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We asked for one, but Three Were Given

by Elam Sinaga, Retired Pastor

MORE than a year ago, the Sarawak Mission approached the director of Radio Sarawak for the purpose of broadcasting religious programs. To our dismay we were flatly denied. A few months ago, however, we went to see the director of the Dayak section and asked for the privilege to broadcast in the Iban language only. Later, to our surprise, he wrote that they would give us special time to broadcast, not only in Iban, but in English and Chinese as well. We thank God for the answer to our prayers. We asked for only one, but three were given.

Several responses to the first Iban

broadcast have come. A letter was received at the Mission office from the headmaster of a school in the village of Kapit telling of his interest in our broadcast. To quote: "I write to tell you how happy I am to hear your church broadcasts on Radio Sarawak. Particularly, I am delighted to hear all the hymns and the way you pray for your hearers. I am sure that all the other people of other denominations are delighted to hear this wonderful broadcast. I am a member of the Anglican church. I hope that God will bless this church of yours to grow successfully."

Recently, before the second

broadcast went out over the air waves, we again visited the director of the Iban section. Without soliciting his comment, this is what he said, "I enjoyed your first program. The community here in Kuching liked it very much. How did you get all those beautiful hymns? This program of yours exceeds all the other religious programs put on by other denominations."

This gentleman was instrumental in leading us to another man who helped to make possible the arrangement of the second broadcast. This other man is the assistant program arranger, and this is what he said, "I liked your first program very much. How did you manage to have those beautiful songs put in? If you will continue your program, I will be of service to you anytime you need me."

The response to our program continues to grow, and we are already preparing for a half-hour program to be used during this coming Christmas season. It is very possible that if our programs continue to satisfy the directors and others in the radio station, we may be given half an hour instead of fifteen minutes every month. The Iban program is broadcast at 7:00 o'clock in the morning and repeated at 7 p.m. in the evening. The English broadcast is at 7:15 in the evening. We solicit the prayers of all of God's people for these broadcasts in Sarawak.

UNITED LAYMEN'S CONGRESSES

September 30 - October 2 ... Vietnam Mission in Saigon October 4 - 6 ... Thailand Mission in Bangkok October 9 - 12 ... Sabah Mission in Tamparuli October 18 - 20 ... Malaya Mission in Singapore

Elder V. W. Schoen, Associate Lay Activities Secretary of the General Conference and Elder L. A. Shipowick from the Division will be the main speakers for these congresses. Every church should plan to send as many active lay workers as possible as this will be a tremendously inspirational gathering.

Guest Editorial

Dear Fellow Believers Around the World:

TWO years ago today thousands of God's people were together in Cobo Hall in Detroit; Michigan. On that day some of us took over burdens carried long and effectively by worthy predecessors. Your prayers and wonderful cooperation have sustained and strengthened us during the problem-filled intervening months. It has been a joy to serve you in the great challenge of finishing God's work in the earth and hastening the return of our Saviour.

Much has happened during those two years. The smoldering Middle East has burst into flames, posing a threat to world peace. The war in Vietnam has been escalated and thousands of servicemen and hapless civilians have died in the holocaust. In America block after block of the large cities have shuddered with rioting—fire bombing, shooting, and looting. These and other tragic events of our day tell us that the end of all things is at hand!

Brethren and sister, what are we doing about it? Is it the same old business-and-pleasurer-as-usual program? Have the ominous events crowding in upon us failed to arouse us, failed to stir us to action? Dare we continue heedlessly on in our old Laodicean lukewarmness when God is seeking to revive and reform a people who will be ready for His Son's return in the near future?

Thousands of earnest Adventists around the world have been praying fervently that something would happen to the members of God's church—that we would be awakened to our true spiritual condition, that our eyes would be opened to our great need, and that this awakening would result in a great revival and the outpouring of the latter rain. Surely this is God's will. The stage is set. The hour is long overdue!

I wish I could sit down and talk with each one of you personally—to share with you a concern that I feel to the very depths of my being. This concern is that all of us might understand more clearly the solemnity of the hour in which we

live. God is expecting something of each of us—first, that our own lives shall be put in order, and then that we play our part in sharing our faith with those about us. We are two years nearer eternity than when we were together in Detroit. Have those two years seen a change in our lives that makes us more prepared for the ominous events just before us?

