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Approximately 1,400 people packed the Conference Hall and overflowed into the foyer the opening night of the crusade. The messages were heard in six different languages simultaneously through transistorized receiving sets.





At the time this is being written there have been two baptisms with a total of fifty having been baptized. There are many more who are at present studying the message and making plans for baptisms. Responding to several altar calls during the crusade were over three hundred who thus expressed a desire to become members of God's church. More baptisms are scheduled in the near future by the churches involved.

A unique feature of the crusade was that each sermon was available to those in attendance in any one of six different languages: English, three Chinese dialects, Tamil, and Malay. This was accomplished by

A MAJOR evangelistic endeavor, The Singapore Christian Crusade, under the direction of Pastors Bruce Johnston and Don Jacobsen, was conducted April 11 to May 2 in the beautiful Conference Hall in downtown Singapore. It was followed by transition meetings in the five Singapore churches during the week of May 3 to May 9. In connection with the crusade a field school was also conducted with daily classes conducted by Pastors Johnston and Jacobsen. More than thirty ministerial students were involved in these classes as well as in the crusade.

Attendance at the crusade began with more than 1,300 present for the opening meeting and continued to be excellent throughout the meeting with an average of approximately 1,000 present.



A corps of faithful counselors who assisted in the crusade.

the use of electronic equipped translation booths and transistorized receiving sets, each carrying six channels.

All five of the Singapore churches participated in making the crusade successful and all five will be strengthened by the addition of new members. The churches were: Southeast Asia Union College Church, the Malay Church, the Chinese Church, the Queenstown Branch Church, and the Balestier Road Church.

Most of the new members are young people and this will mean strength to the cause of God in years to come. Still other youth are struggling with problems that must be solved before they can be baptized. For these, your earnest prayers are needed —R. E. Finney Jr.



Malaya Mission Biennial Session

by Don Jacobsen

A FEW years ago the financial picture in the Malaya Mission was a gloomy one. Today that picture has changed to the extent that the Mission is in perhaps the strongest condition in its 50-year history, and may lead Southeast Asia in its fiscal strength.

On this optimistic report from Pastor Samuel Tsai, Secretary-Treasurer, the 11th Biennial Session of the Malaya Mission began at the comfortable compound of the Baptist Mission at Port Dickson on January 13.

The 61 delegates and 17 pastors from Malaya's 22 churches and companies heard reports of the half million dollars in tithe, the 500 baptisms, the \$100,000 in Sabbath School offerings, the \$200,000 in literature sales, and other evidences of God's blessing during the preceding biennium.

As well as looking back, the Mission leaders and Union representatives presented a forward-looking program for the 70s. The first resolution of the Session was that each established church seek during 1970 to open new work somewhere in the area of that church. While a current shortage of pastors will not permit pressing into isolated areas at this time, detailed plans were drawn up for the expansion of current churches into surrounding neighborhoods and communities.

Initial steps were taken to meet the critical problem of developing church schools in the Mission by electing Pastor Joshua Chong as

Educational Secretary. He will also carry the Lay Activities Department and Ministerial Association.

To bring additional leadership to the Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath School Departments, a call was placed for Elder Wong Yew Seng from the Cholon Chinese church in Vietnam. With a rich background of service in Sabah, Cambodia, and Vietnam, Pastor Wong will also serve as Mission Evangelist.

On the final day of the Session the pastoral workers looked ahead also by faith to 1970 and set for themselves a baptism goal of 577. A spirit of unity, optimism, and enthusiasm pervaded the entire Session, and there is every indication that, under the blessing of God, Malaya Mission is entering upon an unprecedented period of growth.

Literature Evangelists Institute

ON the beautiful Golden Sands beach at Port Dickson in Malaya, about twenty literature evangelists gathered for sales instruction and spiritual encouragement on Monday evening, January 11, 1970. The Malaya Mission Session had just come to a close on the previous day at this same Baptist campground. Many times our denomination has used this place for various kinds of meetings because of the fine facilities and the beautiful surroundings.

Brother L. Pandjaitan, Acting Publishing Secretary for the Southeast Asia Union, and Brother S. S. Daniel, Assistant Publishing Secretary of the Malaya Mission, led out in these meetings with Brother Daniel acting as the chairman. Other instructors and speakers were: Elder M. R. Lyon, Mrs. Choo Yau Fong, Elder T. K. Chong, Elder Samuel Tsai, Mr. C. K. Chan, and Elder Cheah Hun Yong.

Elder Lyon showed some film slides about literature evangelists in Indonesia, Philippines, Japan, and from other places in our Division. The sales instruction and spiritual encouragement given by our leaders brought much help to all our literature evangelists.

All literature evangelists including the leaders made a rededication at the close of the meeting with the aim to double their efforts to finish God's work in Malaya and Singapore. Elder T. K. Chong, President of the Malaya Mission, offered the closing prayer.

—L. Pandjaitan



SAUC-A Senior College

by Maggie Tan

THE General Conference Department of Education has given permission for Southeast Asia Union College to begin offering a third- and fourth-year program in Ministerial and Teacher Training courses.

This is a big step forward for Southeast Asia Union College, and the teachers and administrators are determined to accept the great challenge before them. They are equally determined to make SAUC the best college in the far Eastern Division so there will be no further need for students to go abroad for higher studies in these two fields. This will mean a big saving in time and money. Students will be able to finish their courses with no loss of credits as a result of transferring, and, best of all, at a cost that is within the reach of all.

The administration and staff of Southeast Asia Union College cordially invite all alumni who are still holding the Junior College Diploma to come back to SAUC for a completion of their course in the Ministry or Teacher Training.

College Promotion

DEAN Rau of Southeast Asia Union College brought 12 college students on a promotion trip to Port Dickson and Kuala Lumpur in mid-January. This promotion trip was timed to coincide with the Malaya Mission Biennial Session held at Port Dickson.

