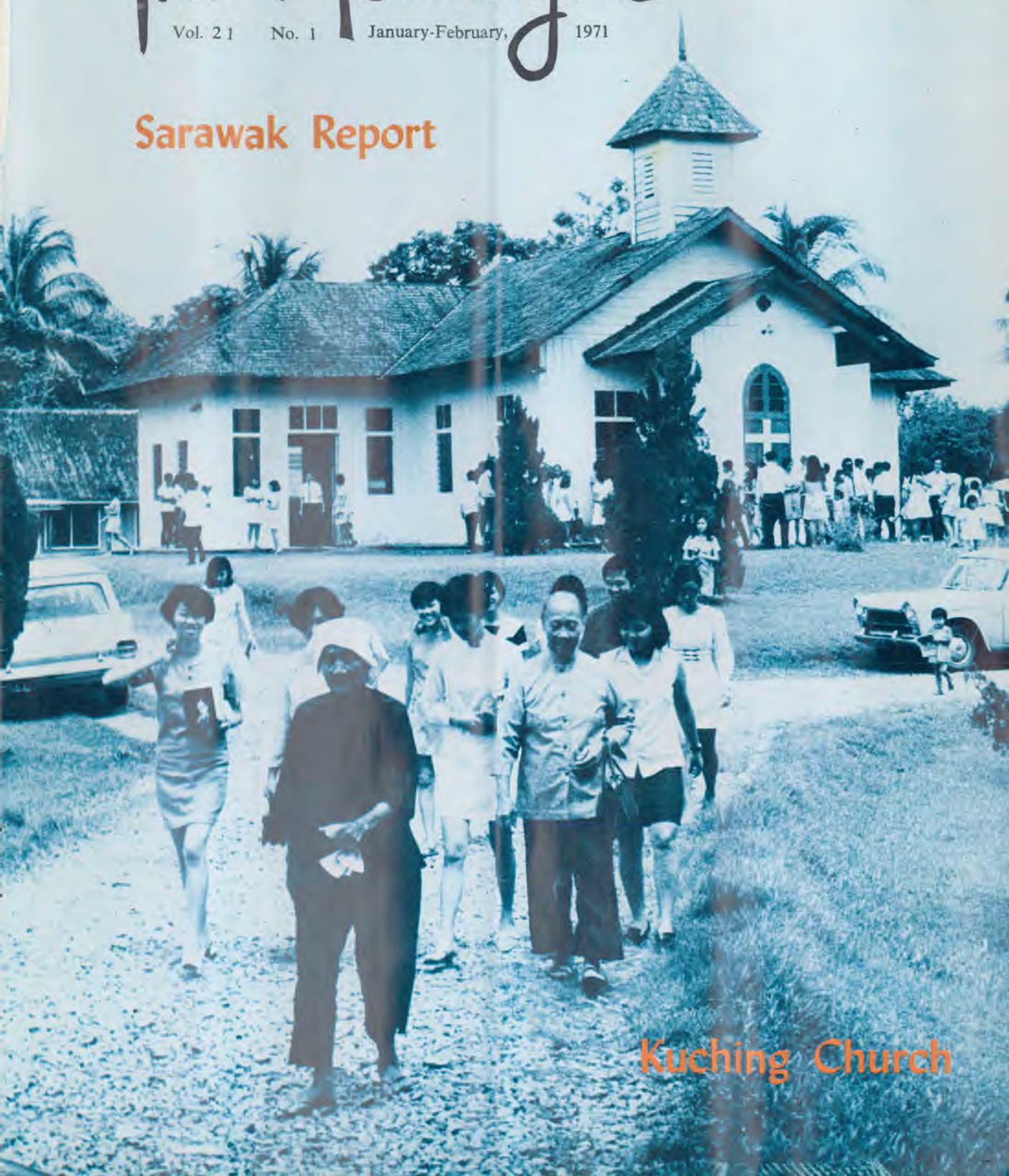


# The Messenger

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## Sarawak Report



Kuching Church



**A** CALL on the radio, a dash to the airport, a quick flight to a kampong and back and a life is saved.

People respond to those who are willing to help them when they are in need. Consequently the village evangelistic opportunities in Sarawak are opening faster than we can fill them.

This is how it works. A new airstrip is opened and a new church is started. Usually the building is built right near the airstrip. "Messenger" takes in medical supplies for the Bible worker to use for the people. It also brings help to him for Sabbath services and evacuates any seriously sick person from time to time.

People in surrounding villages hear of what's going on and begin to bring their sick to the airstrip and call for help. It isn't long until someone from a more distant village asks if they build an airstrip in their village will we do the same for them. We assure them if they build a good airstrip we will do our best to help them also.

Our Bible worker then goes to help them lay out and build the airstrip. A branch Sabbath school is started. Meetings are held and usually several nearby villages join the work. By the time the airstrip is finished there are usually some ready for baptism and a new church is planned and later established.

After a time someone from another distant village asks if we will use their airstrip if they build one and the process starts all over again. It keeps taking us farther and farther step by step into the interior.

The Sarawak mission flying began in 1962 but our plane "Charlie" was grounded for a few months and

## Wings Over Sarawak



"Messenger II"

then it took considerable time to get airstrips ready for use. It was a slow beginning but has now expanded until sometimes I wish we had a full-time pilot.

We have observed a good growth in the mission since 1962 of which much can be attributed to the use of the airplane. It has had its part in breaking down prejudice, creating interest and showing the people of the Lord's great concern for them. One of the most noticeable advantages of the airplane is the speed at which we can travel to the village areas.

For instance, we used to travel by speed boat and it took one day of hard driving to reach Kampong Keniong. With the plane it takes less than 20 minutes. The boat gas and oil costs around \$38.00 and the airplane \$5.00.