We say we want revival. How sincerely do we desire that revival? Enough to permit the Holy Spirit to begin the revival in our own lives? Are we willing to pay the price of full surrender, entire consecration, that will pave the way for revival? Brethren and sisters, something must happen to God's people—to you, to me! Something will happen—to you, to me—if we are willing to pay the price—full surrender to Him.

To the more than 60,000 denominationally employed workers and self-supporting workers around the world, I have a special word as we reach the halfway point in this quadrennium. God is expecting much of us as leaders. Our people are expecting much of us! We dare not fail God nor our fellow believers who have confidence in us. We must be what we desire our members to become. We must be in the vanguard of the revival and

serve in these closing, challenging hours of earth's history! Our living, our preaching, our service, must leave no room for doubt as to where we stand in the great controversy! Ours must be revival leadership, latter rain leadership. It dare not be otherwise.

To the thousands of church offireformation! There must be no credibility gap to separate us from the people whom God has called us to cers serving God's church faithfully in many lands, I make a special appeal. God has laid upon you a solemn responsibility. Whether you are an elder, a deacon, a deaconess, a church treasurer, a Sabbath school superintendent or secretary, an MV leader, or any other officer, God is counting on you to be His witness-His mouthpiece. You are His man, His woman, in your local church. Perhaps He is expecting even more of you as a leader than He expects of those who sit under your ministry. Many eyes are upon you. What do they see-Jesus or the world? Does "the gospel according to you" ring true?

Fellow workers and church officers, let us lead our people into a great fellowship of prayer—in our own closets, in our officers, in our churches, in our institutions—wherever we may be. If two million workers and believers in the Advent hope are praying daily for revival and for a finished work, something is bound to happen. Something will happen!

Our Bible—the precious Word of God—must be a part of our daily experience with Him. It is so easy to let the daily paper, the weekly



Three old friends enjoyed a happy reunion recently when Pastor L. F. Bohner, manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, visited Singapore. He was at one time the secretary-treasurer of the Malayan Union and spent many years in this area. Mr. Choo Yau Fong and Pastor K. T. Kong, plus a host of friends, helped Pastor Bohner enjoy his five-day stay.

news magazine, the radio, the TV, and many other things crowd out the time we should spend with the Word. Only the Book that comes from God will lead us to God! In an age of moral relativism, when spiritual values are being eroded by unbelief, when emphasis is placed upon a theology of social change, God's people must be anchored to the Rock. Our only safety in a permissive age of doubt is in close contact with our Source of power through His Word.

So, brother, sister of mine—how is it with you? Does this halfway point in our current quadrennium find you two years better prepared to meet your Master? Has victory over sin become a reality in your life? Have the penetrating beams of revival flooded the chambers of your heart? Has the Lord used you to win some souls for Christ during these two years? Is your life a daily witness for Him?

Time is slipping by so rapidly! We dare not delay. Revival, reformation, sacrifice, and evangelism are still the challenge of the hour. God has heard the appeal of His people. God has blessed. Multiplied thousands are responding and moving into line. The next two years must be the best, the most power-filled years in the history of God's remnant church. My personal appeal to you—yes, you individually—is that through God's strength you will help to make it so!

Sincerely yours in Christian love, Robert H. Pierson

David Crabtree, a graduate of Pacific Union College, arrived recently in Thailand, to serve as a student missionary teaching english at the school at Ubon. He replaces the Benson's, who served at Ubon for a year, and recently returned to the United States. Pastor Sopon, Ubon, and Pastor P. G. Wick, president of the Thailand Mission, were on hand in Bangkok to welcome David when he arrived.







Top picture—Pastor K. T. Chin and Pastor T. K. Chong, are pictured here with members of the Malacca Church evangelistic team. Meetings are continuing at present. Lower picture—Pastor H. Y. Cheah and Pastor T. K. Chong, are seen here with the members of the Kuala Lumpur English Church evangelistic team. Meetings have concluded but Bible study groups are still meeting.

