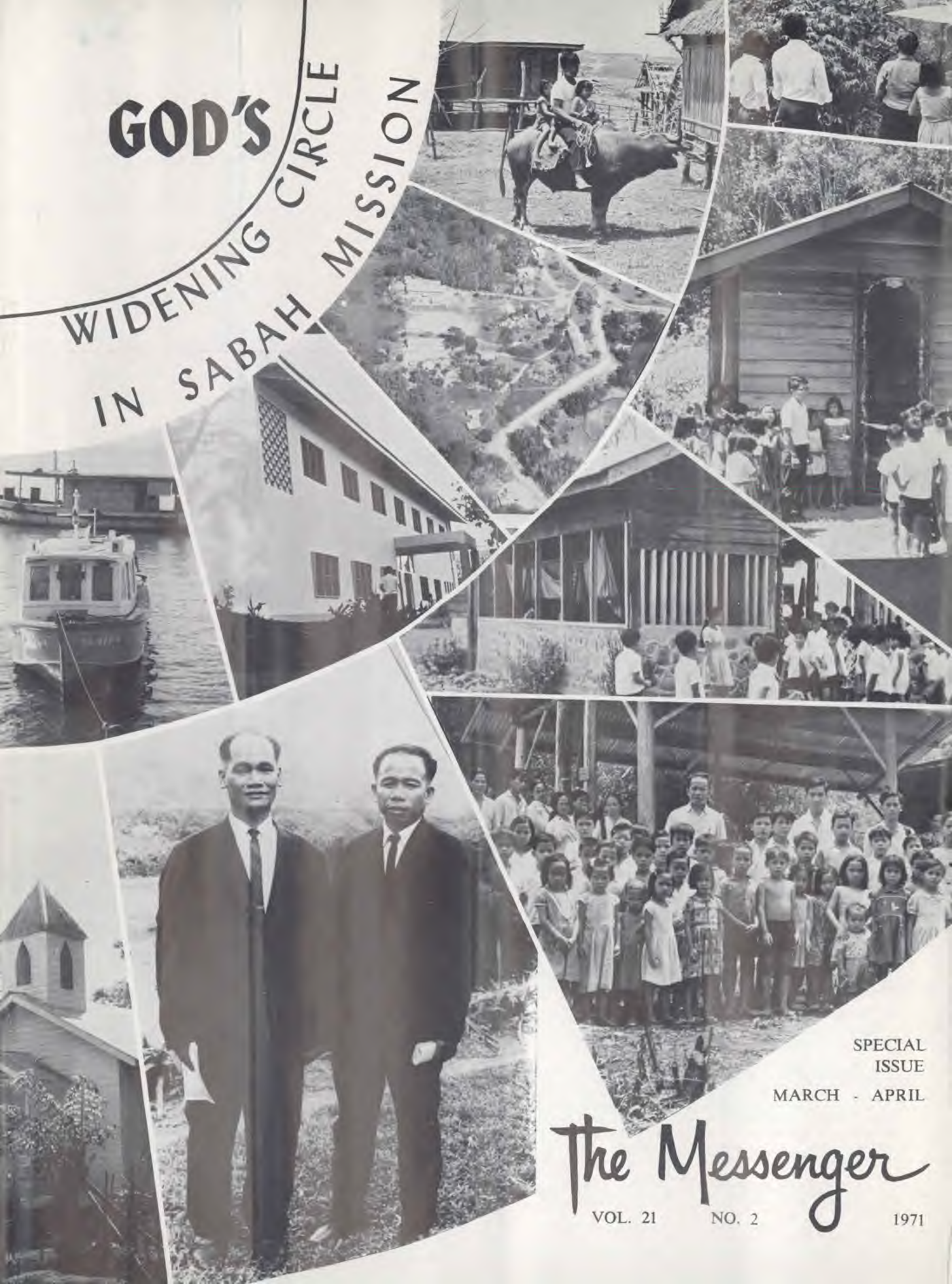


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WIDER CIRCLE



WE are now well into the first quarter of a new year, a time when we are called to widen the circles of Christian evangelism, education, medical outreach, and fellowship with the people of the world as well as our own families. As we contemplate the momentous events that took place in 1970, we humbly admit that the circles have not been wide enough. As we think of the 384 souls who were baptized in Sabah last year, we know that our efforts could have been better.

Could it be that these small results come because we have small expectations? At our workers retreat held in Poring, Sabah, eighteen workers pledged to hold thirty-eight evangelistic meetings and baptize one thousand souls! However, raising goals alone does not insure wider spiritual circles.