The students presented a 45-minute program on the second night of the session. The program included a variety of musical numbers, the first of which was a piano duet of the school song by Jessica Goh and Adeline Cheah. A Physical Education demonstration was followed by talks given by two ministerial students who told of their soul-winning activities in the college church. Their talks were ably translated into Chinese by yet another ministerial student. Two students narrated as colored slides of the school buildings and activities were shown. The program ended with the group singing the school song.



Literature evangelists and speakers who attended the institute which followed the Malaya Mission Session.

Spiritual Revival in Penang

WITH the encouragement of Pastor H. Y. Cheah and Pastor James Wah to have a week of spiritual revival in April, in preparation for the reaping campaign in August during the Voice of Youth, the M.V. Society of Penang held a Week of Prayer from April 4 to 11, 1970.

The week of prayer was sparked off with an inspiring taped message from Pastor Hewitt, Union M.V. Secretary. Dr. Sam Ketting, M.V. Sponsor, gave a special welcome to the week of prayer. Brother Edward Poey, M.V. Leader and recent graduate from Spicer College, gave an inspiring sermon at the service on April 4, encouraging the youth as they "Stand at the Crossroads" to fill their hearts' deep longing by coming to Jesus. This inspiration was rekindled nightly by sisters Karen Tan and Esther Khor and Brothers James Tan and Peter Tan. On April 10 we heard inspiring testimonies. Brother David Hor led out that night. The week of prayer closed with a baptism Sabbath, April 11.

Dr. Effie Jean Ketting showed us some refreshing slides of nature for three nights and Brother Lee Tsai Teik talked about shells for one night. Brother Peter Tan arranged for the special music.

It was surely a week to be remembered as a week of inspiration for all.

—Dorothy Mah, Secretary
Penang English Church

Retirement of Brother Yuen Tse

BROTHER Yuen Tse, who has rendered 30 years of service to the Penang Adventist Hospital, retired at the end of March, 1970. Known to all the pioneers of our medical work in Penang, he has seen the development and expansion of our institution. When Pastor J. M. Nerness, former Union President, called Brother Yuen Tse to work in Singapore, he politely declined and recommended his nephew Peng Kong instead. For many years Peng Kong served faithfully in the workshop of Southeast Asia Union College. Presently he is on the staff of Youngberg Memorial Hospital.

Baptized in 1941, Brother Yuen Tse now recalls with gratitude, the blessings of our heavenly Father on him and his family. He has two sons, one of whom is a ministerial student in SAUC. The other son works in the Maintenance Department of the Penang Adventist Hospital.

—James Wah

Mr. Robieson, the Business Manager, wishing Brother Yuen Tse a happy retirement on the day he terminated his employment.



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On Sabbath afternoon the group went up to Kuala Lumpur and took charge of the church service there. The service featured three student speakers and two special numbers. The group also formed a mini-choir which supplied the responses throughout the service.

The students returned to Singapore feeling very much inspired—glad that they had a part in promoting the school of their choice.

President & Mrs. Daniel Tan also completed a successful promotion tour through Bangkok, Saigon, and Penang in April. President Tan was given the opportunity to speak twice at each place. Excellent contacts were made with prospective students, and home-and-school relationships were further enhanced through personal contacts with students' parents. Several wealthy former students were visited and presented with SAUC's need for a generous donation toward its Library Fund. It is hoped that this promotion trip will bring in many more college students to enjoy a Christian education in the Union's only institution of higher learning.

—Maggie Tan

San Yu Is Making Progress

by James H. C. Wang, Principal

THE Lord has been merciful. He has not overlooked the Chinese-speaking young people in Singapore. The church, in establishing the San Yu High School, is giving these youth an opportunity to obtain not only a true Christian education but a knowledge of the love of God.

During the past twelve years since its founding, hundreds of teenagers have passed through its doors. The majority came from non-Christian homes. Most of them were rebellious, uncontrollable or without a purpose in life. After some time at San Yu, many of them left with a sense of responsibility to offer their humble service to mankind. Many have been baptized; some have gone for further training in our colleges; a few are now working at various posts in our mission.

During the past year the school has launched an ambitious expansion program. Encouraged by the good results of our students who sat for the Singapore Government School Certificate Examination last



Dr. B. E. Olson speaking at the opening ceremony of the Pre-U classes of San Yu High School, with Pastor J. Chong translating.



San Yu students attend ceremony.

year and sensing the need of conducting Pre-University classes to give our pupils another two years' training, permission has been obtained from the Singapore Ministry of Education and blessings from our mission leaders to start these classes. The official opening ceremony for the Pre-U classes was held in February this year. Union and Division representatives were present. Thus another milestone has been added to the road to success for the school.

It has been the dream of everyone connected with the school to provide better facilities for our students. Thanks be to the Lord, this dream will be realized in the very near future. Through the generosity of the Division leaders, the

school will receive as a gift the land adjacent to the school. Dato Tan Hian Tsin and his family will construct on this property a five-story school building as a memorial to their late mother. This will increase the number of classrooms and laboratories and the entire top floor will become a large library. With these new additions, we can look forward to a larger enrollment of students. We give to God all the glory for another goal achieved.

The San Yu High School has entered its thirteenth year of operation. It has been our hope and prayer that this institution may continue to hold as its goal the development of characters of the highest integrity with a sense of loving service for the Master.

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Way of Life Correspondence Course in Lao Language

WHEN Pastor Biton began work in Laos, he had only Chinese members to work with. He is learning the Lao language, but he also needs evangelistic material to work with the Lao people. There is no printed material except the Bible, and Bible portions, in the Lao language. Our church has had nothing printed in Lao up to this time. So the Thailand Mission authorized the translation and printing of the Way of Life course into the Lao language. The Lao language is very similar in sound to the Thai language, but in writing it looks much different, so Thai people are not able to read the Lao printing. Thus it was a major job to translate from English into Lao, and then find a printer. We found it easier to have it printed in Bangkok, then mail it to Vientiane.

Not only will this course be used in Vientiane, but also in Ban Huay Sai, farther north, directly across the river from our church in Chiang Kong. With a church near there we can work with the Lao people from Chiang Kong, and from the village in Nam Yawn, Laos, also.