EVANGELISM PUTS SPARKLE INTO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Says Mission President T. K. Chong

ON June 30, an evangelistic effort began in Kuala Lumpur English church with an average nightly attendance of fifty people. Later, when Pastor H. Y. Cheah organized the Bible study class, the enrollment continued very strong. These classes are continuing now that the 20-night evangelistic series has been concluded.

In Malacca, on August 4, fifty people attended the opening night services of the evangelistic series, and approximately 40 have joined Pastor K. T. Chin's Bible study class. Because of unbearable noise in the hall that was first rented, it was necessary to move to a quieter place, but the people continued coming in spite of this inconvenience. Sixteen nights of meetings were conducted in Malacca.

Someone has said, "Evangelism is to the Christian life, what water is to a Delco dry battery." How true it is, for evangelism puts sparkle into the Christian life. Pastor T. K. Chong, Malaya Mission president, joined with these two pastors in these public efforts over the past two months. Together, with the loyal support of local church members, working as ushers, projectionists, greeters and other important functions, a good harvest of souls is expected.

May the day come soon in the Malaya Mission when all of our co-workers, regardless of what line of work they are engaged in, will launch out by faith in public evangelism. Let us leave the results with God. Our part is to preach the everlasting gospel to everyone because of the urgency of the times in which we live, and the Lord will surely bless us and do His part in giving an increase of souls to His church. This is His work, and we are only instruments in His hands.



Top picture—Shown here are the pastors and their teachers who attended the ministerial extension school held in August at Bangkok. Lower picture—Pastor R. E. Neall, visiting lecturer from Saigon, is shown here working with his translator, Pastor Sunti, teaching lessons from the Pauline Epistles.

Engkaruh Dedication

by Vera Ortner

SABBATH, June 8, was a high day for Kampong Engkaruh. A lovely new church was dedicated to the Lord, a baptism was conducted and films were shown on Saturday night. It was a joyous as well as sad day for the people. Their pastor, who had been with them for three years, was leaving for a new post of duty. Parting with the pastor and his family was sad, and many tears were shed Sunday morning as the jeep with the household goods and family drove from the village.

To help celebrate the church dedication, the choir from Ayer Manis School under the direction of Mr. Danny Oh Siew Leong, presented the special music. Pastors Keizer and Ortner from the school were also present for the dedication and baptism.

Four short years ago Kampong Engkaruh was a heathen village with pigs and mud everywhere along with the illnesses that accompany such surroundings. Today you will find the old longhouses and pigs gone. Each family is living in an individual house with gardens of papaya and sugar cane close at hand. When the village first became interested in Christianity, a large building of jungle materials was built as a meeting place. Since then 184 souls have been baptized.

The Mission sawmill was taken into the village and lumber cut for the houses. The lumber was divided three ways, one portion to the owner of the log, one portion to the sawmill, and one portion for

Thailand Holds Minister Training Extension School

by Don Jacobsen

FROM Phuket in the south, from Ubol in the east, from Chieng Mai in the north, and from a dozen other cities they came, these thirty pastors of the Thailand Mission. The place of meeting was the Mission office in Bangkok, and the occasion was an Extension School sponsored by the Thailand Mission and Southeast Asia Union College.

Teaching a course in Pauline Epistles was Pastor Ralph Neall, president of the Vietnam Mission, and a course in Sermon Preparation was taught by Pastor Don Jacobsen, Ministerial Secretary of the Southeast Asia Union Mission. Mornings of lecture and discussion, afternoons and evenings of earnest study made up the day.

Believing that the strength and growth of the local church is directly related to the strength and growth of the pastors in the field, Pastor Palmer Wick, president of the Thailand Mission, and the Mission committee arranged this special time of intensive study for the Thailand workers from August 5 to 23.

the church. As a result, the village was able to erect a lovely new church half again as large as the original building. Each Sabbath finds the church filled with people seeking the Lord. Brother Martin Sasun has been the under-shepherd of this village for the past three years. Brother Anam is returning to Engkaruh as pastor. Brother Anam first went into the work at Engkaruh as an assistant to Brother Martin for almost a year.

This is the beautiful new Engkaruh church. Pastor Keizer is seen in the doorway, and some of the students of Ayer Manis school and a few church members were also present when the picture was taken.



