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Public Evangelism Special



R. S. Watts, Jr., Appointed President of Union

MONDAY, November 17, Pastor R. S. Watts, Jr., of Singapore, was appointed president of the Southeast Asia Union Mission, replacing D. R. Guild who has recently returned to America.

Pastor Watts comes with a wealth of experience both in the U.S. and the Far East and is well known throughout the Union field. He was born in Korea where his parents were serving as missionaries in the Korean Union. Later he attended school in Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Singapore. In 1950 he returned to America where he continued his education and graduated from Union College in Nebraska with a Bachelor's Degree in Religion with special emphasis in speech and history.

In 1952 he married Patricia Ann Ortnor, a schoolmate, who also graduated from Union College with a degree in Business Administration and a music minor.

After finishing college Watts did pastoral and evangelistic work and served as Lay Activities and Sabbath School Secretary in the Nebraska and North Dakota conferences.

In June of 1963 the Watts returned to Korea where he served as Lay Activities and Sabbath School Secretary. Here they remained until March, 1967, at which time he was called to Singapore to serve as Sabbath School Secretary for the Far Eastern Division.

Pastor and Mrs. Watts have four children; Edith — 16, Marcia — 13, Steve — 12, and Lori Ann — 10.

Pastor Watts will assume his duties in the near future.



Edith



Marcia



Steve



Lori Ann

Guilds Return to America

AFTER nearly twelve years of service in Southeast Asia, Pastor and Mrs. D. R. Guild and family have returned to the United States on permanent return. Pastor Guild was called to this field in 1958 and since that time has served as pastor of the Balestier Road Church, Ministerial Secretary, Radio-TV Secretary, Director of the Singapore Voice of Prophecy, and since 1966, President of the Southeast Asia Union.

In his capacity as president, Pastor Guild was chairman of the boards of the Union's seven medical institutions, three publishing houses, Southeast Asia Union College, and the Southeast Asia Union Mission Committee.

Mrs. Guild has served in the Singapore Voice of Prophecy office since coming to the Far East, and has seen it quadruple in size and move into spacious new quarters.

The Guild's new responsibilities will be with the parent Voice of Prophecy office headquarters in Glendale, California. Pastor Guild will be a field representative and evangelist, and Mrs. Guild will be connected with the Bible Correspondence School.

Genee, their oldest daughter is currently enrolled at Pacific Union College in California, and Rosanne will complete the school year at Far Eastern Academy before joining her parents in June.



Menggatal Church Grows

RECENT word from Sabah brings good news of the fourteen candidates baptized on September 27, 1969 — the World Baptism Day.

In the back row of the picture at the right are Brother Henry, Menggatal Church Elder; Pastor George W. Munson, Sabah Mission President who baptized the candidates; Abing Santor, laymen who won three of the candidates for Jesus; Martin Ya'ang, the Church Pastor; Majangan and Adang (far left—both with glasses) both laymen who have help prepare the candidates for baptism.

Menggatal church now has one hundred and seventy-nine baptized church members.



Evangelism Moves Ahead In Difficult Areas Of Northern Thailand

PERHAPS no part of Southeast Asia provides greater challenge nor more obstacles to the preaching of the gospel than the northern part of the great kingdom of Thailand. Yet our pastors there are busily engaged in preaching the Word. In fact evangelistic crusades were recently held simultaneously in five of the northern villages. In some of these places the gospel of Jesus Christ has never before been preached.

Pastor Sunti Suwannapha reports

that in the meetings in Prow the average nightly attendance was from 300 to 400. A Bible Marking Class is being conducted to help crystalize the interests and more than 25 attend regularly.

Twelve of our pastors and ministerial students have joined together for this concerted push into needy fields. For some, it is the first time they have ever done public evangelism. Pastor Jon Dybdahl is helping to plan and coordinate this extensive evangelistic outreach.

