

★ Medical-Surgical Conference  
★ Sabah Campmeeting

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## Medical-Surgical Conference at Vietnam Army Hospital First of Its Kind in Far East for Missionary Doctors

PROBABLY the most unique, and certainly one of most interesting events of the year, to Adventists in the Far Eastern Division, took place recently at the 93rd Evacuation Hospital of the US Army, at Long Binh, near Saigon.

Sixteen missionary doctors from hospitals around the Division, and nine adventist military doctors serving in Vietnam, joined in a four-day conference that will long be remembered.

Doctor Merle Peterson, Medical secretary of the Southeast Asia Union, and Lt. Col. Gene Aaby, LLU graduate, now a member of the USARVN's surgeon's office, co-operated in planning for the success of these meetings. A total of twenty-two army specialists lectured on a wide range of subjects, using slides and army movies to illustrate their subjects.

The lectures covered two days, with each lecturer taking twenty minutes for his presentation, and another ten minutes for questions and answers. The entire series of lectures were tape recorded for use by all of our doctors and hospitals around the Far Eastern Division.

The army was kind enough to designate one bus to be used during the four days to transport our delegates to and from the compound to the hospital, some seventy miles round trip each day. The dining room facilities at the 93rd Field Hospital were used for the noon-day meals. A spirit of cordiality prevailed and the military were most helpful to our people.

From day to day, as the men traveled to and from the meetings, fighting of various kinds were seen, and the delegates kept their cameras busy. One item of interest, was the long wait at the big bridge leaving the city, when only a few days before, rockets had hit one of the spans of the bridge, and caused its destruction. Thus, it was one-lane traffic only on that side of the bridge.

At the opening meeting, Mrs. Nguyen Van Loc, wife of the Prime Minister of South Vietnam, welcomed the delegates and wished them success in their humanitarian service to the peoples of the Far East. Later in the week, she invited the doctors to attend a social hour at her home.

A visit to the army museum, where many captured medical supplies belonging to the northern forces were displayed, was also a part of the program. The heliport was another interesting feature on the closing day of the conference. "This is Vietnam", a program sponsored by the young people of the Vietnamese Adventist church, located on the grounds of the Saigon Adventist hospital, provided Saturday night entertainment that portrayed traditional instruments, songs, and dress of Vietnam.

Pastor P. H. Eldridge, president of the Far Eastern Division, was guest speaker at the Friday night vespers, and again on Sabbath morning, when the delegates visited the large prison near Ben Hoa, some thirty miles outside Saigon. Pastor D. R. Guild, president of the Southeast Asia Union, was the Sabbath evening vesper speaker.

It is hoped that such a conference might be held again, thus providing our doctors with the latest in techniques and information developed through the modern facilities available to the army in Vietnam.



P. H. Eldridge, president of the Far Eastern Division, graciously expresses appreciation to Mrs. Nguyen Van Loc, wife of the Prime Minister of South Vietnam, for her kindness in preparing a social hour at her home for the missionary doctors, recently in Saigon.



Dr. Clarence Eckvall, medical secretary of the Far Eastern Division, was extended a special welcome to Vietnam, by the wife of the Prime Minister, Mrs. Nguyen Van Loc. The doctor was evening speaker at the delegates' hotel conference room the first two nights of the gathering.



Dr. Condon, of the Manila Adventist Hospital, and Capt. Geschke, a doctor with the United States Army in Vietnam, confer together over the condition of a political prisoner, when they met at the prison dispensary Sabbath morning following services for the prisoners.



Dr. Merle Peterson, medical secretary of the Southeast Asia Union, was the coordinator and planner for the medical-missionary group. His hard work resulted in a very successful conference. He stands here in front of a sand-bag bunker, just inside the walls at the Bien Hoa prison.



Dr. Jess Holm, medical director at Saigon Adventist Hospital, stopped to visit with a young patient in the intensive care ward, as he joined the delegates on an inspection tour of the 93rd Evacuation Hospital at Long Binh.