The airplane has operated for eleven years counting the time in Laos and has not drawn on any of our local mission or Union appropriations.

"Charlie" went into the mud at Melanjok and was replaced by "Messenger I" in 1967. "Messenger

I" was replaced with "Messenger II" in 1968 equipped with the Robertson Short Take-off and Landing modification. This gives us a higher degree of safety. "Messenger II" dropped a wheel into an underground cavity in the middle of the Nangka airstrip and while undergoing repairs "Messenger I" is back into service.

There are now eleven "SDA" airstrips in use and two more under construction. Since 1967 we have flown about 1000 hours consisting of 1925 flights and about 237 critically ill persons have been evacuated from the Ulu areas to the Kuching General Hospital. Some of these flights were to return feeble patients and infants back to their kampongs after being discharged. Some of our patients have died but most have been saved. Babies have been born at the plane and the bodies of others returned to their villages for burial. We have carried the poorest of the poor, ambassadors and presidents, visitors and missionaries, the dead and the dying, the old and the young, the newborn and the unborn, zinc and aluminum roofing, hardware and nails, cement and wire, food supplies and medicine, blankets and clothes, rice and salt to destitute villages, doctors and nurses, boat motors and gasoline, Anglican and Catholics, Adventists and pagan, mission workers and infidels and the Gospel of Salvation to many, many people.

In January 1969 there were 915 members in our mission. Now there are 2880 baptized members. Then there were 15 churches and companies; now there are 55.

The Lord has abundantly blessed and is blessing and will continue to bless the Sarawak Mission in many ways including the ministry of the "Messengers" from the sky.







(Above) The mission bulldozer was used to build some of the SDA landing fields in Sarawak.

(Below) Mother, baby and midwife pose under the wing of the metallic stork.

(Center) A strong supporter of preaching the old message with the most modern methods, even airplane, Elder Robert Pierson braved a ride in the Messenger when he visited the Far East several years ago.

(Upper right) A desperately ill villager is carried by litter to the plane.



"I believe that the mission plane will play an increasingly important role in our work around the world, especially in isolated areas. There are some places where it would be difficult for us to carry on our work today without the use of a plane, and I hope that in these areas it will be possible for the administration concerned to secure air transport."

—Robert Pierson



## Crusades Reach Two Chief Cities of Sarawak

By Jonathan Ng  
Kuching Church Pastor

**T**HE year 1970 created a special memory in the minds of the brethren in Kuching. Two evangelistic efforts were conducted in the town bringing along wonderful experiences in soul-winning.

The first crusade meetings conducted by Pastor Ted Jones, Ministerial Secretary of West Indonesia Union Mission, in the month of August resulted in 130 decisions for Christ and 50 enrolled in the Bible Class. So far, 18 have been baptized into the church. It is the first in the history of the church to have the Transition Meetings conducted in the church following the effort in the hall downtown.

The second one was held in the church in December with Pastor Bruce Johnston, Far Eastern Division Evangelist, as the speaker. This more or less served as the follow-up meetings for those who made their decisions during the previous meetings. Forty souls responded to the call to join the Bible Class. During these meetings, hundreds of Bibles, books and magazines were given out. And it also brought forth revivals in the church.

After spending two weeks in Kuching for the Way of Life Crusade, Pastor Bruce Johnston, Pastor R. C. Hall, Mr. Ang and the writer left for Sibü, with the hope of bringing the Advent message to the people there.

Sibü, the second largest town in the State of Sarawak, is about 200 miles due east of Kuching. We have more than 300 Voice of Prophecy graduates and students living there. We have not been able to meet with them as a group for we have no church over there. Thus, most of the invitations were sent out by mail and through the newspapers.

On the opening night, only a handful of people were there. So, we took the handbills to the streets and invited the people to come in and thus we were able to increase the number to 50. On the third night, the number went up to 100 and it was a thrilling thing to see that more than 70 hands were up in response to the call for Jesus. We were also able to enroll 30 new students for the Voice of Prophecy. The meetings lasted from December 14 to 16, 1970 with Pastor Bruce Johnston as the Evangelist and the writer as the translator.

**"ULU"** or upcountry evangelism is not quite the same as city evangelism. Our budgets are usually about \$50 and meetings are held in the longhouses, under a tree or sometimes in a church.

Our pastors and laymen under Pastor J. B. Th. Umboh's direction have held 24 Ulu evangelistic efforts in 1970.

In our recent workers' meetings our "Ulu" workers have pledged to hold 91 crusades for a combined total of 1550 nights.



Elder Chester Damron greets meeting-goers at the close of a service.

This type of evangelism does not reap immediate results as many city crusades do. It takes months and sometimes years to reap the results. People steeped in superstition and spirit worship and unable to read for themselves change slowly.

The change is coming slowly and with the concerted, consecrated efforts of our Ulu workers and laymen, God is abundantly blessing. Even now the calls for "Ulu" Bible teachers and meetings are more than we can answer.



(Above) The large group of former VOP students who attended the effort in Sibü, Sarawak's second largest city.

(Left) Evangelist Johnston caught mid-gesture in the Kuching meetings.



## Phuket Church Dedication

By Palmer G. Wick

ON Sabbath, October 10, 1970, the new church in Phuket, south Thailand, was dedicated as the house of worship for the 107 members there. The sanctuary is built on the A-frame style, with a seating capacity of 275. Inside and out the church is very tastefully decorated with rock work and granolithic. There are also stained glass windows behind the platform and at the entrance of the church.

Sabbath School rooms, Dorcas room, pastor's study and youth rooms are built off the front and back of the church to form a U. An eight-foot wall crosses the ends of the buildings, leaving an enclosed garden with an outdoor baptistry.