This Way of Life course has 24 lessons, which cover our complete doctrine. These lessons are made quite simple and easy to understand, especially for people with a non-Christian background. It is a real thrill for us to have this new course in the Lao language!

—Palmer G. Wick, President
Thailand Mission

Saisamorn Suwunee (left) the first V.O.P. graduate in Laos, receives his certificate from Pastor Biton, missionary in Vientiane, while the language teacher and translator of the Way of Life course looks on.



Delegates in attendance at the 11th biennial mission session of the Thailand Mission which was held in the Ekamai School Auditorium, March 17-22, 1970.

Progress in Thailand

by H. W. Bedwell

AS it had been five years since I had attended a session of the Thailand Mission, I listened with interest to the reports of the mission officers and district pastors. These reports indicated continued progress and greater opportunities.

This eleventh business session of the mission was under the capable leadership of the mission president, P. G. Wick, and the secretary-treasurer, C. K. Han. There were about 80 delegates present representing the 14 churches of Thailand and Laos. The delegates met for meetings in the pleasant and comfortable Milne Auditorium of the Ekamai Adventist School in Bangkok.

In the meetings of this eleventh session there were some interesting contrasts as compared to some sessions I attended a few years ago. This session was held in the pleasant Milne Auditorium instead of a crowded and uncomfortable classroom. Another difference was the larger number of delegates present than in former years. Of course this is due to the increased mem-

bership of the mission. Another contrast was the large number of young people present as delegates. This reveals that the younger members of our churches are carrying greater responsibilities in our churches.

Another contrast to some years ago is the appearance of several new buildings and the improvements seen on the Ekamai school compound. One great change is the attractive mission office and publishing house building as compared to the crowded quarters formerly used on the hospital compound.

Several of the important items of progress as revealed in the various reports are as follows:

The Ekamai school has been fully accredited by the government so that M. S. Classes 4 and 5 can be taught. The Ubol Mission School was also accredited. The first government approved church school was recently opened at Phuket. Plans are being made to open a church school also at Haad Yai. The training school recently graduated seven students.

During the Thailand Biennial Session Pastor Chalaw Artamapadung, Pastor Jan L. Dybdahl and Pastor Jerrold J. Aitken were ordained to the gospel ministry.



Ordination in Thailand Mission

by Palmer G. Wick

DURING the Biennial Session of the Thailand Mission three young men were ordained to the gospel ministry. They were Pastor Jerrold J. Aitken, pastor of the Phuket district in south Thailand, Pastor Chalaw Artamapadung the pastor of Ubon district, and Pastor Jon L. Dybdahl, pastor of the Chiangmai district.

Pastor Aitken began work for the denomination in September of 1965. He came to the mission field in September of 1967. He is married to Judy Olson, and they have been blessed with two children, Jay and Jolene. Pastor Aitken has been doing a lot of building during his years of service in Phuket. He has built a beautiful new church, and also our first legal church school. We are very happy for the work that Pastor Aitken has done.

Pastor Chalaw Artamapadung was the second Thai national to be ordained as a minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastor Chalaw has just recently returned from studying in the Philippines where he got a B.A. in Theology and a B.S.E. degree also. He began work for the denomination in 1956 and he married Buareo in 1958. They have four children: Ruth, Chanchai, Naparat, and Busara. Pastor Chalaw has been a pastor in Chiangmai, Bangkok, and Ubon. He has now been assigned to Ubon upon returning to our field again, and has the responsibility of the district as well as some responsibility in the Ubon Mission School.

Pastor Jon L. Dybdahl has lived in our Division and attended school at Far Eastern Academy during the time his father was a doctor at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital. Pastor Dybdahl began working for the denomination in September, 1967 after finishing his B.D. degree at Andrews University. He also was a colporteur, and worked as a colporteur assistant for two summers. Pastor Dybdahl married Kathryn Trefz. They have two children, Jonna and Paul. Pastor Dybdahl has a great gift for languages. He has learned the Thai language so that he has been preaching sermons in Thai from about his sixth month in Thailand. He is now learning the

Meo language and just recently the Mission Committee has voted to assign him as the director of Tribal work. The Mission has plans to establish a Tribal Center for training tribal people, working mostly with Karen and Meo Tribes, and Pastor Dybdahl will be the overseer of this project.

The ordination of these three young men will add strength to the work of God in Thailand. We praise the Lord for young people who have consecrated their lives to service for Him.

Mini-Campmeeting in North Thailand

by D. Kenneth Smith

WORK by Seventh-day Adventists in North Thailand was established in 1951 when James Pogue, then Ministerial Secretary of the Southeast Asia Union of Seventh-day Adventists, and a team of Thai workers, held a series of tabernacle meetings in Chiang Mai, a large city at the rail terminus, to foster an interest among some Voice of Prophecy students. Of the three baptized, one today is the wife of a pastor and another is a Bible worker at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital.

Elden B. Smith and family were transferred to Chiang Mai to build up the work. A term of service there resulted in purchase of land

and erection of a church in addition to a good increase in church membership. Following them, the D. Kenneth Smith family arrived to further develop the work. During their years of service, work was begun in two other areas, Amphur Praw and San Sai. In addition, work was opened in Chiangkong, on the border between Thailand and Laos, by Richard Hall, when the work in Laos where he had been laboring ended due to Communist activity.

Later, Dr. Clark Lamberton, D.D.S. and family, moved to Chiang Mai to open a dental clinic. Dr. Lamberton was interested in working for the mountain tribal groups in the area also and today through his efforts and the energetic work of local Thai pastors, work has been established in several villages. Most recently, Jon Dybdahl and family have arrived in Chiang Mai to give guidance to the evangelistic outreach of the church in North Thailand.

The last weekend of December, 1969, D. Kenneth Smith, now chaplain of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, with his family, planned a trip to Chiang Mai to pay a farewell visit to old friends there as they are planning on permanent return in 1970. It was decided to invite church members and interests from the surrounding churches to come to Chiang Mai for a mini-campmeeting. Accompanying the Smith family to Chiang Mai were

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Members of the Chiangmai, Fang and Praw churches present for the mini-campmeeting in Chiangmai, Thailand.





