

FAR EAST HARVEST



The Messenger

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To Our Seventh-day Adventist Church Members in Southeast Asia:

For many years we have called for the participation of our church members in various programs designed to scatter widespread the seeds of gospel truth. Literature distribution, branch Sabbath schools, Bible correspondence school lessons, radio broadcasts -- all of these and many other projects have captured the enthusiasm of our church members and have been successful in introducing the gospel to millions of people throughout our scattered territory.

Much of this seed has borne fruit. We are thankful for our steadily increasing membership. Yet how often we say: "Some day there will be a real harvest. Some time before Jesus comes we will see thousands of these people who have heard the truth coming into the church."

Echoing from the past, we hear the words of the Saviour: "Say not ye, 'There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

We believe Christ is speaking to us. We believe that Harvest Time Is Now.

That's why we have developed the integrated program of total evangelism, FAR EAST HARVEST. Designed to reap where the seed has already been growing, FAR EAST HARVEST includes the whole church.

Every department! Every member! You!

You'll be hearing more, much more, about FAR EAST HARVEST. Detailed plans will be announced. There will be a Gift Bible program. There will be Revival and Decision Meetings. There will be Special Baptism Days.

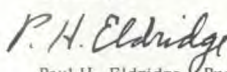
And there will be something for you to do.

Christ said: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." We have prayed this prayer. And God has answered us. He has ripened the harvest. He has sent you to help.

That's what FAR EAST HARVEST is all about.

Harvest Time Is Now!

Cordially,

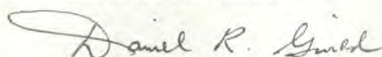


Paul H. Eldridge, President
Far Eastern Division

The FAR EAST HARVEST program is the soul winning program for the Southeast Asia Union. The first Gift Bible Evangelism seed -- the heart of the FAR EAST HARVEST program -- was planted in Singapore and already as a result the Singapore Evangelistic Crusade, led by Don Jacobsen, has reaped more than one hundred souls. This is the pattern.

We now have a simple plan for soul winning that every church member can participate in and be thrilled by. Let us all unite and join with Jesus and the angels in TELLING SOUTHEAST ASIA the Good News!

Yours for a Finished Work,



Daniel R. Guild, President
Southeast Asia Union Mission

TELL SABAH . . . TELL SARAWAK . . . TELL SINGAPORE . . .

SOUTHEAST ASIA THE GOOD NEWS

A FIVE-FOLD EVANGELISTIC THRUST . . .

① Awaken and Develop an Interest in Every Heart.

A united thrust by every institution, every worker, and every member to awaken an interest in the Good News through every available means—Branch Sabbath Schools and Vacation Bible Schools, door-to-door literature distribution and Voice of Prophecy enrollment drives, home Bible studies and lay evangelistic campaigns.

② Place a Bible in Every Hand.

Intensive follow-up of developed interests through Gift Bible Evangelism, the newest development in soul winning. To be used chiefly to follow-up ripened interests and Voice of Prophecy graduates—by teachers with their students, doctors with their patients, literature evangelists with their customers, lay members and youth with their friends and neighbors.

③ Hold a Reaping Effort in Every District.

Harvest the Gift Bible Evangelism graduates who are waiting to be gathered in—through reaping efforts, union-wide, conducted in every city, in every church, by every pastor, involving every member.

④ Conduct Baptismal Classes in Every Church.

⑤ Integrate New Members into the Total Church Program.

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New Union Educational-MV Secretary

PASTOR F. H. Hewitt comes to the Southeast Asia Union as our new Educational-MV Secretary with a wide background of experience. He has been a teacher, a dean of boys, the principal of four academies, a district pastor, an evangelist and the Educational-MV Secretary of the Texico Conference.

His wife, Vera Hewitt, has had experience as a secretary, a teacher and registrar.

Both are graduates of Madison College. In addition Pastor Hewitt has his M.A. degree in education from the University of Arkansas. The Hewitts have two grown children who remained in the United States.

The Hewitts arrived in September. Pastor Hewitt has already entered into his new work with vigor.



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pires to meet this urgent need. Again, after waiting for eight long months, Pastor and Mrs. Angel G. Biton, together with their three robust boys, arrived here on August 23. They received a very cordial welcome to the Thailand Mission. Pastor Biton is an alumnus of Philippine Union College. He hails from Northern Luzon Mission where, prior to their coming here, he was a district leader with six to eight churches under his care. He was ordained to the ministry on December 3, 1967. Mrs. Biton, nee Nenita Sumalnap, is a graduate nurse of the Philippine Union College School of Nursing. Shortly after her graduation she was called to serve at the Benghazi Adventist Hospital in Libya for three and a half years.

The writer accompanied them to Vientiane on September 29 to help them get settled in their new field of labor. With the previous help of Pastor K. S. Wong and Mr. George Smith, a USAID official at Vientiane, a large apartment has been rented for the new family. The apartment will also serve as a temporary place to hold church services.

Pastor R. C. Hall pioneered the Lord's work in Laos by establishing a mission station at Namtha in 1957, and the writer was called to assist him in 1959. But Namtha is located more than 400 miles to the North, and there has been no work at Vientiane, except some literature evangelism, so the Bitons will actually be doing pioneering work at the Laotian administrative capital.

News Notes

by Maggie Tan

● **A**DELINE Tan left for Andrews University in August to further her studies in music.

● **Pong Foo Wai** left for Canadian Union College in mid-September. He will continue his studies in the field of business.

● **David Wong** left in September for Andrews University where he will take his M.A. in religion.