Elder Paul H. Eldridge, President of the Far Eastern Division, was the speaker for the dedicatory service. Elder R. S. Watts, Jr., President of the Southeast Asia Union, spoke for the worship hour. Elder John Harris, now with the Far Eastern Academy, but formerly Phuket Church pastor, spoke on Friday evening in the Thai language. Other visitors who assisted in these weekend meetings were: R. I. Gainer, Treasurer of the Southeast Asia Union, Dr. G. C. Ekvall, Division Medical Secretary, Dr. G. Dybdahl, Medical Director of the Bangkok Sanitarium & Hospital, Pastor Palmer G. Wick, Mission President, C. K. Han, Mission Treasurer, Pastor Sunti Sorajakool, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Ketting. Others assisting from Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital were Mr. R. C. Thompson, Business Manager, Mr. Jon Gepford, Treasurer, Pleng Vitiarnyalaksana, and Dr. and Mrs. Frank Crider.

The work of Seventh-day Adventists began in Phuket thirty years ago with the opening of a small clinic. In October, 1940, Dr. Arthur Geschke moved to Phuket to open this clinic. World War II interrupted the work after about one year, and the Geschke family was able to escape by ship.

After the war, Dr. Frank Crider reopened the clinic and was able to make a start in establishing a church group. Evangelistic meetings were held at Phuket, but the church growth was very slow. The church was officially organized in 1963 with a charter membership of 17.



In 1960 the local members started a church building fund with hopes of eventually having a place to worship which was suitable.

John Harris became pastor of the Phuket Church in 1961. Several years later the first city-wide evangelistic campaign was held. Pastor Gumjorn Sriratanapras was the speaker and all the young men in the ministerial training class assisted. At the close of this series of meetings 47 new members were added by baptism, a net gain of almost 300 percent.

With this gain in church membership, the need for a new church building became very urgent. As the money accumulated it was felt that a building could be started and the ground-breaking ceremony was held in 1968.

Pastor Jerrold Aitken was district leader when the church was built. Many of the special touches that help make this building so beautiful were conceived and constructed under his supervision.

We in Thailand praise God for His most bountiful blessings which include this lovely new church for the members in Phuket. This church, in cooperation with the Phuket Mission Hospital, has great potential for growth.



## PAH Brings X'mas Cheer To Needy Boys

"LAI-liu-Lai-liu" the boyish cries were heard as Pastor John Lai and I were entering the gates of the Salvation Army Boys' Home in our Hospital station wagon. When we stopped in the compound we saw the boys with eager faces wondering what we were bringing them this year.

Captain Teoh came to welcome us with the boys. We noticed the boys are well-mannered and orderly. All the boys are from poor and needy families. Some of them are orphans; some whose parents have to leave them and have to go elsewhere to find a living; others have to leave their helpless parents who cannot support them, and they have to fend for themselves. With smiles on their faces, they accepted shoes and socks with a sincere "thank you."



We understand from Captain Teoh that the boys' Home is filled to its maximum capacity, and very much needs financial support from sympathetic donors and well-wishers. From day to day the captain and the boys are living in faith, confidently looking up to the great Provider above who can send them just in time their necessary needs in many a wonderful way.

—Y. H. Chang  
Asst. Manager, PAH.

## Eld. Herbert White Visits Southeast Asia

HERBERT White, associate secretary of the Publishing Department of the General Conference, will be making an itinerary soon throughout the Far Eastern Division and will be joining us in Southeast Asia for our Union Publishing Council in Singapore March 22 to 26, 1971.



## Sarawak Workers' Meeting

THE workers of Sarawak gathered in Kuching December 6 to 13, 1970 for a week of planning, praying and preaching. Pastor R. C. Hall, Sarawak Mission President, was joined by Pastors Bruce Johnston and Chester Damron in laying plans for the new year.

The meetings came during the final week of an evangelistic crusade being conducted by Pastor Bruce Johnston. Nightly the Kuching church was filled to hear the message preached. During the day instruction was given to the workers in methods of conducting a successful crusade and laying plans for "100 FOR CHRIST" evangelism for 1971. Time was also given for group discussion and questions.

In response to the challenge of "100 FOR CHRIST UNITED EVANGELISM" the workers of Sarawak stepped out in faith and asked God for a great harvest. Thirty-four workers pledged 91 evangelistic crusades for 1971 for a total of 1550 nights of meetings and a goal of 630 souls converted to Jesus Christ.

We are confident that hard work combined with much prayer and faith in the promises of God will give Sarawak a wonderful year for soul-winning in 1971.

—C. H. Damron, Ministerial Association Secretary



## Keel Laying at Miri

ON January 18, 1971 a small group gathered at the Nan Cheong Dockyards, Miri, Sarawak. The occasion was the dedication of the "CORNELL", a new launch under construction, for the Sarawak Mission.

The highlight of the occasion was when Mrs. Ethel O'Cain, age 81, of Bellingham, Washington drove a spike to help join the bow piece and keel together. Mr. Voon Tze Lin, age 84, one of the first to be baptized in Sarawak, drove the second spike.

Mrs. O'Cain and her daughter,

Mrs. Myrtle Spreadborough, escorted by Elder Leonard Paddock came all the way to Borneo from the U.S.A. to see for themselves the needs for the advancement of the Gospel and to dedicate two launches to God's service.

One launch, the "Ethel O'Cain" was launched and dedicated in Sandakan, Sabah on the previous day. Then the party, including Elders Brodeur, Bedwell, and McKee, flew to Miri for the keel-laying ceremony and dedication of the "CORNELL". Pastor and Mrs. Hall flew to Miri to join them.