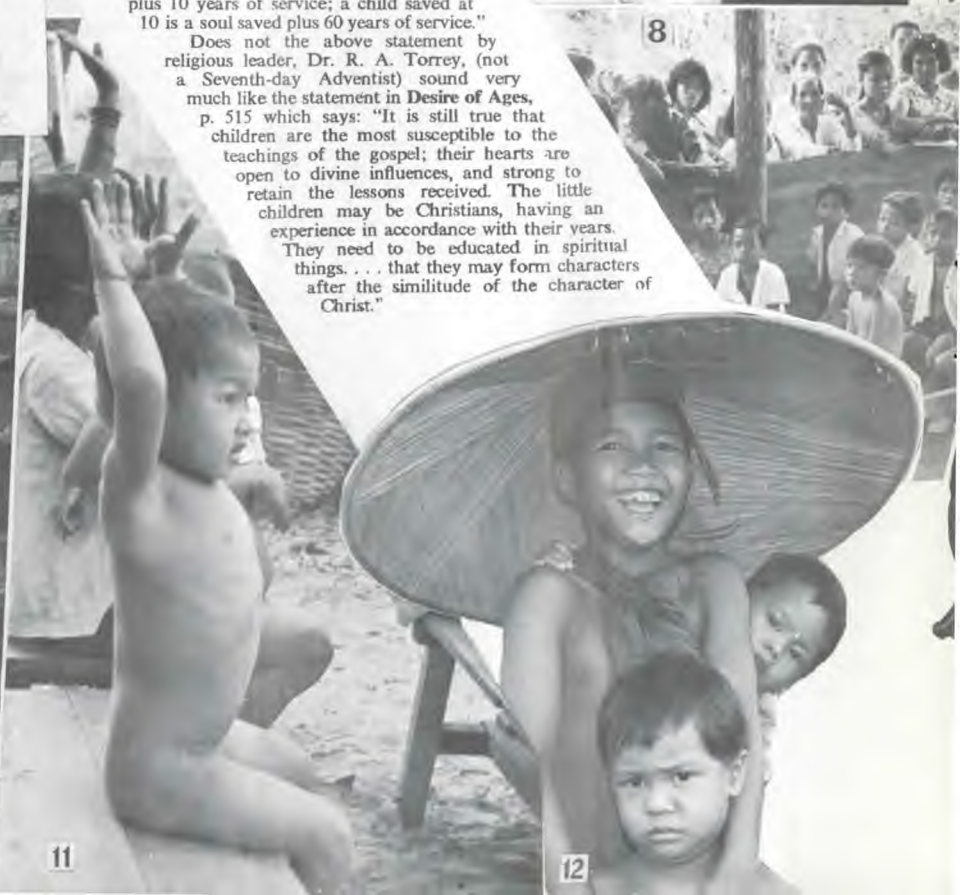
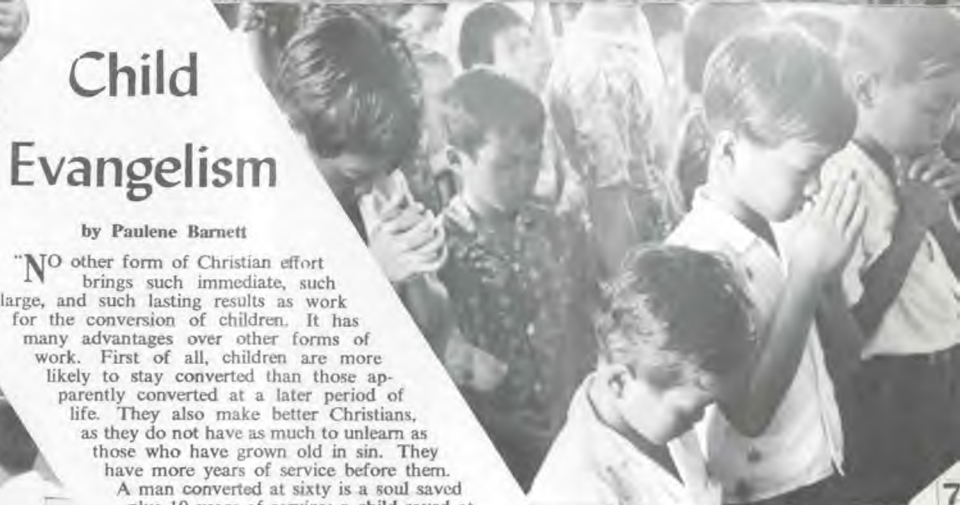
Child Evangelism

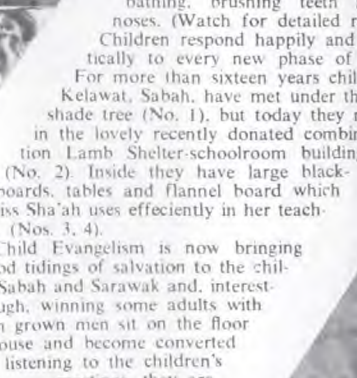
by Paulene Barnett

"NO other form of Christian effort brings such immediate, such large, and such lasting results as work for the conversion of children. It has many advantages over other forms of work. First of all, children are more likely to stay converted than those apparently converted at a later period of life. They also make better Christians, as they do not have as much to unlearn as those who have grown old in sin. They have more years of service before them.

A man converted at sixty is a soul saved plus 10 years of service; a child saved at 10 is a soul saved plus 60 years of service."

Does not the above statement by religious leader, Dr. R. A. Torrey, (not a Seventh-day Adventist) sound very much like the statement in *Desire of Ages*, p. 515 which says: "It is still true that children are the most susceptible to the teachings of the gospel; their hearts are open to divine influences, and strong to retain the lessons received. The little children may be Christians, having an experience in accordance with their years. They need to be educated in spiritual things. . . that they may form characters after the similitude of the character of Christ."