Student Missionaries to Ayer Manis School

by Vera Ortner

A YER Manis School in Sarawak has the privilege of having two student missionaries on campus this summer.

Southern Missionary College is sponsoring Harry Nelson, III, a junior pre-med student, for almost two months in Sarawak. Harry has been carrying a full teaching load, filling in for a teacher who has recently left for further studies in the United States. Aside from his teaching responsibilities, Harry has had chapel services, vespers, and each weekend he preaches in a different village church. Harry has been giving invaluable help to Aver Manis and the Sarawak Mission during the time he has been here. Harry has also been spending time taking movies, still pictures, and recording sounds in Sarawak to take back to his college to be able to share more fully his experiences with his friends and teachers. His one regret is that he cannot take back a durian, not even the smell! From here Harry will continue his trip around the world, arriving back just on time for school in September.

Bob Bretsch, a senior academy student at Far Eastern Academy in Singapore, arrived at Ayer Manis shortly after school was out. When the business manager was transferred to Sunny Hill School, Bob accepted the responsibility of the business office, doing an excellent job there as well as helping out on the bulldozer, block machine, helping in a funeral, preaching in a village church every Sabbath; and in short, being of service.

Ayer Manis School and the Sarawak Mission are indeed grateful to such fine educational institutions and Christian parents that produce young dedicated men of this high caliber.

News Notes from Sarawak

MR. Danny Oh Siew Leong, one of our teachers, left Sarawak July 12 for his home in Penang in preparation for his departure to the United States. He expects to attend Walla Walla college this coming school year. Danny has taught at





Top picture—Two student missionaries to Ayer Manis school this summer, were Bob Bretsch and Harry Nelson. They are shown here with two students from the school, preparing materials for the block machine. Lower picture—Pastor C. A. Ortner, principal at Ayer Manis, proudly displays the newest piece of equipment to arrive at the school. The school has needed a tractor for its farm work and other diversified projects.

Ayer Manis for the past year and a half.

While C. A. Ortner was on furlough last summer the need for a tractor for Ayer Manis School was presented and friends in the States made it possible to purchase a Ford tractor for the school farm. With help from SAWS the tractor arrived on the campus the first week in July. Several acres of land have been plowed with the attachments that were sent with the tractor.

In place of the regular faculty meeting after school recently, the teachers decided to go out and plant beans and corn in the field the tractor had prepared. There were over a hundred teachers and students in the garden for over an hour getting the seeds into the ground before the threatening rain began to fall. The tractor is already proving its worth to the school.

Dr. and Mrs. Carlyle Welch of Saigon and their small daughter, Beth Ann, along with Dr. Welch's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Lowell Welch of Union College, were weekend guests at Ayer Manis the weekend of July 20.

The D. F. Aldridge family left Kuching by air Sunday, June 30, for the United States. Mr. Aldridge has been the principal of Sunny Hill School for the past two years, coming to Kuching from Singapore where he had been principal at Far Eastern Academy.



Publishing House Manager Ordained to Gospel Ministry

ON a beautiful Sabbath morning in the busy and turbulent city of Saigon, Brother Le Cong Giao was ordained to the gospel ministry. Pastor D. R. Guild, Union President, delivered the ordination sermon at the 11 o'clock worship hour at the Phuan Nhan Vietnamese Church, July 13. Brother Giao's family, including his parents and brothers with their families, were also present at this service.

Pastor L. F. Bohner, manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, and Elder E. A. Brodeur, Far Eastern Division Publishing Department Secretary, were also on hand to offer their congratulations to Brother Giao and his wife.

Pastor Do Binh gave a brief history of Brother Giao's experience as a worker and the success that the Lord has granted him thus far in his work. Pastor Pham Thien, Vietnam Mission Lay Activities and Sabbath School Secretary, presented the charge, and Pastor V. L. Bretsch, Union Publishing Department Secretary, welcomed Brother Giao into the fellowship of the ministry.

Sabah Holds First Literature Evangelist Institutes in Years

FOR a number of years, Sabah has been without publishing leadership. Recently, the mission committee appointed Pastor J. H. Benedicto to be the new publishing secretary and on June 1st, he took up this new responsibility.