These launches are to be used on the rivers and coastlines of Sabah and Sarawak. They will carry colporteurs and medical evangelists to proclaim the Gospel in the areas that are accessible only by boat to those waiting for the light of Christ.

The "CORNELL" is to be used initially on the upper Tatau River taking the place of a mission boat that plied these waters many years ago.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Mrs. O'Cain who generously gave \$40,000, the total cost of constructing and outfitting the two launches. She gave, she said, because of her desire and great longing to see the work of God finished as soon as possible so Jesus can come and take us all home with Him.

A thank you to Mrs. O'Cain for her personal dedication of herself and her money to make possible the dedication of these two fine boats.



(Left) SARAWAK mission workers and SAUM leaders gather in front of the Kuching Sunny Hill Church after they laid large plans for the 100 FOR CHRIST UNITED EVANGELISM for 1971.





## Southeast Asia Union College Graduation

**T**HIRTY-FIVE college seniors of the Class of 1970 received their diplomas from Pastor Daniel Tan, President of Southeast Asia Union College, on February 13, 1971. Two graduated with honors—Evelyn Yuen Kam Hoe and Felicia Wu Sook Ying, both secretarial science majors. Both girls are now working as secretaries in the Far Eastern Division office.

The weekend graduation exercises began Friday evening, February 12, when the Freshman Class ushered the Seniors in, flanking the four aisles in smart formation. The Challenge was issued in the Consecration message by Wong Yew Chong, college instructor, and was duly accepted on behalf of the class by the Class President, Edward Chee. Special musical numbers were given by Dr. G. H. Coffin and John Harris.

Pastor P. H. Eldridge, President of the Far Eastern Division, gave a stirring message to the Seniors on Sabbath morning, basing his sermon on John 5:25, "... The hour is coming, and now is ...!" A duet by Helen Foo and Alberta Oliver and a choir special, "With a Voice of Singing," provided appropriate music in song for the Sabbath service.

The Commencement exercise began with great anticipation on Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. The auditorium was filled to capacity when the organ sounded forth the processional. A Tribute to Parents was read by Yuen Kam Hoe, class secretary, followed by the presentation of flowers by the seniors to their respective parents.

The Male Chorus, conducted by Ebbey Lucas, presented the "Song of the Open Road" before Pastor R. S. Watts, Jr., President of Southeast Asia Union Mission, gave his Commencement Address. He read for his closing remarks a poem

written by Margaret Tan, M. D., based on the class motto, "Now is the Hour," and the class aim, "To Meet the Challenge."

After the presentation of the diplomas, Benjamin Khoo, treasurer of the graduating class, presented the class gift, a Sony Tape Deck, for use in the auditorium P. A. system. The tape deck was pre-installed and used to record the entire weekend's graduation exercises. The Secondary 4-A class presented two wall clocks and the Secondary 4-B class a big silver bell for use in the secondary school.

Ronald Oh, Editor of the Flame of the Forest, read the dedication to the Youth of SAUC. Copies of the annual were presented to student representatives from the primary, secondary, and college sections and to the College President and the three graduation speakers.

The Far Eastern Academy Wind Ensemble, conducted by Roger Peden, presented a special number and played a dignified recessional which brought the exciting evening to a close.

—Daniel Tan

### SAUC News Notes

#### Maggie Tan Reporting

\* **DANIEL Earle Tan and Frank Marden Tan** have been accepted to Loma Linda University School of Dentistry and School of Medicine, respectively, for the 1971 school year. Both boys graduated from Southeast Asia Union College in 1969.

\* **Mr. & Mrs. M. P. Sormin** left for Canada in mid-December to be with their sick daughter, Irene Sormin Galloway.

\* **Pastor L. E. A. Fox** passed away in Australia in January.

\* **Jeremy Hutabarat** married Marilynn Joy Hockey on January 25 in Sydney, Australia.

\* **Moses Wang** returned home for a vacation with his parents. He works in Long Island as an X-Ray technician.

\* **A Home & School Association** was organized at the College Chapel on December 7, 1970. Officers elected for the year 1971 are as follows:

President: — Dr. Margaret Tan  
Vice-President: — Mrs. Beth Coffin  
Secretary-Treasurer: — Mrs. Maggie Tan

The aim of the Home and School Association is to achieve a closer bond between parents and teachers of the school.

\* **Monsoon Sessions at SAUC**—Two Monsoon Sessions were offered at SAUC to meet the needs of its students. The first, Monsoon A, began on December 27 to cater to the Cambridge students who are waiting for their results. 36 were enrolled in this session. Monsoon B, started right on the heels of graduation, February 14, with an enrollment of 71 by the end of the second day of registration.

\* **Leong Swee Gin** will marry **Angelina Lim** of Youngberg Memorial Hospital on April 4, 1971. Swee Gin teaches the upper secondary classes in mathematics, science, and Chinese. He received his Bachelor's degree from Philippine Union College and his Master's degree in mathematics from the University of the Philippines.

\* **Beryl Chu** will marry **James Mamanua** of The Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School on April 11. Beryl is head of the Music Department in the college. She received her music degrees, B. M. and M. M. E., from Andrews University.





The Kuching church seems surrounded by the buildings of Sunny H

## Sarawak Mission Has St



This nineteenth century photograph was taken at Ayer Manis School in 1965.

Ayer Manis Training School today. Located 37 miles from Kuching, the school is primarily intended for the education of SDA youth.



Penghulu Abok, Minister of Agriculture, is shown with a large amount of husbandry tools, to the school. The agricultural program of Ayer Manis Training School won first prize in a padi competition held by the state government.





Secondary School in this picture taken by teacher J. Barrizo.

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e student leaders of the contest.  
Manis received attention when the  
growing contest sponsored by the  
vernment.



Duncan Manjot lectures his pupils in Lanchan village school, one of five primary church schools in the mission.