Lt. Col. Gene Aaby, an Adventist doctor serving in the United States Army headquarters as a consultant to the surgeon general, stands here with Madame Nguyen Van Loc, after the prime minister's wife had made an opening speech of welcome to the group. Dr. Aaby handled all arrangements with the army for the visiting physicians.

One full span on the right side of this bridge was blown out by rocket fire only a few days before the medical conference began. Traffic in this picture looks very light, but on Sabbath afternoon, when the delegates were returning to the city, traffic was lined up for miles waiting to cross into the city.



The visiting delegates joined with those who were responsible for the lectures in front of the officer's lounge, where the meetings were held. Lt. Col. Gene Aaby was responsible for all the arrangements with the United States Army including the location and facilities, speakers, transportation, dining room, hospital inspection and many other important items to numerous to mention.

Loma Linda University graduates in attendance at the medical-surgical conference were as follows: front row, reading left to right, Arthur Moores, Hong Kong; Bill Robinson, Guam; William Van Arsdale, Taiwan; Capt. Krueger, US Army; Sam Ketting, Penang; Capt. William Davis, US Navy; Kenneth McGill, Singapore; Willis Dick, Philippines; Jack Seeley, Korea. Standing, Capt. C. Swanson, US Army; Clifford Vance, Guam; Stanley Condon, Philippines; Clarence Eckvall, Singapore; Franklin Crider, Bangkok; Capt. Geschke, US Army; Capt. Bruce Mazat, US Army; Capt. Barry Kellogg, US Army; Capt. Edwin Noyes, US Army; Vernon Butler, Korea; Lt. Col. Gene Aaby, USARVN; Ronald Hann, Penang; and Merle Peterson, Singapore.



## Malaysian Signs Press Awarded Highly Commended Certificate in Lithography Competition by 3M Company

**T**HE Malaysian Signs Press recently was invited by the 3M Company in Singapore to participate in their Excellence In Lithography Competition. The cover for the April Chinese Signs of the Times was sent in and we are gratified to know that the entry drew very high commendation from the judges. The award of a certificate for this achievement will be presented soon.

"We are greatly encouraged by the result when you consider we had to compete against leading commercial printers in our area," said Brother Choo Yau Fong, manager.

The offset department was started about five years ago and the workers at the Press are looking forward to join in the competition again next year.

## VOP Graduates Baptized at Penang

**P**ASTOR Jan Hutauruk reports that four VOP graduates and one Bible Study convert were baptized recently at Penang. At the time of the picture, only four were present. We rejoice with these new believers and solicit an interest in your prayers on their behalf.



## Baptism at Kuala Lumpur

**M**ARCH 30 was a red letter day for the churches in Kuala Lumpur when eleven persons from the Sungei Way Indian Church and one lady from the Chinese church were united with their Lord in baptism. Pastors P. G. Ratnam and Giang Tu Minh took turns to baptize the candidates before church members at 166 Jalan Bukit Bintang.

One Indian brother who had accepted the message in India but grew cold when he came over to Malaya found his way back to the church after many years of listless wanderings.

Pastors Giang Tu Minh and V. N. Joseph are seen standing with their newly baptized members. May the Lord continue to bless the efforts of our pastors and lay members to lead precious souls to the Saviour in this momentous hour of earth's history.

Pastor Ratnam is a retired minister.

—T. K. Chong, President

## Literature Sales in Sarawak Climb to All-Time High in April

**A**S a result of students, teachers and regular literature evangelists, joining together in a big-month program in Sarawak, sales of Adventist literature in the month of April climbed to an all-time high.

Two institutes were held in March and later Brother S. S. Daniel, of the Malaya Mission publishing department, was borrowed for a month-long sales campaign. Nearly fifty people participated and as a result \$16,000 worth of books were delivered in less than three weeks, and another \$4,000 worth of orders were taken. The B&PA sold out most of its books and orders were air freighted from Singapore on three separate occasions.

God is blessing the literature ministry all around Southeast Asia Union. Students and regular literature evangelists are having outstanding success. We pray that many more will join the ranks and serve the Lord in this most interesting and successful way.