Satan has probably been more successful in deceiving us in regard to the value of children than in regard to the value of any other group. Only rarely do we see religious effort in their behalf placed on a par with work for adults. As the result of this attitude, the spiritual interests of the child often are sadly neglected.

Under the capable leadership of Miss Nony Sha'ah in Sabah and Miss Dorothy Lapan in Sarawak this situation is fast changing. These two Child Evangelism leaders spend their entire time preparing complete soul-winning Sabbath School programs for the field then follow the material out and train every leader and teacher how to use the programs. The sad faces of neglected children are turning to smiles. Sabbath School has become something to look forward to with interest. Children walk long distances or use any mode of transportation available (Nos. 12, 13, 14 & 15) to go to Sabbath School, Branch Sabbath School or Vacation Bible School. They come dressed in "uniform" (No. 11) or in their very best (No. 8). New scholars in some areas join Miss D. Lapan's "bathing class" (No. 6) and learn to become neat, clean and dressed to meet and talk to their heavenly Father (No. 7). Vacation Bible School in Sabah finds Miss Nony Sha'ah (No. 5) leading in a most enjoyable class period with the children in the river, bathing, brushing teeth and cleaning noses. (Watch for detailed report later.) Children respond happily and enthusiastically to every new phase of training. For more than sixteen years children at Kelawat, Sabah, have met under this big shade tree (No. 1), but today they meet in the lovely recently donated combination Lamb Shelter-schoolroom building (No. 2). Inside they have large blackboards, tables and flannel board which Miss Sha'ah uses efficiently in her teaching. (Nos. 3, 4).

Child Evangelism is now bringing the good tidings of salvation to the children of Sabah and Sarawak and, interestingly enough, winning some adults with them. When grown men sit on the floor of the longhouse and become converted as a result of listening to the children's meetings, they are ready to join the ranks and advance the efforts in Child Evangelism. (No. 10)

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth salvation." Isaiah 52:7

Mini-Campmeeting in North Thailand

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Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Ekvall and their daughter Betty and Elder and Mrs. D. E. Venden of St. Helena California. Dr. Ekvall is Far Eastern Division Medical Secretary and acting Medical Director of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. Mrs. Ekvall is a daughter of Elder and Mrs. Venden as is Mrs. Smith. These three families presented a weekend of meetings for the assembled members. Elder Venden, evangelist, former conference president and revivalist, spoke three times. Dr. Ekvall gave a very interesting health talk. Elder Smith showed pictures of the development of the work in North Thailand and officiated at a baptism of three candidates.

The earnest messages of Elder Venden were very inspiring to his listeners. For Mrs. Venden it was a special treat to see friends she had made on a previous visit ten years before and for Elder Venden it was the fulfillment of a dream of the past twelve years. Special gratitude is due to Elder Venden who very generously paid all the expenses of the campmeeting including travel and food for the members who came in from outlying districts.

The work of the Thailand Mission is most strongly represented in Northern Thailand. Work has begun among the Karen tribes and the Meo tribes in both Thailand and neighboring Laos. Plans are being developed to begin a tribal center in Chiang Mai where young men can be brought in from different tribal groups and given simple training in health principles, agriculture, and Bible, and then be sent back to their home villages to help others.

Workers' Training School Graduation

AT the time of the 11th Biennial Session for the Thailand Mission there was a graduation for the 3rd graduating class from the Thailand Workers' Training School. Eight young men graduated, two of whom were already hired workers for the Thailand Mission, and five others have been placed in different positions of responsibility here in the Mission.

Pastor Don Jacobsen was the



speaker at the graduation exercises. Pastor Sunti Sorajakool, the Principal of the school, and Pastor Palmer Wick, one of the instructors, presented the certificates.

Of these young men, three belong to the Meo Tribe, and five were Thai. The three Meo students will be placed in Meo villages to work with their own people. We have one all-Seventh-day Adventist Meo village where one of the young graduates will teach in the church school for the first year of his work, and another young man will be the pastor of the church there, as well as work in many surrounding Meo villages. The third Meo graduate is opening new work in the northern area of Thailand where we have many Meo villages. These villages are not very large, mostly, so the worker has to do a lot of traveling by foot in high altitudes of the mountains where these people prefer to live.

Three Thai graduates have been assigned, one to assist Pastor Aitken in Phuket, one to assist Pastor Dybdahl in Chiangmai, and one to assist Pastor Chalaw in Ubon.

We of the Thailand Mission are very happy for this increase in our working force, and we know that by the grace of God these young graduates will do great things for Him.

—Palmer G. Wick

Training School Graduate Holds Effort in Home Village

PRASARN Boonwong, one of the graduates from the Thailand Workers' Training School, has had a burden on his heart to win his family to Christ. They live in a remote village in Northeast Thai-

land, close to Ubon, and many people in this village had been Christian in one or two other denominations. Prasarn had had several of his relatives come and live with him at different times so that he could teach them the Bible doctrines, and his mother has already been baptized, and also one or two brothers and sisters were baptized. But before his assignment to Phuket he requested permission to go and hold an evangelistic series of meetings in his home village. Two other training school graduates, Peng Bumroong, and Hu Saeyang, assisted him in this effort. They held nightly meetings for three weeks, and since this is the dry season and the people in the local areas have very little to do, they taught a Bible class most of the day each day.

The meetings were very well attended, with never less than 300 at a meeting, and up to a thousand at some of their meetings. At the time of the completion of these meetings Pastor D. K. Smith traveled to this village and had a baptism where eight precious souls became members of the Remnant Church. Not only were eight baptized, but there are about 20 very interested people in this village who are still studying. We hope to be able to establish a permanent church here within a short period of time.

We are very happy for this young man, Prasarn, who has such a burden for his relatives and has been working very faithfully ever since he became an Adventist to bring them to a full knowledge of the gospel. He says he has only one sister now, from a very large family, who has not accepted Christ. We are all praying with him that she will accept Christ soon.