Ayer Manis supplies many workers to the mission. Pictured are the graduates of the 2nd Worker Training Class, who received their diplomas in November.





## Thailand Bible Conference

**T**HE beautiful seaside of Pattaya, 147 kilometers east of Bangkok, was the scene of a very important gathering, the first ever to be held in the country of Thailand, and also the first to be held in the Southeast Asia Union. On December 4, over 100 young people, the cream of Thailand's youth, gathered for the first meeting as with enthusiasm, Elder F. H. Hewitt, the M.V. Secretary for Southeast Asia Union, led out in the evening Bible study series. The largest delegation came from the Ekamai church, followed by the Bangkok Sanitarium church.

Mrs. Marion Simmons, Far Eastern Division associate educational secretary, gave an inspiring series of morning Bible studies. On Sabbath, Elder R. S. Watts, Southeast Asia Union President, challenged the youth to be "Chosen Vessels for God"—the theme of the Bible Conference.

The delegates were divided into three groups so that each one could take a more active part in the discussions and the forums held each day. Some topics discussed were "The Test of Discipleship," "Growing Up Into Christ," "What to Do with Doubt" etc. The book **REAL HAPPINESS IS** was used as a source of reference for these panel discussions. Instruction was also given to the youth in the art of organizing and running an MV Society.

The "Share Your Faith" activities included "Operation Penetration," when the delegates actually got out and shared their faith with the surrounding village people by distributing nearly 2,000 tracts.

The most impressive and memorable part of the Bible Conference was the closing meeting in which Elder Hewitt gave a stirring sermon after which Mrs. Simmons led out in the colorful candle-lighting ceremony by lighting her candle and passing it along to those who were on the platform with her. The church pastors then stepped forward and lit their candles from those who were on the platform. Soon every candle in the auditorium was lighted and burning brightly. The delegates then formed a wide circle on the grounds in front and Elder Hewitt called for those who would like to testify to step forward and give their testimony. Fifty-four young people stepped forward and gave their stirring testimonies with a pledge to be true till the end. —Mrs. F. H. Hewitt



"Real Happiness Is" attending the Bible Conference.

## Penang Youth Camp

**S**URROUNDED by hills on three sides and with the ocean before, Muka Head, a beautiful beach, accessible only by boat and on foot over a two-mile adventurous path along the coast, was the scene of much activity and excitement on December 14, 1970, as 225 youthful campers prepared to spend a few wonderful days on this beautiful island Northwest of the Island of Penang. This camp was another "first" for the Malaya Mission and was the largest ever to be held for all of Malaya Mission. More than 100 young people arrived by special train from Singapore alone, including Chinese, Malay, Indian and American youths. This was truly a cosmopolitan camp.

Pastor Wong Yew Seng, M.V. Secretary for the Malaya Mission, had worked hard and long to prepare for this great event. Pastor F. H. Hewitt, Union M.V. Secretary, had also spent many hours helping to plan and to coordinate the various activities of the camp. Guest speakers included Pastors R. S. Watts, President of Southeast Asia Union, B. E. Jacobs, M.V. Secretary for the Far Eastern Division, T. K. Chong, President of the

Malaya Mission, and F. H. Hewitt.

A most outstanding feature of this camp was the opening address which was given by Dr. Lim Chong Eu, Chief Minister of the State of Penang, who along with his wife, had made the trip out to the camp on the opening day, to observe the many activities of our youth there. Mrs. Lim also made a few remarks during the opening address.

Many complimentary remarks were heard about the excellent job done by Mr. David Gouge from the Far Eastern Academy, who led out in the teaching of the various campcraft, and Miss Myrtle Fitzgerald was very popular with the young ladies as she was girls' director.

One of the most outstanding campfires was the one conducted by Pastor B. E. Jacobs on Friday night in which he vividly illustrated the story of Elisha and the prophets of Baal. Two altars had been previously erected by the campfire and at the opportune moment, actual fire was seen coming down from heaven to the altar of the true God by means of a wire connected to a coconut tree down which a flaming piece of cloth was hurled. Many good comments were heard concerning this most vivid illustration.

The Sabbath morning service was conducted by Pastor R. S. Watts during which an appeal for surrender was made to the youth and the response was 100% on the part of the youth to surrender their lives in service to the Master.

Sunday 20 December, 225 tired but very happy young people gathered together their belongings and headed for home. All felt that the camp was an enjoyable experience and that their spiritual experience had been strengthened by the spiritual talks given at the camp. Good comments were heard about the food as well as about the excellent organization of the camp itself.

—Mrs. F. H. Hewitt



Camp meals were prepared outdoors.



## Now It is Time to Build

M. G. Townend, SS Secretary,  
Australasian Division

HAVING visited Adventist institutions in more than thirty countries of the world, I had to come back to Bautama, New Guinea, almost on my doorstep to find what is perhaps the most dilapidated plant of a boarding school operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Don't think for a moment that the staff has just let things go. They have battled hard and long. But the elements and lack of funds beat them.

Bautama, the central school for the Central Papuan Mission, was built at the close of the second world war, using war surplus materials left behind by the Australian and American forces. Never intended to be permanent, these rusting, decaying buildings serve as home and school for more than 150 bright-eyed, intelligent young people who are keen to learn and impatient to enter into full-time service for the Master.

Your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Overflow for the 1st Quarter, 1971 will enable the Central Papuan Mission to relocate the school and build new and more representative dormitories and classrooms from permanent materials.

Omaura Bible Workers' Training School in the highlands of New Guinea will also benefit from your generous gifts on March 27. This centre of learning was also established on a shoestring budget, but although in desperate need of rebuilding and redevelopment, it is even now sending forth to the evangelistic field an ever expanding band of dedicated soul-winning workers.