In late June, accompanied by the Union publishing secretary, Pastor Benedicto conducted institutes at Goshen school, where nearly eighty recruits were trained at a two-day meeting, and at Tamparuli, at the Sabah Training School, where another large group of over sixty, attended a three-day training course.

In the picture at the right, those from the Tamparuli area are seen. With such an army of youth, as this, rightly trained, what marvelous results will soon be seen in the circulation of the printed page throughout Sabah. Pastor Benedicto is standing near Pastor George Munson, president of the mission, on the right in the back row.



Shown here are those who participated in Brother Le Cong Giao's ordination. R. E. Neall, mission president, E. A. Brodeur, FED publishing secretary, Mrs. Le Cong Giao, Pastor Giao, D. R. Guild, union president, V. L. Bretsch, union publishing secretary, and L. F. Bohner, manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

It is very interesting to note that the General Conference office staff had set aside July 12, Friday morning, to remember Brother Giao in their prayers. Friday morning in Washington, D.C., is Sabbath morning in Saigon; therefore, while our General Conference brethren were remembering in prayer Brother Giao, we were in Saigon conducting his ordination service. In the coming days this will no doubt give Brother Giao great courage as he goes forward in his new area of responsibility and privilege.

The Vietnam Signs Press has prospered, is stronger financially, and better prepared to meet the needs of our people than it has

ever been at any other time in its history. New equipment and the latest in techniques are being used by our workers within the plant. A new office building housing the B&PA and managerial offices will be opened within the next few months. Since the Tet offensive in February, sales from our literature evangelists have again climbed to nearly 100 percent of what they were late in 1967. Brother Giao has had a great deal to do with the success of our program there, and we do appreciate his leadership very much. We solicit an interest from all of God's people for he and his family that they might continue to serve the Lord in a strong way.



It's All Over Now Or Is It?

by David Wong, Assistant Pastor, Ballestier Church

THE Word of Life crusade is now all over, it seems, but the results it has brought and the challenge and influence it leaves behind are tremendous. More than one hundred and ten precious souls have been led to Christ's fold, and many more are being prepared for baptism in the very near future. Every member of our church feels the burden for souls. In order to bring those who are still in the valley of decision to take their stand for Christ, great efforts have been put forth; hundreds of Bible studies have been given, scores and scores of Gift Bibles and lessons have been placed in the hands of many seekers of truth.

The after-effect of this crusade is inestimatable. Members of our church have a broader and clearer vision of soul-winning work; the fire of winning souls for Christ is being kindled in many hearts. To preach "Christ and Him crucified" has become the desire of many young men and women. The members of the "Preachers of Tomorrow", a club organized by the ministerial students of Southeast Asia Union College and those who are planning seriously to enter the ministry, being inspired by the evidence of God's spirit working in the many hearts of the people of Singapore during and after the Crusade, have boldly launched out in a project named "Block Evangelism". This project is so called because of the many tall buildings put up by the Singapore government in the various housing estates and in which the members of the club seek to evangelize.

This group of enthusiastic young men and women, by the grace of God and the support of local church members, have successfully launched out in their project, holding their first meeting on the 12th of August. Each meeting begins with some inspiring music, followed by a motion picture on health, then a sermonette. Toward the end of the meeting, truth-filled literature and VOP enrollment cards are distributed. Onthe-spot enrollment is done with great success.

Since the meeting began, more than 2000 pieces of literature have been given away, about 500 VOP enrollments have been recorded, and large numbers of Singaporeans have heard the message about "Christ and Him crucified." Praise the Lord!

Surely the Lord will bring great things to pass in this generation!

New Officers of Overseas Students Association at Philippine Union College

THE Overseas Students Association of Philippine Union College has elected the new set of officers to carry on the function of the Overseas Students Association for the school year 1968-1969. They are:

President: Willy Nobuo (Micronesia)

Vice President: Leong Swee Gin (Malaysia)

Secretary: Susan Sunipa (Thailand)

Treasurer: Mrs. Chiaratanasen (Thailand)

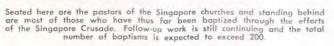
PRO: Willy Wurangian (Indonesia)

Parliamentarian: Lawrance Pohan (Malaysia)

Two members-at-large: Cherry Le (South Vietnam) Mrs. Bayech (Ethiopia)

At present there are 42 overseas students, comprised of undergraduate and graduate students in Philippine Union College. They come from different parts of the world, representing 16 different countries. The biggest group is from Southeast Asia Union Mission of the Far Eastern Division.