—Palmer Wick



Ekamai School Graduation

EIGHTEEN 12-grade graduates received their diplomas Monday night, March 16, during Commencement ceremonies at the Adventist Special Time School in Bangkok. Also graduating at the same time from the elementary section were 39 other young people, who plan to continue their studies at the Ekamai School.

The Adventist Special Time School is the English language medium section of the entire school complex generally known as the Ekamai School, another division of which uses the Thai language medium of instruction. These two mission schools together form a complex with nearly 1,000 students enrolled.

The Commencement address was given by the writer. Diplomas were conferred by the Principal, Mr. Banjong Tonasudh, and Pastor J. B. Falconbridge, administrator of the school, who was also co-sponsor with Mr. J. Tauro of the senior class.

Responses were presented by Vorarit Keerikoolporn, President of the 12th grade senior class, and by Munkong Chinsomboon, President of the elementary school graduating class. Class gifts were presented by the class treasurers Nikorn Pakahunto and Paranee Sriyongluckana.

Please pray for the advance of the work in Northern Thailand, a stronghold of Buddhism and a target of Communist activity. Pray that the work may go quickly while there is yet freedom and opportunity to work.

At the close of the program, "My Task" was sung by the ladies trio, Mrs. Royce Thompson, Mrs. P. G. Wick, and Mrs. J. B. Falconbridge.

The processional, the "King's Anthem", and the "Poet and Peasant Overture" were presented by a chamber orchestra under the direction of Mr. Suwan Vichairat.

It is most encouraging to see these young people advancing in their education and to note the progress in the development of the physical plant of this excellent mission school. The Ekamai School enjoys a very good reputation in the city of Bangkok and a number of its students have become workers for the church in Thailand.

—F. H. Hewitt, Secretary
Department of Education

News Notes—Thailand

THAILAND Bible Society Director, Pastor Young Choi, has requested Pastor Abel Pangan, Thailand Mission Lay Activities Director, to attend the Bible Society Advisory Group in planning a better and more systematic way of distributing Bibles in Thailand.

Church Buildings. Two lovely church buildings were recently finished. One was the new Chinese church in Bangkok and the other was on the island of Phuket which is the second church there. New chapels were also built or purchased in Nam Yawn (Laos), Ta Kham, and Fang.

Publishing. Presently there are

eight regular and four part-time colporteurs in Thailand. During the last three-year period the total sales of literature amounted to 2,126,125 Baht. Recently the *Desire of Ages* was published in Thai. Plans are being made to publish the other four volumes of the *Conflict of the Ages* series.

Ekamai. Word has just come from the Thailand Department of Education that 9 of the 12 students from the Ekamai Adventist School who sat for the nation-wide pre-university level exams passed. This is the first year the school was registered for its students to sit for these exams, and a 75% pass is considered very commendable.

Three of these graduates have applied for admission to the Bangkok Hospital School of Nursing.

NEWS F-L-A-S-H!

● **THE** General Conference Quadrennial Session was held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA from June 11-20, 1970. At that time the appointment of the Far Eastern Division Committee and staff was made for the ensuing five-year period. The next session will be held in 1975. The following are the Division staff appointments:

P. H. Eldridge, President; W. T. Clark, Secretary; G. O. Bruce, Treasurer; H. B. Ludden, Auditor; E. L. Longway and H. W. Bedwell, Field Secretaries; Don Roth, Assistant Secretary and Public Relations; E. A. Brodner, Publishing; Mel Rees, Stewardship; B. E. Olson, Educational; B. E. Jacobs, MV; W. V. Clements, Sabbath School; R. C. Williams, Ministerial; C. L. Shankel, Lay Activities.

Division staff members going to the General Conference will be H. D. Johnson, Assistant Treasurer; L. A. Shipowick, Associate Lay Activities; G. L. Bertochini, Associate Temperance.

Following the General Conference Session the Far Eastern Division Committee appointed D. M. Barnett as president of the South China Island Union to replace W. T. Clark, and R. I. Gainer of the Japan Union to be treasurer of the Southeast Asia Union.



Delegates in attendance at the 7th biennial session of the Vietnam Mission

"While Time Remains"

by H. W. Bedwell

THESE words in bold letters greeted the delegates and mission workers at the opening meeting of the Vietnam Mission's seventh business session.

This motto—"While Time Remains"—appeared across the map of Vietnam that formed the background of the school chapel in Saigon where the mission session was held. On either side of the platform also appeared the words: "Tell Vietnam Now." The spirit of these two mottoes was evident in all the meetings held and reports given and plans made. Despite the difficulties caused by the military and political activities, the delegates felt that today there is a great opportunity for witnessing for Christ.

Even though the past few years have seen many problems arise, yet the reports given by the mission leaders and pastors indicated progress in every line of work. Evangelistic efforts have been held and lay workers have been active. During the past five years a total of 677 persons were baptized. Of these 242 were baptized in 1969. This was 14% of the church membership at the beginning of the year. The church membership in 1965 was 1,358 as compared to 1,940 at the end of 1969. This represents a 40% increase in five years.

The tithe income during 1969 showed an increase of nearly 400% as compared to 1965. The total Sabbath School offerings for 1969 amounted to 580,000 piasters which is more than 350% greater than during 1965. At the present time there are 16 organized churches in Vietnam.

The past two years has seen many churches and schools repaired or rebuilt. Most of these had been damaged as a result of military activity. A student missionary from Walla Walla College, Bert Jager, has spent the past year assisting in the rebuilding of a new three-room school building at Can Tho.

Another student missionary, Miss Ruthita Jensen from Union College, has been assisting for nearly a year in an inoculation program among the refugee children. She has been instrumental in helping 100,000 such children. In addition to this she has been teaching English in several schools.

Due to the faithful work of the colporteurs thousands of books have been distributed in Vietnam. The publishing house has had to work overtime to provide all the literature needed.

During 1969 a total of 13,530,000 piasters worth of literature was sold. As compared to 1968 this represents a 30% increase in sales. The total sales over the last two year period exceeds 23,600,000 piasters. In 1969 there were 142,000 books sold. This is double the number sold in 1968. At the present time there are 60 full-time colporteurs working in Vietnam.