"Teach us to live," is the earnest cry of youth all over New Guinea today. With baptisms averaging 2,000 annually, representing a 9 percent growth rate, New Guinea is faced with gigantic growing pains. More members mean more schools with more teachers, to train more pastors and teachers to care for even more members tomorrow. New schools must be built. Older ones must be improved, and at times rebuilt, to keep abreast of modern educational requirements.

New Guinea calls for your help. We are confident their call will not be in vain.



Anticipating a large 13th Sabbath Overflow on March 27, mission workers and students are already clearing land on the new location chosen for Papua's Central School.

## Sabah Workers' Retreat

PORING, a lovely spot on the edge of the beautiful Kinabalu National Forest in Sabah, was chosen as the site for the Sabah Workers' Retreat, November 24 to 27, 1970.

Faced with many new problems for 1971, the workers responded enthusiastically to the plans, ideas and suggestions of Pastors George Munson, Bruce Johnston and Chester Damron.

Twenty ministers pledged to conduct 38 evangelistic crusades during 1971 and are praying for over 600 converts to Jesus Christ. Their motto for the new year is, "Each One Win One in '71".

The work and workers in Sabah need our special prayers at this time. New forces are seeking to lead the people of Sabah away from faith in Jesus Christ. We are confident that God's work will succeed "by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

—C. H. Damron

## Recital Helps Teenact Club

Submitted by Herb Sormin,  
Sunny Hill Chaplain

MRS. Evelyn Rice, mother of Dr. Rice of Sandakan Adventist Clinic, gave a piano recital at the Sunny Hill School chapel on Wednesday, the 5th of August. The public was invited and the response good.

At the interval, Pastor R. C. Hall, president of the Mission, called for a freewill collection to help the TEENACT CLUB of Sunny Hill School in its community-service activities. The audience responded with an offering of \$50.65.



Earlier in the year, on May 5, Sunny Hill students formed a community-service club under the sponsorship of Mr. Preston Chin and the writer. Since then, TEENACT has made three trips and given over 90 hours to the paralytics at the Chesire Home. The motto of the TEENACT CLUB is, "Live to Serve."

(Below) "Two Fingers for Peace" and a smile of confidence on the faces of the workers in the Sabah Mission as they look forward to 1971 and unite in "100 FOR CHRIST EVANGELISM."





## A Physiotherapist for God

R. E. Finney

**E**ARL Anchant is a physiotherapist in Youngberg Memorial Hospital in Singapore, but that is just what he does to make a living. Even while he is busy in his professional work he does not forget that his real work is to witness for God. That he is an efficient, capable and most pleasant physiotherapist I can bear personal testimony. That is probably part of the reason for his success as a witness for Christ.

So far Earl has won six people to Christ through direct contacts made in his professional work. These include an English couple, of which the husband was head of one of Singapore's large bottling industries. When this family became Seventh-day Adventists, the husband resigned his position because of the fact that the company manufactured and sold liquor as well as soft drinks.

In addition to the six mentioned above, Earl has won eight others to the message through personal missionary work. Nor is he content to rest on his achievements. He is one of the leaders of the Johore Bahru Seventh-day Adventist church north of Singapore and this indeed keeps him busy on weekends.

His work at the hospital ends at one o'clock Friday afternoons and following this he journeys to Johore Bahru. There he has a Bible study at three o'clock with a young Catholic. At six o'clock he has another Bible study with a Hindu girl. At seven-thirty he is in charge of the Missionary Volunteer meeting at the church. At nine, following the MV meeting he has another Bible study with his sister who is learning our message.

Sabbath mornings his first Bible study comes at eight o'clock. At nine-thirty he acts as Superintendent of the Youth Sabbath School of the church. From two to four in the afternoon he helps enroll people in the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School, located in Singapore. Four o'clock finds him giving a Bible study to a Methodist girl, following which he goes back to Singapore and there has his final Bible study of the day at eight, with a Buddhist boy.

Brother Anchant had a vacation coming last year. Of the two weeks



he spent one week in preparation for a brief reaping evangelistic series in the Johore Bahru church and the following week in conducting the meetings. He did express the opinion that this might not be the most restful way to take a vacation.

If every able-bodied Seventh-day Adventist could win as many people to the message as this devoted brother has—or even a fraction of that number—what might be the power of the church in the world today compared to what it is.

Could you do this?  
Have you tried?

## Penang Conducts Pathfinder Camp

**I**N April of last year our Penang Pearl Pathfinder Club conducted a seven-day camp at Muka Head. Twenty-nine Pathfinders, and staff spent a delightful week together at this lovely spot. We thank Malaya Mission for loaning us the services of Pastor Lee Tsai Teik to direct

the activities of our camp. Pastor Lee not only did an excellent job in directing our camp, but also taught interesting MV Honor classes in shells and semaphore communications.

David Hor was our camp pastor, Timothy Nathan the business manager, Narcissa Pulanco the camp nurse, Soo Khee Chee the sports director, Goh Sam Nyan the cook with Elizabeth Sapigao assisting him, and Izella Stuiwenga the crafts instructor with Miss Pulanco assisting. The unit counselors were Tina Lee, Irene Mong, Anthony Boon and James Tan.

Daily activities included morning watch and prayer bands, calisthenics, hiking, swimming, crafts, MV Honor classes, and the evening campfire program (minus the campfire on a few evenings when the weather didn't cooperate).

Sabbath morning many other church members joined us for our Sabbath activities, Pastor David Hor leading out in the Sabbath School and Pastor Lee in the church service.

The week flew by all too quickly but we returned to our various homes and duties with many happy memories as well as having been drawn closer to God. We are hoping that soon we can join in a Mission-wide camp and get acquainted with the Pathfinder youth in other parts of our Mission.