A happy group of successful literature evangelists are shown here with their leader S. S. Daniel. (On right side.)

This wonderful group of people were baptized recently at Kuala Lumpur.



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A large welcome sign greeted the campers as they arrived at the mission headquarters.



Pastor George Munson, president of the Sabah mission, stands beside a sign offering direction to various points. The Sabbath weekend crowd numbered over a thousand. A truly gratifying success.



Here an earnest mother brings her children to their meeting place. The Sabah mission is moving forward in child evangelism.

## Sabah Campmeeting Kindles Revival Fires

(Pictures and Captions by D. R. Guild)



The children thronged to each of their programs. Singing, stories, and many other interesting things were well-prepared for them.

Mission workers prepared a large pavilion for our believers to enjoy. Here we see the adults at one of their meetings.



Mrs. R. Bartolome and her helper, are shown conducting a cooking demonstration, one of the highlights of the Sabah campmeeting. The interesting demonstration at the right, depicts the Tree of Life, with many of Sabah's well-known fruits hanging from the branches.



## Thailand Mission Reopens Workers Training School

by Palmer G. Wick

THE Thailand Mission has lost three workers during this year. With an existing shortage of workers already, this has caused all involved to see the need for reopening the Workers Training School, which has been closed since 1964.

Six students are studying at the present time, with the possibility of one more entering soon. Three of these students are from the Meo tribe. Nai Hu has already worked for the mission for two years. Rungsit and Yong Yut have been in our tribal school in Chieng Kong for four years, and have spent two years at our church school in Chieng-mai. Two other men, Nai Opat and Nai Wunlop, come from Chiengmai. The sixth student, Nai Prasan, was a worker at the Phuket Hospital and before that a literature evangelist.

Subjects taught by the teachers are as follows: Old Testament History, Pastor Sunti; New Testament History, Pastor P. G. Wick; English, Mrs. P. G. Wick; Health, School of Nursing, Public Health Department; Denominational History, Pastor D. K. Smith; Music, Khun Somchai; Thai language, Khun Somsuk; Thai Social Studies, Khun Srisuk. Mr. Suan Intepar is the dean of the school.

The school session lasts from 8:00 to 12:00. In the afternoon the students do yard work for the mission, press, hospital, and two homes. The dean takes care of morning and evening worship and supervises the study period.

Our first training school was opened at Ubon in 1960 with fourteen students. Nine of those students became workers or teachers and contributed very greatly to the recent growth of the mission. This two-year school opened for the second time in the fall of 1962 with six students of which two became mission workers, and two became hospital workers in the chaplain's department. The school did not reopen for the third group in 1964 for it was hoped that several young men could be sent to Singapore or



Mr. Uthai Sriumporn who stopped smoking in a clinic conducted at the Bangkok Sanitarium in 1965, points out to Pastor Sunti Sorajjakul and Dr. Chakarot Sukachevin that in the 930 days he has not smoked since then, he has saved 32,550 baht (US\$1,627.50) by abstaining from cigarettes, liquor, cola drinks and pork. He discontinued these unhealthful practices as a result of the smoking clinic and from studying the free correspondence health course offered by the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital.

the Philippines to get B.A.'s and a better preparation for the ministry. There are now two young men who are studying in the Philippines who will be finishing soon. This will help to strengthen the work here but not as much as would be hoped, for we will now be sending one or two of our present staff of workers to get further upgrading and they will be gone from two to four years.

This Workers' Training School will carry on a two-year training program, ending with experience in public evangelism. It is planned that Pastor Don Jacobsen and Pastor Bruce Johnston will hold a city-wide effort in Bangkok in 1970, and the training school students plus many other workers will be associated in these meetings.

If these six students turn out to be workers, there will still be a shortage of qualified workers. Let us unite in prayer to the Lord of the Harvest that He will send us workers to garner in the precious grain that is even now ready for harvest.