Earnest prayer, deep study of the Word, making all things right in the sight of God and man, obedience to God's plan, these will all result in a revived church, a united people, a renewal of Pentecost!

—G. W. Munson

... Have you heard

* THAT Brother Hilson Lopog, formerly of Parapat District, has been asked to pastor the Nahaba district. We wish this family God's blessings.

* That our workers in Sabah helped to baptize 384 members into the church in 1970. Recently Pastor Munson visited the Malangang church and there baptized 11 candidates. The oldest lady claimed to be one hundred years old! She was baptized in a chair with the help of three deacons.

* That Mrs. Mundahoi, who was Sabah Mission's delegate to the recent General conference, has been giving talks in our churches in the East Coast of Sabah. She gained much material for her talks from her travels in the United States. She even has a story to tell about Pastor Smith's driving talents.

* That the Mission has voted for Pastor Tan of Sandakan Church to take a furlough at the middle of this year. His son Stephen will be graduating in June with three degrees!

* That last August our Tamparuli campmeeting was attended by the largest group of Adventist ever. Almost 1,700 members including our enthusiastic youth attended the Sabbath services.

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“YOU can’t go to that Christian Church! We are spirit worshipers, and if you follow this church the spirits will be angry! Stop now or I will cut off your head!”

The people of Nahaba village were startled by the shouting that came from Condisoi’s house. Bare feet pounded the damp ground as men, women and children hurried to the little bamboo hut. They stood there staring in a wild-eyed circle!

Condisoi was the daughter of the village witch doctor. In recent weeks she had been attending the branch Sabbath School being held at the Bible teacher’s house in the village. On this Sabbath, her angry mother stood on the trail in front of the house blocking her daughter’s way with a drawn parang (sword).

Hearing the noise, the village Bible teacher, Gondolos, ran out of his hut and headed for the circle of onlookers. He stood there for a moment, taking in the situation. “Someone must do something, quickly,” he thought, as he stepped forward with a prayer on his lips, blocking the old lady.

Satanic fire blazed in the eyes of the old witch. She swung the parang with a scream, “Dare you stop me? . . . you who caused my daughter to disobey me! . . . The spirits will curse our village! . . . Get out of my way or I will cut you down!”

Gondolos was not a weak man, nor was he easily intimidated. Standing his ground, he spoke in a quiet, controlled voice, “Your daughter is a good woman. She wishes only to worship the God of Heaven, the creator of all things. She loves Jesus, her Saviour. She wants to help her children do right. She is interested in helping her village. Will you not give her permission to worship as she desires?”

Lunging out at the man, the toothless witch renewed her attack, this time screaming curses and swinging wildly at Gondolos. He dodged the blow. Pressing the attack the mother swung the knife at her daughter, but Condisoi stopped the blow with her umbrella. The steel blade cut into the handle, but no harm was done. Condisoi turned to run to her house retreating in tears. The Bible teacher disarmed the mother and persuaded her to calm down.

This first attack seemed to end in defeat as the little group of shaken believers began their Sabbath School that morning. But they turned to the Lord in prayer.

A month later the writer and his wife joined the little company in Nahaba. We sat on the bamboo floor as services began. During the opening hymn a young lady with a baby in a sarong sling on her hips, came up the bamboo steps and entered the room. She shyly stood in the back. We noticed tears running down her cheeks, as she joined in the singing. She seemed to enjoy the stories of Jesus’ life and work. We were told that she was Condisoi. After the meeting we met her and heard the story of her experience.

We heard that Condisoi had withstood several wild attacks by her mother, but on the last incident, the old witch stopped suddenly and asked her daughter what the people did in those meetings. Condisoi sat down and told her mother the story of Jesus. When she came to the story of the cross the old lady was deeply impressed. She also wanted to know the meaning of the songs the Christians sang. Right there, the old witch promised her daughter that she could go to church and believe in Jesus. Condisoi and her husband were baptized. Their four children join them each Sabbath in meeting with the believers in Nahaba.

Condisoi’s Family and Home



Today, Condisoi is especially happy. Her prayers for her mother have been answered and her mother is now attending church and interested in Christianity. She has lost faith in the old bottles of black medicine and the baskets of charms and implements of her magic. We pray that Condisoi’s mother will join a happy group of former witch doctors, both men and women, who have found a greater power in the Holy Spirit. These men and women have become some of the most active laymen of the Seventh-day Adventist Mission in Sabah. They are now dispelling the darkness of evil with the Light of Heaven.