Branch Sabbath School Wins Souls

THE home of Brother and Sister Chong Heng Chow has been a Branch Sabbath School for more than a decade. Seven persons had been baptized through the years, but recently a family of five were baptized into the K. L. English Church through the efforts of Mrs. B. L. Ngoi, the young people, and the Pastor of the church. This makes a total of 12, mostly adults, since the inception of this Branch Sabbath School, which is conducted in Chinese and in English.

lot. You see, in fact, we had two meetings simultaneously! We were very touched by the sight of these young children, roaming the streets. We remember Jesus' attitude when He said to His disciples "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not." We simply just had to do something for them. So we have started a "Story Hour" especially for them on Sabbath afternoons, telling them about Jesus, character-building stories, teaching them songs, making friends with them. From the number of 40-50 during our effort, our Story Hour (or Branch Sabbath School) now has over 100 of them. The program is so popular that we run short of teachers and materials.

Everywhere we look around us opportunities are opening.

MV Voice of Youth Meetings at Toa Payoh Singapore

By Gary Tay

TOA PAYOH will be the largest satellite town in Singapore, population-wise, housing a third of a million people. The potential for God's work is just tremendous in this area.

We had an average nightly attendance of 50, and 34 persons responded to the altar calls. For many of us young people working together, it just thrilled our hearts to see so many people coming forward, deciding for God, accepting Jesus as their personal Saviour. In

fact we got rather nervous. We had lots of things to pray for during this effort, especially on the last day of the effort. At present we are doing the follow-up work on these interests, further strengthening their convictions. Several adults and young people, particularly of junior age, have already been baptized. More will follow.

We want to tell you something interesting. During the meetings we were rather surprised to see so many primary school age children coming. Because this effort did not especially cater to this age group and because of their restlessness (and noisiness) we had a very capable brother by the name of Tang Swee Keng who held separate meetings for them in the parking

**Harvest Time
is Now!**

Evangelism in the Maranatha Pathfinder Club

By Alousious Ong

THE Pathfinder Club of The Singapore Malay-Speaking Church was founded in 1966, under the directorship of Mr. Peter Tan. The first investiture service was conducted by Pastor Bertochini, the Division M. V. Secretary. This year we are proud to present twenty-six members of the club for investiture by Pastor Lantry, Associate Division Education Secretary.

Among the various activities organized by the club, such as outings to off-shore islands, hikes and picnics, we had also organized an annual campfire. It is through these activities that new members were enrolled. Also, throughout all these activities the club members carry with them V.O.P. enrollment cards and endeavour to spread the light by encouraging visitors who attend our club functions to enroll. Through the interest created in the club three young people were recently baptized into the church.



SINCE the General Conference Session of 1966, Elder Robert Pierson, president of the General Conference, has challenged our Mis-

Malaya Mission President Sets Evangelical Pace

sion presidents, treasurers, and other administrators and office workers to step into the front lines of evangelism. Many of our men around the world have caught this vision and have had the thrill of proclaiming this message through public evangelistic crusades.

One such administrator is Pastor T. K. Chong, president of the Malaya Mission. Three or four times each year he lays aside his heavy office duties and joins his local pastors in evangelism.

During July and August he teamed up with Lee Tsai Teik, pastor of the Johore Bahru church, for a short series of reaping meetings. Attendance at the services, illustrated with black light diorama, was good throughout the series, and about a dozen indicated their desire to prepare for baptism.



Telugu Evangelism at Bagan Datoh

IN the thirty six years that our work has been established among the Indian people of central Malaya there has never been an evangelistic effort among the Telugu-speaking people of the Kuala Perak Estate area.

Sensing this need, Pastors Benjamin Parmiah and V. N. Joseph approached the manager of the estate and asked whether religious services could be held there. Not only was permission granted, but

a hall equipped with electric lights, was provided free of charge.

Even though a wedding was held at the Estate at the same time on the opening night, still the attendance was more than 200. The following night even more came and the attendance continued well to the end. During the final appeal twelve came forward to accept Christ as their personal Saviour, of whom eight have already been baptised.

Special Telugu Bible lessons have been secured from the Correspondence School in Poona, India, and 36 persons have enrolled in the course.



Evangelistic Meetings in Malacca

By Dr. Wong Chye Tong

IN this historic town of Malacca where Roman Catholicism, Buddhism and Islam religion have a large following, the small group of Adventists here decided to proclaim the message — "Hope for Today". The meetings were held nightly at the Malacca Town Hall which is opposite the Esplanade.

