. All of a sudden, however, because of the Tet offensive and the fact that schools were closed for so long, revised schedules were made. The new schedule included several important exams to be held on a Sabbath in August.

Some of the mission leaders met with the officials at the Ministry

of Education, in Saigon, and explained the problem. They were told that the new schedule had not been published yet, but was at that very moment being typed for final approval by the Minister of Education. "You are just in time, I will retrieve the draft from the typist," they were told by the official.

The following day, the Vietnam Mission was informed that the Sabbath tests had been advanced two days and therefore the students should be able to finish them by Friday afternoon.

Again, the wonderful hand of God can be seen, as He works in Vietnam to strengthen and sustain our people. The day of miracles is not past.

Church Building Suffers Damage in South Vietnam

by R. E. Neall, President

ONE of the most beautiful churches in all of South Vietnam suffered damage on the night of March 27. Nearly sixty percent of the Vam Nhon church and the roof of the new school were hit by rockets and gunfire.

The pastor and his wife escaped injury by taking refuge in a bomb shelter built under their bed. He is a sustentation worker who is free to live where he chooses, but he insists on pastoring the Vam Nhon church because it is too dangerous a place for younger men.

Even now, when a move seems necessary to protect his life, he says, "Don't send me very far away. Let me visit Vam Nhon from time to time and help our people there."

SAUC Cambridge Results

by Maggie Tan

THE Cambridge results were released recently and Southeast Asia Union College is happy to report a 65% S. C. passes or 84% together with all GCE passes. 11 students obtained Division I certificates, 14 obtained Division II certificates, 17 obtained Division III certificates, and 34 received General Certificates of Education.

The students did exceptionally well in English and Mathematics. There were seven distinctions (five P1's and two P2's) in English and seventeen distinctions (four P1's and thirteen P2's) in Mathematics. The teachers of these two subjects, Pastor S. F. Chu and Mr. Ee Teck Ee, are overjoyed with this outstanding achievement.

Of the five top students, four are Seventh-day Adventists. They are Frank Tan, son of Marden Tan; Dan Tan, son of Daniel Tan; Jonathan Pang, son of T. S. Pang; and Yeong Hock Teck, head prefect of the school. Of the eleven who obtained Division I certificates, seven are SDA's. Another eight students would have received Division I certificates had they not been handicapped by their grasp of the English language, having transferred from Chinese schools. They were outstanding in the areas of science and mathematics.

We rejoice with the successful candidates who have hurdled this big milestone in their educational career and we want to give thanks to God for His bountiful blessings upon our school.

Motor boat trouble on the Tatau river, but never mind. With three mechanics you can't lose. Pastors R. C. Hall, E. A. Brodeur, and James Maung took the motor apart while the Messenger editor had fun taking their pictures. Notice the unique way Pastor Hall keeps the sun off his nose.



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News Notes

by Maggie Tan

● COLLEGE Enrollment at Southeast Asia Union Col-

lege was most encouraging when registration day rolled around in mid-March. Almost 80 students enrolled for college classes during the two registration days. Several classes have an average of 40 students with one class having as many as 60 students. We are happy for this large enrollment for it is a definite sign of growth. If these figures keep climbing as they have done in the past two years, our hopes of reaching the status of a senior college may soon be realized.

● **The Secretarial Department** of SAUC traded in its old typewriters for new Royals at a bargain price specially given to the school. These new typewriters are being put into good use with two full college typing classes and one secondary class in typing. In all, there are about 75 students enrolled for typing this year.

● **Valmai Koh** is home from the United States for a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Koh.

● **Mrs. Gloria Loe**, daughter of Mrs. Amy Tan, arrived from Bandung to visit her folks whom she has not seen for ten long years.

● **Leng Hong Kiong and Liou Sam Kau** left Singapore in mid-April to answer the call to teach in our Sabah Training School. Both are SAUC graduates of '67.

● **Linda Pong** was married to **Koh Kang Song** on April 7. Linda, Class of '66, teaches in the elementary school of SAUC while Kang Song, Class of '65, is connected with the Voice of Prophecy in the Union Office.

● **Ee Teck Ee**, SAUC science and maths teacher, married **Freda Tham**, Class of '67, on April 21. Freda teaches on a part-time basis in the elementary school of SAUC.

● **Ng Aik Koo**, Class President of '67, has accepted a call to teach at Sunny Hill School. He is the 15th member of the Class of '67 to be established in the Lord's work. All fifteen of these graduates are connected with our institutions in Kuching, Ayer Manis, Sabah, and Singapore.

● **Wong Yew Seng** and family stopped in Singapore for a short visit before proceeding to Penang to see his ailing father. They were happy to be back and for this opportunity to get a good vacation away from war-torn Vietnam.

SAUC Helps Vietnam Refugees

by Daniel Tan

TWENTY-THREE bags of clothes and three sacks of tin-foods were donated by students and staff members of Southeast Asia Union College in response to the appeal of the Vietnam Consulate General in Singapore to help the refugees in Vietnam.

The whole-hearted response of the students kept several volunteers busy for two weeks as they sorted and packed the clothes into ever-increasing sacks. The library was used as the centre for collection and the clothes soon overflowed to the doorway. A small lorry had to be hired to cart the clothes to the Vietnam Consulate.

Picture shows part of the bags of clothes ready to be shipped out. The campaign manager, Mr. Paul Tan, P. R. Officer of SAUC, stands second from the left.

Pastor Daniel Tan, Southeast Asia Union College president, and Paul Tan, head of the public relations department of the College, are shown with the sacks of relief supplies provided for South Vietnam by the students and teachers at the school.

Liou Sam Kau and Leng Hong Kiong