There are now 6 schools being operated with 17 full-time teachers and with nearly 1,400 students enrolled. The lay members of the churches are active in the soul-winning activities of the Far East Harvest. Sabbath schools and Bible

classes are being held in jails, military prison camps, orphanages, and many other places. In one orphanage near Saigon meetings are being held where there are 2,500 children.

The business session ended with the mission workers renewing their dedication of going forth to "Tell Vietnam Now" the good news of salvation "While Time Yet Remains". A highlight of the Sabbath afternoon meetings was the ordination to the gospel ministry of two mission workers, Ha Doi and Duong Sau.

The mission session was under the capable leadership of the mission officers: V. L. Bretsch, president; Pham Thien, secretary; and Le Toan Tho, treasurer. Others who assisted in the meetings were as follows: from Southeast Asia Union office, R. S. Watts, G. O. Bruce, Don Jacobsen, F. H. Hewitt, D. M. Barnett, and Mrs. D. M. Barnett; from Southeast Asia Union College, Daniel Tan; and from the Far Eastern Division, H. W. Bedwell.

Vietnam Ordination

by Ralph S. Watts, Jr.

ONE of the highlights of the Seventh Biennial Session of the Vietnam Mission was the ordination to the gospel ministry of Pastors Duong-Sau and Ha Doi. In a country torn asunder by war, these young men have given outstanding service. Those participating in the ordination services were: Elder H. W. Bedwell from the Division; Elders Watts and Jacobsen from the Union; and Elders Bretsch, Pham Thien and Le Huu from the Vietnam Mission.



Sarawak Student for Okinawa

ON Sunday, 1st of February, Raymond Sakor, a youth from Kampong Simbo, left for Okinawa to attend a 12 month course at the Mittleider Scientific Agricultural School. Raymond is a church school teacher in his village. He is the first local youth to be sent on an agricultural scholarship by the Sarawak Mission.

It is hoped that on his return, Raymond will be able to impart new agricultural skills to the needy Kampongs of the Mission.



Sarawak Mission holds annual meeting with Southeast Asia Union representatives present.

Sarawak Pledges 400 Souls

by Herb Sormin, P. R. Secretary

AT the Annual Meeting (January 26-27) of the Sarawak Mission this year, officers of the Mission Committee pledged to support Elder R. C. Hall's proposal for a harvest of 400 souls. The Committee was privileged for the spiritual guidance of Elder R. S. Watts, Jr., the new Union president, in all its deliberations. Other Union officers in attendance were Elders K. T. Kong, G. O. Bruce and F. H. Hewitt.

At the meeting Mr. Choo Wee Fong was elected Principal and Business Manager of Sunny Hill School. Mr. Gilbert Asen was elected Treasurer and Assistant Business Manager. Elected Editor of the Mission Bulletin was Elder Sammy Lee.

Blessings Through Opposition

by Doyle Barnett

"LOOK!" they said. "Twenty two teenagers and adults are reading and studying the Bible every day! Before they go to their farms they study their Bible. Returning home from the farm they study their Bible. And they go to the Bible meetings in the evening!" So spoke two irritated and angry religious leaders. They were really upset as they spoke to the village elders. Pastor J. B. Th. Umboh, Sarawak Lay Activities Director, was conducting a series of meetings in the village of Jenan. Never before had the villagers heard such wonderful Bible truth, and the attendance kept growing each night, but so did the opposition. Those two men kept agitating the matter with the village leaders, insisting that the "heresy" meetings be stopped immediately.

On the last of the fifteen nights of meetings Pastor Umboh had a real confrontation when the two men came and tried to force him to stop the meetings. Whereupon he invited the elders of the village and these two men for a counsel together. Speaking kindly and softly to them, Pastor Umboh said: "If you want to stir up trouble and try to close these meetings I cannot stop you. But I do not believe you want to do this. I know your head church officer in Kuching, and I would very much dislike to have to report to him about the kind of people his church has in this village."

This approach changed their attitudes, and especially since all the village elders supported the meetings. Then the younger of the two agitators spoke to Pastor Umboh:



Brethren Duong-Sau and Ha Doi were ordained at the Vietnam biennial session.

"May I have some of The Bible Says lessons? I want to find out more about your religion."

The next morning the village chief was seen going from house to house calling on his villagers, telling everyone that they should accept the messages of truth and become Christians. Eighteen families signed their names in his notebook to take this step, the village chief's name heading the list. Then the inquirers said to Pastor Umboh, "When can we have a church?"

"The mission will provide the zinc roof if you will get the other materials and do the work," the pastor replied. Soon two ministerial students were assigned to follow up this interest, and a new church is already being built in Jenan. Opposition only increased the quest of seekers after God's truth.



During a recent stop over in Hong Kong, Southeast Asia Union president, Ralph S. Watts, visited Southeast Asia Union students who are now studying at South China Union College. Pastor and Mrs. Handel Luke (extreme left) who have just responded to a call to Southeast Asia, are pictured with President M. D. Lee and the following students: Candance Cheong, Lim Chin Hooi, Daniel Chuah, Patricia Fung, Christina Ng, Joshua Mok, Vincent Foong, Mah Chee Ping, Wee Hock Kee, Yuen Fook Kee, Margaret Ho, Lee Kam Hong, Mary Ann Lee, Phang Nyuk Thu, Phang Nyuk Su.

Funeral for Lyle C. Wilcox

SERVICES for Eld. Lyle C. Wilcox, a retired Seventh-day Adventist educator, minister and administrator, were conducted by Eld. R. R. Figuhr, assisted by Dr. Elton Wallace and Eld. C. R. Bonney, in the Morrison Funeral Chapel, St. Helena, Tuesday afternoon, April 21. After an extended illness, he had passed away on the Sunday before in a Calistoga convalescent home.

Born in Hoquiam, Washington, August 30, 1891, Lyle Wilcox attended Adventist academies in Washington state, and in 1916 was graduated from the ministerial department of Pacific Union College, Angwin, California.