Under the directorship of Pastor K. T. Chin preparations were made months before the meetings took place. Groups of young people of the church contacted V.O.P. students and enrolled new students. Bible Says lessons were also given out and weekly the students were visited to be given help and encouragement. These students were personally invited to attend the meetings.

A week before the start of the meetings, streets banners were hung up above the main streets of the town to publicize the meetings. In addition placards were displayed at the rear of several town buses, and in the cinema advertisement for the meeting was displayed.

The meetings were blessed with fine weather. Night after night, a bus was especially chartered to transport to the meetings people living far away.

We were fortunate to have the services of Pastor Doyle Barnett who came to present the message, and he also screened the Moody Institute of Science Movies which were quite an attraction to the audience of mostly young people.

The last three nights of the meetings Miss See Kwee Lan and Lawrence Loo of S.A.U.C. came to help, mainly with visiting the people who had been attending the meetings. Miss See also gave a heart-touching testimony for Christ and her conversion.

When the final night came, in view of the good attendance, it was decided to hold further 2 nights meetings over the week-ends. This time Pastor Barnett brought five youth from S.A.U.C. and together they held a Voice of Youth Meeting. At the close a call was made, and a total of nearly 35 souls including those who were called at the close of the "Hope for Today Message" took their stand for Christ.

Week of Prayer at Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital

By D. Kenneth Smith

PUNGENTLY comparing the Christian experience of many to his introduction to durian, first extreme prejudice based on reports of others, then a tentative experiment with misgivings and finally addiction, Pastor Royce Williams urged his hearers to "taste and see" for themselves what Christianity has to offer.

Speaker for the Week of Prayer at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital August 29-September 6, Pastor Williams, Ministerial Association and Radio-TV Secretary of the Far Eastern Division chose as his theme for the week, "The Choice Is Mine."

Something new was tried this year as an experiment. Instead of public meetings both morning and afternoon as in the past, in the morning Pastor Williams spoke to the hospital workers and students. In the evening he met in the Nurses Chapel with the students and others who wished to come. After a brief devotional thought and student testimony, those who wished divided into nine smaller groups which met in different rooms. Then for 20-30 minutes these leaders answered questions that had been turned in by the students previously. The students were encouraged to share their thoughts, ask further questions and join in the discussion. Over 200 questions were turned in, but only about half of them were covered, so the remainder are being considered by Pastor Smith, Chaplain, each Tuesday evening during the students' worship period. Most of the students attended these group discussions and enjoyed the change and opportunity to ask questions.

At the Friday morning meeting, opportunity was given for those who wished to "taste and see" by studying the Biblical truths of Christianity further to express their desire. Nineteen students and workers so indicated. Several others requested special prayer. Follow up work will continue with these and others who were already studying. Everyone appreciated the personal testimony of Pastor Williams as he told of his own experience of "tasting" and "seeing" that the Lord is good. His friendliness, spirituality and helpful messages were an inspiration to each one.

Financial Picture Shows Increase, Need

By K. T. Kong

MEMBERS of the Seventh-day Adventist Church throughout the world are known to be a generous people. Why are they so generous in their giving to the Church? I can think of no other reason than that of their belief in the imminent return of Jesus the second time. Because of this burden in their hearts, they are willing to give of their means and time, so the world can be warned and prepared for the soon coming of Christ.

While statistics are sometimes boring, they are, however, important for they point out facts to us. The purpose of this article is to bring to our people the trend of our giving.

In 1958 our per capita of tithe was \$63.69 for the Union while the per capita of mission offerings was \$33.84. Per capita for Sabbath

School offerings was \$12.69. Let us have a look at the figures ten years later or 1968. The per capita of tithe was \$64.04 which means an increase of \$0.35 over that of the 1958 figure. The mission offerings showed a per capita of \$23.93 or a decrease of \$9.91. This is not a good sign. Our mission giving should keep pace with the tithe. You might be interested to observe the figures for tithe, missions offerings, and Sabbath School offerings for the past five years. They are given in the chart below.

We are aware the goal for tithe paying is 100% of our members participating while the goal for the Sabbath School offerings should be 3% of the earnings of the church members. A glance at the schedule below shows how far short we fall in Sabbath School offerings. Let us, as leaders in the missions, pastors, and church leaders promote in a strong way the spirit of greater giving. The needs in the fields are many and great.