... TO WIDEN THE CIRCLE

* **I**N order that we may widen the circle of Salvation the Sabah Mission has made plans to increase our evangelistic activities. Our Mission ministerial workers, meeting at their retreat in Poring, pledged to God that they would hold 39 evangelistic efforts. Their personal goals for baptisms for the year totaled 1,000 souls! We praise the Lord for this demonstration of faith and courage. Here are some of the plans that will help to widen the circles of God:

* In order that our ministerial workers may be better trained for service, it has been planned to hold a six-week Field School of Evangelism in connection with a major evangelistic campaign to be held by Pastor Chester Damron, Ministerial Association Secretary of the Southeast Asia Union.

* The ordination of Pastor Lopog Sorudim and Pastor Guodoh G. Bendah will give strength to the ministry in Sabah. Pastor Sorudim will serve in a new district, namely, Pahu in Ulu Tuaran, and Pastor Bendah will return to his district in Goshen.

* A new ministerial worker joined the team as Jeran Labat was called from his teaching post in Kelawat School. He was principal of the school there, but will now pastor the Mantub district.

* Brother Edwin Siagian was appointed as acting Secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department of our Mission. Since Brother Siagian will be continuing his teaching at S.A.S.S., the Mission committee voted to ask three pastors and teachers to help in his youth work in their areas. Pastor Martin Ya'ang in the Ulu Tuaran Area, Elder Ginduk Laung to help in the Tenggilan-Kota-Belud-Kota Kinabalu area, and Brother Joseph Thia to give guidance to the youth work in the Goshen and Kudat Area.

* In order that our work in the interior may be expanded we have called Madin Sibadol to locate in Keningau and to help pastor the Sook, Tiulon, and Nabawan companies.

* The youth of our mission are active missionary workers. In order that they may be trained and inspired for better service we are planning to hold a YOUTH CONGRESS in Goshen in the middle of the year.

* To widen the circle of Sabbath School evangelism and coordinate this work with the rest of the Church, Pastor Mandatang Gaban and his associate, Miss Nony Sha'ah are holding extensive training classes in the local churches of our mission.

* Brother Edmund Siagian, principal of Sabah Adventist Secondary School, has been appointed as Secretary of the Educational Department of the mission. He will help strengthen our educational program in the mission.

* Miun Lundoh and Molly Gaban will be leaving Singapore after they graduate and will join our teacher staff in S.A.S.S. and Goshen School respectively. We are happy for these Sabahans who are returning to serve God in this mission.

New Monthly International Review and Herald

THE General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, the Review and Herald, Washington D.C. U.S.A., and the Stanborough Press, Grantham, England, take great pleasure in announcing a **NEW INTERNATIONAL MONTHLY EDITION OF THE "REVIEW AND HERALD."**

The regular weekly edition of the international **Review and Herald** will still be published in Washington D.C., but a **NEW INTERNATIONAL MONTHLY EDITION OF THE "REVIEW AND HERALD"** will now be published at the Stanborough Press in England. This, of course, will be a new and challenging undertaking for the World Church of Seventh-day Adventists.

It was felt at the last Fall Council that the time has come when special emphasis must be given to the fact that we are a world church, in harmony with which a **monthly** edition of the **Review and Herald** should now be published to reiterate this fact to the world field, and that it should be printed outside of the United States. So, from Grantham, England, the Stanborough Press Limited will publish the first edition, July 1, 1971. Special significance will be placed on the Divisions, Unions, Conferences and Missions outside of the United States. Naturally,

because the publication is from England, it will be anglicized and have English spelling. The price will be only \$8.00 for a yearly subscription.

We are also happy to announce that with each charter subscription, the Stanborough Press will send, post paid, with the subscription, a free copy of Pastor Arthur S. Maxwell's latest full message book "**Good News For You.**" We are certain that every one of our people will want this volume in his or her library, especially in view of the fact that it is the last full message book Pastor Maxwell wrote before his death.

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ORDINATION SERVICE

LAST January 16, at 4:00 p.m. a group of more than 200 Adventists gathered at the auditorium of the Sabah Adventist Secondary School to witness the sacred rite of ordination. Pastor Lopog Sorudim and Guodoh G. Bendah were ordained as ministers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. After the Mission President, Elder George Munson, welcomed the congregation a hymn was sung and Elder Ginduk Laung offered the opening prayer.