In 1919 he was married to Miss Hazel Pearl Lyle and in 1923 they came to Canton, China as principal of the South China Training School. They spent 35 years in the Far Eastern Division in the educational work, returning to the homeland in 1959 when they made their home near the St. Helena Sanitarium.

His wife, Hazel, survives, also two daughters and a son, Eld. Wendell Lyle Wilcox, President of the Korean Union Mission of SDA. We extend to the family our sincere sympathies.

Another Step Toward a New Saigon Hospital

by G. O. Bruce

MAY 15, 1970 became a high point in the long years of planning that have gone into the development of the Saigon Adventist Hospital. On that date the contract was signed for the drawing of the detailed construction plans for the new hospital.

The architectural firm of Daniel, Mann, Johnson, & Mendenhall has been chosen by the hospital Board of Directors to prepare the plans and to handle the technical supervision when actual construction begins. Whiting and Associates in Rome, Italy, experts in hospital planning, carried on the initial planning and prepared the original critique. The accompanying photograph shows the signing of the contract by G. O. Bruce, Vice-Chairman of the Hospital Board, E. A. Pender, Secretary of the Board, and Perry M. King, Resident Saigon Manager for the DMJM firm. The contract was signed in the firm's Saigon office.





Pastor Joseph and his group of willing helpers who conducted a successful "Word of Life Crusade" in April at the Island Estate, Klang, Malaya



An overflowing crowd packed the building at the "Word of Life Crusade" opening meeting. At least three hundred were still in attendance on the closing night. Ten persons were baptized and at least thirty more are interested.

Educational Leaders Visit Sunny Hill

SUNNY Hill School was honored by the presence of Dr. I. V. Stonebrook of the General Conference and Elder F. H. Hewitt, Educational Secretary of the Union, this February. At the end of the short visit, the visitors praised the quality and quantity of Spirit of Prophecy books and encyclopedias in the Library. Elder Hewitt complimented Mr. W. F. Choo, the principal, for the fine spirit and high morale of the teachers and students.

by Herb Sormin, P. R. Secretary



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SAUC Alumnus Returns Home

BROTHER and Sister Poey have joined the work at Penang Adventist Hospital. Brother Poey graduated from the Commerce course at Southeast Asia Union College in 1966. He joined the work at Youngberg Memorial Hospital in

Singapore. In May of 1967 he left for India to join Spicer College. He now possesses a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, with a major sequence in accountancy and a minor in religion. Mrs. Poey is a B. A. graduate of the same college, with a major sequence in Secretarial Science and a minor in English. She has served as secretary to the President of Spicer Memorial College, the Business Manager of Spicer and also of a principal and a registrar of a high school. She is now secretary of the manager of our Penang Hospital.

About their stay at Spicer, Brother Poey says: "It was profitable, interesting and challenging. Only sophisticated foreigners will not enjoy Spicer. It has notably strong departments, especially in Business."

News Notes—SAUC

by Maggie Tan

● **THE K. T. Kongs** have taken leave of absence to be with their children and grandchildren in America. They arrived just in time to welcome the birth of yet another grandchild, a much-wanted baby girl born to Peggy & Reggie Yeo. They will tour the U. S. in June and attend the General Conference before coming back.

● **Villy Chen**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. James Chen, married **Lee Sze Ching**, son of Pastor and Mrs. S. J. Lee, on January 18 in the U. S. The bride's parents flew over to attend the wedding.

● **John Chai**, an alumnus of SAUC, took the opportunity to spend a few days in Singapore and Johore (his hometown) on his way to Expo 70 in Japan. He is a journalist of the Melbourne Herald and is being sent to cover news of the exposition. He has been in Australia the past 4½ years.

● **Dr. Melvyn Yeo** is currently serving his term of 18 months in the U. S. army at the Bangkok Military Hospital. His mother, Mrs. Grace Yeo, took the opportunity of spending her annual vacation with her son and family in Bangkok.

● **James Wong and Viola Canagasabai** were recently appointed Principal and Elementary Supervisor, respectively, of The Seventh-day Adventist School. These appointments relieve President Daniel

Tan of his duties in the elementary and secondary school, thus giving him more time to devote to the overall improvement and long-range planning of Southeast Asia Union College.

● **Arrivals—Edward Poey and Y. J. Moses** have returned from Spicer Memorial College where they successfully completed their bachelor's course in Business Administration and Education respectively. Both returned with brides who will help fill positions of need in the Lord's vineyard.

Edward is manager of the Purchasing Department at the Penang Adventist Hospital while his wife is secretary to the Business Manager. Moses will resume his teaching duties in the secondary school; his wife will assist in the teaching of secretarial subjects in the college.

● **Pamela Koh** is back from Andrews University to work on her research project for her M. A. degree in Education. She will conduct surveys in several Singapore schools and then compile her findings before returning to the U. S. to complete her requirements for the Master's degree.

● **Weddings—John Ho and Lucy Tan** were united in marriage on April 12, 1970, at the college Auditorium. John's twin brother, **Peter**, was to have been married on the same day in Canada, but his future bride, **Khoo See Gee**, was still waiting for her travel papers to be completed, and this has delayed her departure to Canada.

● **Dr. Julian Tsai**, youngest son of Pastor & Mrs. Samuel Tsai, married **Elaine Mitsuko** on April 12, 1970, in Los Angeles. Pastor & Mrs. Tsai flew to the States to attend this wedding as well as the graduation of their eldest son, James.

● **Honors—Dr. Melvyn Yeo**, of the U. S. Medical Center, was recently awarded a certificate for being the most outstanding personality of the year and for his outstanding performance as a physician to the U. S. public.

● **Hilmer Hutapea** has become the first male nurse in New South Wales, Australia's biggest State, to gain a midwifery certificate. He has delivered 42 babies thus far. Sister G. E. MacDonald, supervisor at Bankstown Hospital maternity section, describes Nurse Hutapea as being "marvellous."