## 5-Day Plan Stop-Smoking Clinics Conducted in Bangkok

By D. Kenneth Smith

TWO successful Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking clinics were conducted recently at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. The first, in English, was held May 12-16 by Dr. Roger T. Nelson and Dr. James Crawford. This was the third program conducted by this team and the fifth stop smoking session presented by the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital staff. The attendance was not large, but steady and of the eleven who came faithfully, ten were able to stop smoking. One man who had smoked heavily for thirty-five years had a real struggle. He reported he was "ready to climb the walls, that his boss was ready to fire him, his wife ready to divorce him, and his friends said they wished he'd go back to smoking," but he was determined to succeed.

Leading out in the Thai program May 19-23 were Dr. Chakarot Sukechevin and Pastor Sunti Sorajjakul. This was the second time for Pastor Sorajjakul and the first for Dr. Sukechevin. Dr. Nelson also took part. In response to a brief article in a well-known Bangkok newspaper, over thirty letters were received to register for the course. Many other letters were received from all parts of the country, requesting literature and help to stop smoking, all as a result of this newspaper story.

The nightly attendance at the Thai session averaged seventy, of whom fifty-five were smokers, the others being friends or relatives coming to encourage the smokers. By the closing night, thirty-four could sign a questionnaire stating that they had stopped smoking. Over thirty applications were received for the Thai correspondence health course sponsored by the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. Follow-up meetings were announced and another clinic in Thai is scheduled for August. Coordinator for both programs was D. Kenneth Smith, Chaplain of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital.

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## News Notes

by Maggie Tan

● **DR. Blythe Owen** of Andrews University presented a piano concert to the college students of Southeast Asia Union College while on a visit to Singapore in April.

● **David Wong, David Hor,** and **John Lee**, ministerial graduates of SAUC, have successfully completed their requirements for a Bachelor's degree at Philippine Union College. David Wong is currently serving as associate pastor of the Balestier Road Church while David Hor gives assistance to the Word of Life Crusade. John Lee plans to return to the Philippines to work on his Master's degree after a two-month vacation with his folks.

● **Alfred Lim**, SAUC class of '62, returned from Mountain View College after completing his Bachelor of Science degree. He will teach science subjects at Southeast Asia Union College.

● **Wu Seng Chee**, former head of the Commerce Department at SAUC, left for Canada on April 26. He plans to work and support himself through post-graduate school in the field of Business Administration.

● **David Khoo**, yet another graduate of SAUC, returned to Singapore with a B.S. degree in Biology and an M.A. in Educational Administration. He did both his undergraduate and graduate work at Philippine Union College.

● **Ulrich Tan** and family of Indonesia arrived June 23. He is taking over the duties of Dean of Men and will teach the National Language in the secondary school of SAUC.

● **Vincent Tan Peng Liang** left for England recently to take up the lab technician course. He was a

staff member of Youngberg Memorial Hospital prior to his departure.

● **Wendell Chen** has been accepted into Canadian Union College. He left in late May via America where he will attend his sister's graduation before proceeding to Canada.

● **Y. J. Moses** left for Spicer Memorial College on May 31. He is on the staff of Southeast Asia Union College and has been sent to India for upgrading.

● **Viola Canagasabai** successfully completed her requirements for the Master's degree at Philippine Union College and is now back to resume her duties at Southeast Asia Union College.

● **Mong Tong Seng, Newton Tan,** and **Edmund Leong**, all faculty members of Southeast Asia Union College, have requested to be released from their teaching posts so that they may further upgrade themselves. Mong and Tan will locate in Canada while Leong will join the Polytechnic.



Dr. R. F. Hann, Penang Adventist Hospital, and Dr. Arthur Moores of the Adventist hospital in Hong Kong, observe the No. 1 Hot Spot at the heliport near the 93rd Evacuation Hospital at Long Binh. This spot, so marked, is the place where the evacuation helicopters with the most critically wounded land.

These fifteen happy young student nurses were honored recently at capping exercises at the Saigon Adventist Hospital. Dr. and Mrs. Jess Holm were responsible for the establishment of this new class, and with the help of others, have maintained a steady program of training in spite of the Tet offensive and its after effects.