(Picture Below) Staff Meeting at Penang Pathfinder Camp. Left to right: Izella Stuiwenga, Narcissa Pulanco, James Tan, Anthony Boon, Lee Tsai Teik, Tina Lee, Irene Mong, David Hor, Timothy Nathan, Soo Khee Chee.





## Penang Voice of Youth

**W**ITH such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How true this was as the young people of Penang united their efforts to do their part to help out in the Voice of Youth.

Our main area of concentration was the Bukit-Glugor, Green Lane area, where the young people had been toiling for months, preparing the ground, sowing the seed, by going from house to house giving the Way of Life lessons and the Bible Says.

A week to ten days before the meeting, 12,000 colorful pamphlets were given out throughout Penang. Very personal invitations were given to those with whom we have been working. Two buses were hired nightly to bring them to and from the meeting.

The meetings had a very encouraging start at 7:30 p.m. sharp on July 26th. As usual each was given a Bible and had his attendance card punched. Dr. Effie Jean Ketting showed some very inspiring slides on the opening night and on two other nights too. Miss Stuiwen-ga and Miss Pulanco obliged us with very meaningful slides on the other nights.

From the very first night we could sense God's presence was there at our meetings. Our church, with a comfortable maximum seating capacity of 196, was 146 full and three-quarters of these were not church members! God's spirit must have moved their hearts to come. As the first message, "Planet in Rebellion," was presented that night by our M.V. Leader Edward Poey, tears flowed down from the eyes of a few girls in the congregation, as they and many others, realized how rebellious our world has been toward a loving God and that there is limit to a man's endurance, however rebellious he may be. It is the Spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing.

The attendance increased the next night and over 156 came. The attendance was steady throughout the meetings till Thursday, and on Friday, the final night, we were in for a big surprise.

Brother Poey spoke for the next two nights on the topics: "Can the Space Age Conquer Death?" and "What Must I Do to be Saved?" They were very inspiring and touching. On the night when the topic "What Must I Do to be Saved?" was presented, they were asked to sign and check off a M.V. Decision Card after the sermonette. Most of them signed the cards.

On Wednesday night, Brother Peter Tan presented in a very practical and simple manner, as to how "Christ is the Answer" to all our human suffering and needs. The hearts of those attending were touched. They realized that with all the modern inventions and philosophical ideas of man, man cannot solve all his problems. There is still a gap between the problem and the solution. Most of the congregation responded signing the card "Christ is the Answer," as they realized that He is the only answer to all of life's problems, sufferings and need.

"The Judgment" presented by Brother James Tan on Thursday night was a very serious topic. Many made a very important decision that night. It was the fifth night of the series and those who had faithfully attended five nights were given a Bible free and on top of it the very inspiring book **The Great Controversy**. For the first time in the history of the Penang English Church so many copies of this Spirit of Prophecy book were given out in one night. That night was our first altar call. There was pin drop

silence as Brother James Tan made the call. For the first minute, no one came up. Then, as the Spirit moved them, one, yes two, and more and more came forward. Forty-five came up to the altar by the end of the call. We proceeded as usual to get their information.

Special music was arranged nightly by Brothers James Tan and Peter Tan, Dr. E. J. Ketting and Sister Pulanco. The music was very appropriate and inspiring.

Friday night—the night when they made their decision to answer the call to prepare for baptism—brother Poey spoke as he had never before. The topic: "Is Baptism Necessary?" It was obvious that a double portion of God's Spirit was present. The church was packed. Over 200 precious souls packed into that church that seats 196 at the maximum. Extra chairs were brought out. The choir and ushers were not included in this crowd. At the end of the sermonette, the choir sang "Just as I am." "Yes, who will be the first to come forward?" One, two, three, four. Oh, those of you reading these lines should have been here. You should have been here to witness how these precious souls struggled to make that all important decision. "Will I accept Christ as my Saviour?" One girl even fainted. Yes, after each stanza of the song, an appeal was made. "It is the absence of the Spirit of God that makes our gospel ministry so powerless and not powerful. It is the presence of the Spirit of God that makes our gospel ministry so powerful." — 8 T. Yes, 66 took their stand that night. You could have wept if you were there to witness the scene.



## Penang Conducts Investiture

On May 22, the Penang English Church MV Society conducted its second Investiture program of the year. Invested were one Busy Bee, one Sunbeam, four Builders, three Friends, two Companions, and one Guide. Forty-one MV honors and eighteen MV Book Club certificates were given out. We are hoping to have an even larger group ready for investiture by the end of this year.





Student group at SASS .

### Child Evangelism in Sarawak Mission

ONE day a little boy was born in a small district hospital. Everyone was excited to see the newborn baby. His name was Puntol. He lived at Kedumpai in Simunjan. He was born without hands and only one foot. The parents were desperate as they never thought that the child would ever live.

However, the parents took him home and cared for him until he grew up to be a strong boy. When Puntol was seven years old, his parents sent him to school. The first day he was in school, everyone at the school started at him. He did not worry one bit about what others were thinking about him. He was intelligent and his grades were always good. He wrote, ate and walked with his foot. His friends were always good to him and sympathetic to his situation. They helped him in every way possible and accompanied him wherever he went.

One day the rain was very heavy. The villagers did not go out to work. It was flooded everywhere in that area. Swarms of children were playing and swimming in the river. Instead of enjoying himself with the others, he swam away from the others. They did not know he was not with them. "Puntol is lost! Puntol is lost!" shouted the boys as they ran like a flash of lightening to the place where they suspected he was likely to be.

Puntol had drifted away down the river by the flood. After much

searching they found him sitting at the edge of the river, shivering from the cold. His friends helped take him home to the parents who had been very concerned about his being away from him till so late in the evening.