A message in song was given by our Academy youth and then Elder R. S. Watts, Jr. gave the ordination sermon. Elder and Mrs. Mandatang Gaban and Elder and Mrs. Ginduk Laung led the candidates and their wives to the platform and Elder W. E. Smith presented them to the congregation. Then Elder Mandatang Gaban offered the ordination prayer, asking for the Lord's blessing on our two brothers. Elder H. W. Bedwell presented the ordination charge after which Elder Munson welcomed the two newly ordained ministers to the gospel ministry. Elder K. T. Kong, our Union Secretary, gave the ordination certificates to the ministers. Our veteran minister, Elder J. T. Pohan, who had joined the ministers on the platform, offered the benediction.

Since three ministers, who were missionaries, had to leave Sabah, it was indeed fitting that these two faithful workers be set aside as ordained ministers to help the present group of ordained workers who have a heavy burden to bear. Let us pray that God will bless the ministry of these men. Elder Guodoh will continue to serve in the Goshen district and Elder Sorudim will enter a new field in Ulu Tuaran, the Pahu district.

Volunteer Workers

Volunteer Workers: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith, parents of Pastor W. E. Smith, have very kindly volunteered to come to Sabah to help us in their talent and cheerful advice. Mr. Smith has given good service to our Mission as building advisor. The worker's home at Goshen shown at the right was made possible under his direction. He has also directed the work of building and repairing four churches in Goshen area as well as two schools for our mission.



At left, Mr. Smith shows our local church members how to lay blocks and make strong buildings that will not be destroyed by white ants or rot in the humid climate of Sabah. Brother Apook Liew, mission carpenter, works together with Mr. Smith and recently Julian Gindah has joined the team to speed up the many projects we have in the mission. New churches and mission workers' homes are scheduled for construction in 1971.



Student Missionaries from Singapore



The big airliner had just touched down on Kota Kinabalu airport as Marlyn Williams, son of Elder R. C. Williams of the Far Eastern Division, and Glenn Munson, the writer's son, walked into the lobby with big smiles. They were to spend a couple of months helping with the work of the Sabah Mission.

First, Marlyn hauled lumber to remote villages where Lamb Shelters were to be built and helped in other odd jobs around the Sabah Adventist Secondary School. Then moving on up to Goshen in the North of Borneo, the two husky teenagers hauled sand with the Goshen school tractor and trailer, painted Pastors Smith's house, and helped with evangelistic meetings being held at Tagaroh village. They also repaired the electric generator and kept it in good running order and operated the projectors for the two evangelistic campaigns.

The work of student missionaries from Singapore is greatly appreciated by our mission. The sight of young Christian teenagers doing hard work inspires our local youth and the student missionaries get a picture of the reality of mission life in Borneo.



THREE ladies, all experts in the area of nursing education, made an itinerary throughout the Far Eastern Division beginning on February 15. They are Miss Mazie Herin, assistant secretary of the General Conference department of health, Dr. R. Maureen Maxwell, Ed. D., professor of nursing, Loma Linda University, and Miss Maxine Atteberry, associate secretary of the Far Eastern Division department of health. They visited more than a dozen hospitals in the Far East and met with our medical leaders in these medical institutions. The picture at the right is of Miss Herin of the General Conference department of health.



ELDER C. H. LAUDA (picture at left) is the secretary of the General Conference Association of Self-supporting Institutions, and he is also secretary of the North American Missions Committee. Elder Lauda promotes the work of Seventh-day Adventists among the foreign-language-speaking groups in North America.

Beginning on February 17, Pastor Lauda visited more than twenty places in several countries in the Far East. He visited Saigon, Bangkok, Singapore and Sarawak in the Southeast Asia Union Mission.

Pastor Lauda has had a wide experience in the United States, having been evangelist, departmental secretary in several conferences, and president of three conferences. His counsel will be a great help to our work in the Far Eastern Division.

MALAYA MISSION WORKERS' RETREAT

T. K. Chong

PASTOR C. H. Damron, Ministerial Secretary, set the tone for the Workers' Retreat when he delivered his keynote message on the opening night. He made an earnest call for all workers to put away the sins listed by Mrs. E. G. White in the Spirit of Prophecy. Pastor Damron did not mince his words but spoke straight from the shoulder. All were inspired by his message and roused to the need of confessing sins to God and asking forgiveness. When the meeting came to an end all were on their knees in supplication to God and thanking Him for His bounteous grace and mercy. It resulted in a total commitment to God and a new zeal and enthusiasm for the cause of Christ as well as a manifestation of the Holy Spirit's presence in the hall where the service was being conducted. The workers realized the need of having a spirit of humility and Christ-like behaviour at all times.