Year	Tithe	Inc. %	Per Capita	Mission Offs.	Inc. %	Per Capita	Sabb. Sch. Offs.	Inc. %	Per Capita
1964	488,294.00		58.13	225,014.70		26.78	99,793.33		11.88
1965	558,248.18	14.33	60.05	236,699.71	5.19	25.46	102,989.78	3.20	11.08
1966	588,509.24	5.42	57.71	244,134.56	3.14	23.94	108,200.42	5.05	10.61
1967	670,661.33	13.95	61.48	299,433.00	22.65	27.45	120,755.22	11.60	11.07
1968	757,793.31	12.99	64.04	283,186.96	(5.43)	23.93	133,788.74	10.70	11.31



Vam Ngon Church and School Re-open

DURING the Tet offensive of 1968 the area around our Vam Ngon church in South Vietnam's Mekong Delta was the scene of intense fighting. Scores of homes were destroyed and the total number of casualties has never been fully tallied. Because of the tension in the area most of the population fled, and consequently our church and school, both of which received extensive damage, were closed. For more than a year our people met only in scattered groups, if at all.

Recently, however, the area has been declared secure, and the people have returned. Their homes are being rebuilt, crops planted, and life is returning to normal. Pastor Le Van Ut, a retired minister, has been the spark needed to repair and re-open our school and church in Vam Ngon. He has had to rebuild his house, repair the church, repair the school, and at the same time bring comfort and encouragement to his members.

Recently Pastor Vernon Bretsch, President of the Vietnam Mission, and Pastor Don Jacobsen, Union Ministerial Secretary, visited the Vam Ngon church on the occasion of the re-opening of both the church and the school. Pastor Ut has been conducting evangelistic meetings during the re-building process and on September 27, thirty one were baptized, with nearly a score more to follow before the end of the year.

Character Building School Reaches Youth

WITH characteristic enthusiasm, the members of the Dunman Road church in Singapore launched into their first Vacation Character Building School. Involving approximately a third of the church members as staff, invitations were personally delivered to the homes in the vicinity of the church.

The accompanying picture shows the response on the first day of the School. Approximately three-fourths of the young people who came were from non-Adventist homes!

Besides the stories and the songs and the crafts and the games, the members were determined that this School would be a soul-winning agency, so a concerted effort was put forth to get these same young people attending Sabbath School. And many of them are doing just that.



Kuala Lumpur Harvests 25 Precious Souls

By Lee Peng Cheong

A RECENT Sabbath saw the birth of 24 souls at the Kuala Lumpur church. These were the fruits of our labour which climaxed Pastor Milton Lee's "Signs of the Times" Crusade.

Months before the evangelistic effort, Adventists, young and old, paved the way for a successful crusade through their Gift Bible evangelism. Personal invitations were sent to VOP and Gift Bible students and friends. Thousands of handbills were distributed all over town on the eve of the evangelistic meeting. Scores of banners and hundreds of posters were placed at strategic points all over town and its outskirts.

The Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall was the scene of the three week long campaign. Nightly attendance averaged 200 and thirty-six stepped forward, signifying their desire to unite with God's remnant church when the call was made at the close of the campaign. Following the message "How To Stop Smoking," twenty-five indicated their desire to quit cigarettes.

Pastor Lee carried God's message to the Kuala Lumpur folks in Mandarin and was translated throughout the campaign by Mrs. Milton Lee. Messages in song ranging from solos to octets were presented every night. Kuoyu-English New Testament Bibles were presented to those who attended more than twelve nights and the Chinese "Signs of the Times" magazine were granted free for a year to those who attended the entire three week meeting.

When the Crusade ended the effort was by no means over. Bible lessons were conducted thrice a week, for those who desire baptism, by Pastors H. Y. Cheah and T. M. Giang and David Leoh. Unfortunately, due to the recent disturbances in the federal capital, the Bible lessons had to be stopped. Undaunted, many members gave Bible studies personally to the candidates during the off curfew hours to meet the dateline for the baptism. Already many had had their studies through the Gift Bible Evangelism.