His parents were very glad that he was able to be home again. His mother changed his wet clothing and gave him a cup of warm milk.

A few days later, three girls from Kepayang went to Puntol's village. They had a wonderful Sabbath School program conducted in the house of one of the families in the village. The children and adults sang beautifully. One of them was Puntol. He loves to be in the Sabbath School. He loves stories and songs like other boys and girls of the world do. He attends Sabbath School regularly.

When the service was over one Sabbath, I asked him to sing a chorus and to write his name in my notebook. Indeed, he sang melodiously and wrote perfectly.

Today, we are very glad that Puntol is faithfully attending Sabbath School and Branch Sabbath School every Sabbath.

—Dorothy Lapan  
Sarawak Mission

### Week of Prayer Conducted in Sass, Tamparuli

RECENTLY a Week of Prayer was held at Sabah Adventist Secondary School (SASS), Tamparuli. More than 275 students and teachers attended each meeting.

The Week's topic was "DEDICATION". Each timely Message rendition was made more meaningful with the beautiful music by various groups and the school choir.

At the close of the meeting all the students and teachers rededicated themselves to God. As a result, 52 desired baptism and 119 Bible studies.

—Publishing Secretary of the  
S.D.A. Mission of Sabah

### Phuket Conducts Evangelistic Meetings

IN Phuket, evangelistic meetings were conducted in a hall for four weeks. Pastor Sunti Sorajjakool preached at these meetings at the hall which was on a vacant lot. There were about 50 people who came regularly. On May 2, there were four baptized and before May 10, eight had made their decision for baptism. The first night there were about 400 in attendance. We did not have enough seats for them. We announced that we would find more chairs for the next night but we could not find any more chairs. It is very hard to get chairs in Phuket for a long period of time. But we thank the Lord that Suthim was able to borrow 200 chairs for the third meeting. About 600 people came on the third night.

After the third night, the attendance dropped some but we were able to pick up more people the following weeks. At the present, Jerry Aitken and Suthim are now following up the interest.

—Sunti Sorajjakool,  
Lay Activities Secretary,  
Thailand Mission

(Below) 4 were baptized at the beach by Jerry Aitken who is seen standing in the center.





## By Jeep to Village of Putah

"PIGGI Manna?" questioned Pastor Hall to the man and small child that were running up the steep hill towards our jeep. The man was out of breath and could not answer but only pointed to the small child held by Mrs. Hall.

We had stopped at the top of the many hills between the main road junction and the village of Putah where we were spending the Sabbath. The jeep was heavily loaded with twenty bags of cement, nails, and other supplies to finish building the new church at Putah, besides medicine, and other supplies for this distant outpost where Brother Sapok is leading this flock. Many times repaired because parts are so hard to find, we were worried that the wheel bearing might give trouble.

A look of real devotion came on the man's face and we knew he was the father of this child that had been in the hospital for five months. The father had not been to see her for several months, but had received the word through the SDA radio that we were bringing the baby back today.

Little Lucy had gladly come to Mrs. Hall, but when she saw this man she was even happier. She stretched out her baby arms and a light in her eyes sparkled. She remembered him! She had not smiled for us, but she smiled for him. Now she would no longer come to us! What a lesson in early child training. She was only a little over a year old when she left her family for hospital treatment, but five months later, remembered her father!

He hopped in the back of the jeep and we drove on stopping at his village to let him off, give him the medicine and instructions from the doctors. A group gathered in no time asking for medical help. What a change from a few months ago when they wouldn't even wave! Several undernourished babies were brought, and we gave out some milk powder plus advice.

Over another little hill and the village of Putah could be seen, clean and pleasant-looking with separate houses for each family. The men stopped their badminton and football games to help unload the jeep and soon all were in the homes preparing to come for sundown worship in the church.

Mrs. Hall spoke to the people

encouraging them to learn more about training their children, giving instruction from the Bible to prove to them that they are held responsible for their children, so they should start training them from birth onward.

Sabbath morning we were awakened by singing in the church as they again met for early morning worship. After breakfast they all gathered around their attractive new church again, and when the bell was sounded at 9 a.m. all were ready to enter either the adult Sabbath School or the children's Sabbath School in the neatly-painted double "Lamb Shelter".

The new Putah Church is an attractive building built from lumber cut by the portable sawmill. The platform is built so that the tithe rice can be stored under the pulpit, to be sold as needed later on. The benches have backs on them, and the cement floor reached two-thirds of the way to the back. The cement we had brought with us would finish that up and also cement the floor of the porch outside the church so that feet would not bring in so much dust and dirt.

—Jean Hall

## Mr. Smokey Sam Arrives in Thailand

THAILAND is the first country in the Far Eastern Division to receive Mr. Smokey Sam. Since his arrival a few months ago, he has traveled quite at length in many parts of the country. From his first appearance, children and young students began calling him, "Dek-chai Deng" in Thai or "Mr. Smokey Sam." He has been popular among the many schools he has visited.

He is a twelve-year-old boy manikin built to smoke cigarettes through glass jar lungs that filter out tar which can both be seen and smelled. This development satisfies the world-wide need for easy-to-understand demonstration on the harmful nature of tobacco smoke. Every

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demonstration leaves a lasting impression on both young and old.

Smokey Sam comes clothed in stay-pressed trousers with a side-zipped shirt to permit the viewing of his lungs from the back. The lungs are completely installed and ready for demonstration. Through the use of a tape-recorder, a live conversation can be carried with Sam. Or, he can give a well-prepared speech before an audience.

Lately, Sam has been appearing in evangelistic crusades in South Thailand. He has been of great help in the five-day-plan programs, too.

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