The next two days Pastor Damron held classes on "Witnessing and Winning" and "Righteousness by Faith." Ten minutes was allotted to questions on all class periods. A unique feature was the discussion period known as "? " Box when workers were free to ask any questions without fear of embarrassing the ones in charge of work administration. The purpose was to create a dialogue between workers and administrators. It proved to be a real success and a spirit of brotherly love pervaded the whole atmosphere during the retreat, which all the workers carried home with them in their hearts.

Pastors K. T. Kong, F. H. Hewitt and R. I. Gainer of SEAU Mission took charge of the morning devotional meetings together with Pastor W. V. Clements of the Far Eastern Division and Pastor D. E. Venden of SEAU College Church. These meetings closed with prayer bands.

Pastor R. E. Finney, Jr., of the Balestier Road Church, Singapore during the class sessions, spoke on the subject, "Organize Work to Succeed" and Pastor Venden taught on the subject, "Pastoral Visitation," as well as that interesting study on "The Song of Moses and the Lamb."

Pastors W. V. Clements and R. B. Grady, the latter is the Sabbath School and Lay Activities Secretary of the Union, spoke on "Missing Members" and "Disaster Relief Teams" respectively. Mrs. G. C. Ekvall, Assistant S. S. Secretary and Secretary for Child Evangelism, had the eyes of the workers glued to the teaching aids and demonstrations. Pastor F. H. Hewitt, SEAU Mission MV and Educational Secretary, took time to speak on "MV Work" and "Parent and Home Education."

The evening meetings at 7:30 were led out by the following speakers: Pastors Damron, Bruce Johnston of Far Eastern Division and T. K. Chong of the Malaya Mission. During the day Pastor Johnston counselled with the workers on "Evangelism" and "Follow-up Work."

Thursday night, a communion service for workers was held under the direction of Pastor R. S. Watts, Jr. SEAU Mission President. At the close of his sermonette and before the ordinance of humility, many workers stood up and gave testimonies as to what the Lord had done for them and their families. Just before the close of the Lord's Supper, the quartet rendered a message in song after which instead of the usual benediction Pastor Watts dismissed the group by quoting from the gospel according to St. Matthew, where is stated these words. "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives." This was really a very fitting way of closing the service when one by one the workers left the hall quietly into the night which was impressive indeed! Pastor H. Y. Cheah, Pastor R. S. Watts, Pastor K. T. Chin and Pastor K. B. Tan officiated at the table. Pastor T. K. Chong and Mr. Han Chung Kong served as deacons. Mrs. H. Y. Cheah and Mrs. Linda Hor served as deaconesses. Our grateful thanks to all those who made their contributions to the Workers' Retreat as well as to those who were present during the retreat including our workers' wives and children. It was a happy band of workers who left for home on Friday morning after devotional by Pastor Venden.





An Opportunity to Express Your Concern

Theodore Carcich

DEVASTATING earthquakes, hurricanes, and floods currently racking the planet are inevitably followed by unparalleled human misery and suffering. Disaster follows disaster in rapid succession.

On May 31, 1970, an area of 80,000 square kilometers in Peru containing 1,700,000 people was shaken by an earthquake lasting 40 seconds. As a result, cities, towns, and villages were wiped out leaving 60,000 known dead, 20,000 missing, 200,000 injured, 20,000 children orphaned, and 700,000 homeless.

In November of that same year a killer-storm struck East Pakistan. The greatest disaster of the century, if not of all time, left hundreds of thousands dead and one million persons homeless and hungering as a result of the tidal waves.

How does one measure the pain, grief, and sorrow associated with such tragedies? We read about these catastrophies view the scenes on television, and listen to the radio reports, but we do not feel the actual anguish and heartache which prevails on the scene. We thank God that the disaster was not greater than it was but we cannot sense the numbing and shattering despair that settles down on the survivors who suddenly sense that they have lost everything worthwhile—loved ones, and home.

Here is where our Christian compassion and concern can extend a helping hand. As in other catastrophies, Seventh-day Adventists around the world reacted immediately when the news of the Peru and East Pakistan disasters reached our SAWS office in Washington, D.C. Tents, blankets, food, clothes, and medicines were rushed immediately by plane to the stricken areas. In this organized service of mercy we all have a part.

Although we personally may not feel the pain of the victims, we do feel a sense of compassion and concern. This compassion and concern when translated into deeds of mercy and the sharing of our means to alleviate suffering and pain wherever it may occur is our Christian duty.