● **Daphne Pan** was awarded a Graduate Fellowship by York University, Toronto, Canada. She will take her M.A. majoring in English.

● **Jark Lau** left in September on a year's Research Fellowship in England. He was accompanied by his wife, the former Alice Wong, and two children.

● **Oscar Chung** recently left for Union College where he has been accepted for the new school year.

● **Dr. Matthew Tan Seow Cheng**, youngest son of Pastor & Mrs. Tan Kia Oh, is home on a vacation cum three-month elective course at Youngberg Memorial Hospital. Dr. Tan graduated from Southeast Asia Union College in 1962 and is now completing his last year of medical studies at Loma Linda University.

New Missionary Family to Laos

by A. V. Pangan
(Departmental Secretary, Thailand Mission)

DURING the last two years the sixteen believers in Vientiane, Laos have been patiently waiting for an answer to their "Macedonian call." The Thailand Mission called a worker from the North Philip-



Pastor P. G. Wick, Thailand Mission President, is extending a hearty welcome to Pastor Biton. Looking on is Pastor A. V. Pangan, a one-time missionary to Laos.

Block Evangelism

by Don Jacobsen

THERE was an air of confidence about their every action as they loaded the lorry. And with good reason — they were veterans! These were the two dozen members of the Preachers of Tomorrow Club in Singapore enroute to meeting number five of a unique venture in evangelism. Let me tell you about it.

New high-rise apartment blocks in Singapore will soon house a quarter of a million families. Un-numbered thousands of these multi-lingual residents have never heard the gospel story. How to reach them? If they will not come to our meeting, let's take the meeting to them. And that's how the idea was born.

Each Sunday evening the lorry pulls into the parking area of one of the apartment blocks, and while a tape recorder sends sacred music drifting out among the buildings, the projection screen is erected and the motion picture begins. "One in 20,000," the movie showing the removal of a lung made cancerous from cigarette smoking, always gets a crowd.

When the movie is over two young men step to the pulpit on the back of the lorry and preach a 20-minute translated sermonette on world conditions. Then it's time for the entire team to go to work, and the other club members move

among those gathered to take enrollments to the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course.

Some evenings are more memorable than others. For instance, the very first night a sudden storm ripped their screen and dampened their projector. But it didn't dampen their enthusiasm. Next week, screen repaired, projector dried out, they were back at it again.

Results? Thus far about 3,000 have listened and watched. Of that number more than 500 have enrolled in the VOP Correspondence Course! And the end is not yet.



A Message from Our Division President

To Every Seventh-day Adventist in the Far Eastern Division:

Our church has a reputation for liberality. Every week our members are faithful with their tithes and offerings. Once each year, however, on the final Sabbath of the Week of Prayer we have the most important offering of the year, the annual **Week of Sacrifice Offering**. Traditionally, our workers and members have united in taking the goal of a full week's income for this offering. God has honored these gifts. He has also given outstanding evidence of His blessing on those who have participated. On **Sabbath, November 9**, the opportunity comes again. May God be with each one of you as you participate in this offering.

Cordially yours,
Paul H. Eldridge, President
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TELL MALAYA . . . TELL SINGAPORE . . .

A NEW DAY has come to the Malaya Mission. The Gift Bible Evangelism program was first implemented this year in connection with the Singapore evangelistic crusade with tremendous results—200 will be baptized by year-end. What has happened in Singapore can be repeated in every nook and corner of the Malaya Mission as a result of concerted action on the part of workers and laymen. Inspired by the Holy Spirit the 2,800 workers and members of the Malaya Mission pledge to support the FAR EAST HARVEST program.

—T. K. Chong, President

TELL SABAH . . .

GOD HAS INSPIRED the leaders of our Far Eastern Division to organize the church for the final harvest of souls. We believe that it is time for the FAR EAST HARVEST. The workers and believers of the church in Sabah pledge our support to work hand-in-hand to help reap a large harvest in Sabah. With a prayer on our lips, we will enter every village, every city home from Tiulon to Kabatazan, from Sandakan to Kota Kinabalu. By the grace of God, we will TELL SABAH, NOW!

—George W. Munson, President

TELL VIETNAM . . .

FAR EAST HARVEST, with its emphasis on Gift Bible Evangelism, has captured the imagination of our people in Vietnam. We believe it is a plan "straight from the heart of God." We see the Lord going before us and urging to follow faster. A not yet baptized soldier heard about Gift Bible Evangelism, and he paid for the translation of the Study Guides. A local member contributed the first one hundred Bibles without being asked. Vietnam has printed its lessons. The workers are preparing their budgets. The HARVEST is now beginning.

—Ralph Neall, President

TELL THAILAND . . .

THIRTY-TWO MILLION SOULS in Thailand, and two million in Laos, present a tremendous challenge! New methods must be used, but also there must be a renewed consecration. God has called us to the Kingdom of Thailand for such a time as this! Gift Bible Evangelism is the finest method of spreading the gospel since the Bible correspondence course was devised many years ago. We have the method, now we need workers and lay members who will put the method to work. We pledge to make the FAR EAST HARVEST a real harvest of souls.

—Palmer G. Wick, President

TELL SARAWAK . . .

FAR EAST HARVEST challenges every layman and every worker in Sarawak to a deeper dedication and a firmer commitment to touch lost humanity with the Good News of the gospel. We believe that "Many," in Sarawak, "are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in," ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, page 109. With prayer and with the power of the Holy Spirit, we will reap the harvest in Sarawak.

—R. C. Hall, President