We thank God that we could witness the baptism of these 25 souls who had taken Christ as their personal Saviour.



Quartet



Pastor Milton Lee speaking, David Leong translating.

Bible-in-the-Hand plan was followed at the K. L. crusade.

Chinese Evangelism in Southeast Asia

By Milton Lee

IT was my privilege to conduct three short evangelistic campaigns in Southeast Asia recently. These meetings were held in the new Chinese church in Bangkok, the Chinese Assembly Hall in Kuala Lumpur, and the church in Sandakan. The first series was presented in Mandarin and translated into the Swataw dialect. The second and third were Mandarin efforts with my wife translating into English.

Our audience in Bangkok was made up chiefly of our members and their friends. It was well attended each night. A goodly group took their stand at the close and thus far nine of those have been baptized.

The Kuala Lumpur meetings were concluded shortly before the unrest there. All 22 nights were in the hall and the attendance averaged 200. A Bible class was organized in the church at the conclusion of the series. However these were disrupted after five nights by the curfew. Despite this interruption a fine group of 25 believers were baptized.

The meetings in Sandakan were to have been conducted in the large Community Centre there, but due to political unrest we felt it best to move to the church after five nights. Pastor Tan is following up the interest there at present among the 25 who signified their desire to be baptized in the near future.

The group baptized in Kuala Lumpur.



SAUC Open House

By Maggie Tan

SEPTEMBER 21 was a high day for Southeast Asia Union College, for that day the college opened its doors to parents and members of the business community who donated funds to make the new auditorium and library building possible. Visitors were taken on tours through the gaily decorated campus. Highlight of the day was the Talentime program put up by all the classes in the three schools—primary, secondary, and college. Teachers and students worked hard preparing for this Open House, and a spirit of close unity and loyalty to the school prevailed in all the classrooms.



New auditorium and library.



A look inside the new library building.

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Donations to SAUC

● A personal donation of \$1,350 came in the mail from Pastor & Mrs. C. P. Sorensen for the Southeast Asia Union College library. This generous donation is greatly appreciated and will help to build up the library collection of the college. Donations of books or cash from friends and alumni will greatly help in swelling the number of volumes in the new library. Won't you help?

● Dr. Ray Seet, an alumnus of SAUC, recently sent a donation of \$900 to the college. This was, indeed, a welcome contribution; we hope more of our alumni will do the same for SAUC.

● Mr. C. K. Chung of Singapore Book Emporium presented a set of "The Living Universe," an Encyclopedia of the Biological Sciences to the school library. Our students in Biology have particularly appreciated this set of well-illustrated books.

● Mrs. Marion Simmons presented ten copies of "Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students" and a birthday gift of \$150 for our library needs.

● Pastor Dan Guild successfully negotiated for a generous donation of US\$1,255 earmarked for Southeast Asia Union College. This money is given specifically for enclosing offices at the back of the new library for use by college teachers. Work has already begun on this project.

● Mr. & Mrs. K. D. James Chen generously donated 50 chrome-padded choir chairs for use in the new auditorium. They have promised a further donation of a new set of pulpit furniture.

● Miss Myrtle Fitzgerald, one of our college teachers, donated \$150 to our Building Fund.

● Mr. B. C. Goh of Youngberg Hospital donated a box of books from his personal library. Many of these are previous Ministerial Reading Course books.

News Notes

● Mrs. A. F. Hutabarat has been appointed new Dean of Girls for Southeast Asia Union College.

Departures

● Lawrence Pang, second son of T. S. Pang, left for Canada where he will continue with his college education.

● Wong Yau Yen left for Tennessee State College in September.

● Lim Cheow Teik passed through Singapore on his way to London in early September.

● Andrew Liou Sam Kau and Ng Aik Woo have been accepted to study at Pacific Union College and Atlantic Union College respectively.

● Choo Pek Lin returned from Philippine Union College with a Bachelor's degree and has left again for Walla Walla College to further upgrade himself.

● Leong Meng Huat left for San Francisco State College in early September.

● Daniel Earle Tan and Frank Marden Tan left in mid-September to continue their studies at Andrews University and Pacific Union College respectively.

● Flora Lim left for England to take up a course in music.

● Peter Ho left for Canada to continue his studies there.