God's people have always supplied the SAWS treasury with ample means to meet these tragic emergencies. Due to the heavy drain on available funds entailed by the rapidly recurring disasters, there is an urgent need to replenish the SAWS treasury, for no one knows where or when disaster will strike again.

On Sabbath, May 8, 1971, all of us will have an opportunity to express our heartfelt concern and compassion for disaster victims. When giving, keep in mind the words of the Master, "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40.



SABAH PUBLISHING LAUNCH DEDICATION

IT was a bright sunny day in Sandakan, Sabah. A group of Adventist leaders and laymen were gathered at the boat dock beside the main pier. Tied to the dock was a sparkling, new motor launch, belonging to the Publishing Department of Sabah Mission. At about eleven o'clock, Pastor G. W. Munson called the group together and Pastor R. S. Watts, Jr., president of the Southeast Asia Union, introduced the guests, Mrs. Ethel O'Cain, her daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Spreadborough, Elder C. L. Paddock of the Southern Publishing Association, and Elders E. A. Brodeur and H. W. Bedwell of the Far Eastern Division.

Elder Brodeur, secretary of the Division Publishing Department, gave a brief background of the need for a publishing launch. Elder Paddock, a long-time friend of Mrs. Ethel O'Cain, followed with the dedicatory speech. He told of a life of sacrifice and the deep interest Mrs. O'Cain had in missionary work. Even though she did not have much money, with careful budgeting, Mrs. O'Cain was able to help in many mission projects. She was interested in providing launches for our literature evangelists who lived in areas with limited transportation facilities. She gave a generous donation to build a launch to travel the rivers and east coast of Sabah and in the rivers of Sarawak.

Pastor H. W. Bedwell offered the dedicatory prayer after Mrs. Ethel O'Cain said a few words of appreciation to the assembled group.

Pastor Munson introduced the colporteurs who worked in the Sandakan area. Two of them, Brother Haijun and Stephen Gunggut, would be operating the launch.

Moving to the side of the diesel launch, Mrs. O'Cain received a pair of golden scissors from Mrs. Maggie Phang, a literature evangelist, and then cut the red ribbon holding the launch.

Mrs. O'Cain then boarded the 32-foot launch to inspect the well-equipped craft. Following government regulations, the boat has all safety devices and a complete electric light plant for the two cabins and deck lights.

We thank Mrs. O'Cain and her daughter for their visit and this very generous gift which will bring the gospel message to every port of call on the rivers and east coast settlements of Sabah.

—G. W. Munson

Sabah Publishing Launch

Left to Right: Pastor L. Pandjaitan, Sabah Mission Publishing Secretary, Mrs. Ethel O'Cain, and Literature Evangelists



S.A.W.S. SAVES LIVES IN ♦ ♦ ♦ VIETNAM



... During 1970 SAWS has come to the aid of a number of villages supplying clothes, toys, food, and medicines.

... Hundreds of children were inoculated by SAWS workers. Since July of 1969, nearly 200,000 children have received free immunizations.



... Wherever we can, we try to bring relief from suffering to young and old. SAWS is well-known both by the government and also by US-sponsored agencies in Vietnam.



... In many areas of the northern provinces of South Vietnam, people sand-bagged their roofs and prepared as best they could for the forecast of floods because of typhoon warnings in October and November of 1970.

... In many places water reached 3 and 4 meters high. Poorly built dwellings collapsed and in some areas were carried away in the swollen rivers.



... Memorials were erected and josh sticks lit in almost every village as hundreds lost their lives. At one time, 900,000 families were homeless.

... SAWS brought food and other supplies such as metal roofing to help families in Danang and outlying areas.





MISSION NEWS

Completing the second phase of a five-year building project, this new dormitory was occupied in May of 1970. Recently, a layman from a mountain church remarked, "The girls can even take a bath inside the building."



"REMEMBER PORING"

None of our mission ministerial workers will ever forget the inspiration gained as we met at the Poring hot water springs for our retreat. Pastors Bruce Johnston and Chester Damron led out in a most instructional and spirit-filled program.

Living in tents we enjoyed the nearby hot water baths and the quiet atmosphere right at the edge of the rain forest. The lofty jungle trees lifted our hearts to praise our Maker.



MARUDU LIGHT

At the Goshen camp meeting, Pastors D. R. Guild, and H. D. Johnson joined Elder W. E. Smith in dedicating the new speed boat, Marudu Light. This craft joined Sabah Mission's small fleet of five launches as the faster messenger of Truth. It cuts travel time from five hours to forty-five minutes.