The Singapore Chinese Church was filled to capacity on June 29th for the meeting that climaxed the series of the Singapore Crusade. Pastor Don Jacobsen, and area pastors, cooperated in bringing together their various congregations for this large service.

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News Notes

by Maggie Tan

- Jonathan Kong Hon Hin has been appointed Business Manager of Southeast Asia Union College. He takes the place of Pastor W. Y. Chen who is now assistant-treasurer in the Union.
- LimYeow Kheng is the latest addition to the faculty of Southeast Asia Union College He does subject teaching in the secondary school.
- Dr. & Mrs. James Low are back from the U.S. on a short vacation with their folks. Dr. Low has just completed his first year residency in Internal Medicine. His wife, the former Regina Lim, is a medical technologist at Glendale Hospital, California. Both are alumni of SAUC.

Literature Evangelist Institutes - 1968

Malaya at Port Dixon	Sept.	23-28
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Thailand at Bangkok	Oct.	14-19
Sabah at Sandakan	Oct.	25-27
Sarawak at Schools(Sunnyhill & Ayer Manis)	Oct.	28-30

- Herbert Sormin is back from the Philippines and will soon leave for Sarawak in response to a call from Sunny Hill School. He has a B. A. in History and Philosophy and has completed his academic requirements for an M. A. degree. He is currently working on his thesis to fulfill requirements.
- Esther Chong left for Australia in June. She plans to study nursing there.
- Danny Oh Siew Leng passed through Singapore on his way back to Penang and thence to Walla Walla College where he has been accepted for this school year. He has been teaching at Ayer Manis School the past two years.
- May Chin left for England in July to take up nursing. She was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chin Too Min, and Mr. & Mrs. T. C. Chin. Her folks are on a world tour and plan to be away for about a year.
- Dr. & Mrs. George Cheng arrived in Singapore from the U. S. on August 4. Dr. Cheng is here to attend the third congress of Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology. He and his wife arrived just in time to celebrate his parents' Golden Wedding Anniversary on August 6. His mother is the sister of Mr. C. M. Lee.
- . A. L. Pauner, father of Harold and Geoffrey Pauner, passed peacefully to his rest at Youngberg Memorial Hospital on July 31, 1968, after a prolonged illness bravely and most cheerfully borne.
- Gerald Koh has been accepted into Canadian Union College for the new school year. He left with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Koh, on a world tour in mid-August before settling down in Canada to continue with his studies. His father, Mr. Koh, is a Oantas engineer and is entitled to a world trip with his family every five years. This is their third trip. They will meet the rest of the family, Valmai, Kenneth, and Pamela, at Los Angeles.



New Auditor Assumes Duties in the Office

BROTHER Gilbert Gurusamy, who for eleven years served as a missionary to Thailand, arrived with his family in Singapore this past month, to assume his new responsibilities as union auditor.

He brings with him a background of many years experience in mission secretary-treasurer's work. Already he has visited most of our missions, assisting the former auditor, H. H. Kong. His wife, Hepsie, is teaching on the staff at Southeast Asia Union College.

We welcome them to our union staff, and wish them well in their new duties.

Twenty-four Overseas Students Received Diplomas

DURING the school year of 1967-1968, twenty-four overseas students graduated from Philippine Union College with the Bachelors or Masters diplomas in their respective field of concentration. The breakdown is as follows:

Boswana: 1, India: 1, Indonesia: 1, Japan: 1, Malawi: 1, Malaysia: 3, Micronesia: 4, Pakistan: 1, Singapore: 2, Korea: 1, Thailand: 4, Tanzania: 1, South Vietnam: 3.

This is the largest number of overseas students ever graduated from Philippine Union College in any school year. As these graduates go back to serve their respective mission fields, we wish them God's richest blessings.