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The Gift

NEGLECTED AND APPRECIATED

IT was so embarrassing—having a prophetess in the church! If only there were not so many others claiming to be prophets! But as it was, most people considered Ellen White a false prophet.

James White, husband of the prophetess and editor of the Review and Herald, stroked his beard thoughtfully. How could he break through the prejudice that he faced? "We base all our doctrines on the Bible and the Bible only," he reasoned. "I can write my articles without referring to the Spirit of Prophecy. From now on, the Review will say no more about the visions."

For four years he carefully followed this policy. But then something strange began to happen. The visions became less and less frequent. Mrs. White began to think her work was finished. Also, there came into the church a noticeable decline in spirituality.

Eventually, at a meeting in Battle Creek in 1855, the brethren correctly diagnosed the church's illness: malnutrition from lack of the Spirit of Prophecy messages. They humbly confessed to God that fear of ridicule had led them to suppress the gift, and resolved that they would no longer cut the channel of communication between God and His people by refusing to publish His messages.

The Lord heard the confession of His people and graciously revived the prophetic gift. Once more the messages from heaven were sent out to encourage the desponding and correct the erring. The church, invigorated by a more nutritious diet, grew and prospered.



FROM THEIR SHOULDERS

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"In your magazine you quote beautiful words from a book called The Desire of Ages," wrote a subscriber. "Tell

"I am sorry," came the reply from the publishing house. "That book is in English. It has not been translated into our language."

"Won't you please translate it?" came back a second inquiry by mail.
me, where can I get that book?" 2

The publishing staff discussed the matter. "The book will not sell," they agreed. "We would lose money on it." That was in 1936. Years went by. Little was done.

Then, in distant provinces of the country, dark clouds began to gather. Some of the workers became agitated. "A storm is coming, and our people are not ready," they said. "They need the Spirit of Prophecy books. Let's translate them." They covenanted together to devote 1% of their income to the project. Work was begun on several important books.

But while the books were still on the presses, the storm that had long threatened suddenly broke. "The rains descended and the floods came." In the terrible upheaval, everything that could be shaken was shaken. Thousands of church members were unprepared. They had never read about the time of trouble in The Great Controversy. They had made no preparation for the storm. Their characters were not firmly built on the Rock, Christ Jesus.

A BROADER PERSPECTIVE

WE STAND ON THE SHOULDERS OF THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE.

In the terrible disaster, doctors, nurses, press workers, teachers, students—yes, even pastors, even conference presidents—were swept away by the raging floods.

Daniel was one of the few who stood firm. He looked with anguish at those who had made ship-wreck of their faith. Then he resolutely set out to complete the task that had been neglected in sunnier days. A few faithful friends supported him and themselves through a small business, so that he could work full time translating the Conflict of the Ages books. How he would publish and pay for them he had no idea. But he continued his work in faith that God would open up the way. And He did.

A group of Missionary Volunteers, moved by the Spirit of God, threw themselves into the task. It was not easy. There was no salary for them. There was no longer a press: it had been taken over by the new regime. Undeterred by difficulties, they laboriously hand-copied all of the manuscripts on stencils and ran off an edition of 3,000 copies! They bound the materials into ten volumes and distributed them among the churches. Letters and funds came in from all parts of the country to meet the expenses. The people were thirsty for the testimony of Jesus. The pastors especially rejoiced. "Now we don't have to go to non-Adventist bookstores to get sermon materials," they said. Even pastors of other denominations read and enjoyed the books.

One day the police came and confiscated all the remaining stocks. But an influential bishop protested, "Those are good books. They do not teach anything harmful." The books were returned and distributed.

Daniel did not know that he and his helpers would suffer for what they had done. But he seemed to have a premonition that his days of freedom were limited. Not many months before his trial and conviction, he sent out this impassioned plea to church leaders around the world:

"As I think upon those who have made shipwreck of faith in the past few years, my heart is wrung with anguish. I have sought for the cause, and come to the conclusion that it is because the lambs of God's flock were denied the strengthening and quickening influence of the Testimonies. . . .

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Businessman Won Through GREAT CONTROVERSY

A FEW months ago a Vietnamese businessman became ill. He called for a taxi to take him to the Saigon General Hospital. Somehow the taxi driver misunderstood and took him to the Saigon Adventist Hospital. Mr. Nguyen realized that he was not at the right place, but he was in such pain that he decided he would go in anyway. He was greatly impressed by the courtesy and interest shown him by the hospital personnel, and it was not long before a bed was found for him in one of the overcrowded wards.

While Mr. Nguyen was recovering fom his illness, he found an English paperback edition of The Great Controversy by E. G. White next to his bed. Knowing English well, he soon was deeply involved in the message of the book.

From the time Mr. Nguyen was a small child, his father had tried to interest him in the Catholic religion; but the boy could not bring himself to calling the priest father. As a student of the Bible, he had other doubts about Catholic doctrines.

As the years went by, this businessman kept searching for truth. He had lived a good life morally and had followed the truth whenever he found it, but he was never satisfied with his relationship to God. Now, as he turned page after page in The Great Controversy, he found for the first time the answers to his questions about religion. While God was moving on his heart, Pastor Pham Truong Thanh, the hospital chaplain, visited and studied with him. Mr. Nguyen became most enthusiastic about this new-found truth, and soon his wife and nine children joined him in attending services in the Phu Nhuan Church next to the hospital. He and his wife especially enjoyed the pastor's class taught by Le Cong Giao, the publishing house manager, each Sabbath. Nguyen Ngoc Nhieu, from the hospital business department, studied the Voice of Prophecy lessons with the family.

During the last weeks of June, Elder Clinton Shankel, Far Eastern Division Lay Activities Secretary, and the writer conducted a short reaping evangelistic meeting in Saigon. At the conclusion of the meetings Mr. and Mrs. Nguyen and their four older children were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church.

The Nguyen family often express their deep appreciation for the book Great Controversy. Mr. Nguyen said to Elder Shankel, "If The Great Controversy could be translated into Vietnamese, thousands in Vietnam would become Seventh-day Adventists."

—Robert B. Grady, Secretary, Sabbath School Department

Watts Family Spends Busy Furlough

UNION President Ralph S. Watts and his family are spending a busy five-month furlough in the interests of the work in this field. Pastor Watts is visiting all colleges where former Southeast Asia Union College students are studying, to keep before them the needs of the work in their homelands. Pastor Watts will attend Fall Council in October, and will return to Singapore around November 1. The rest of the family will arrive later, with one member missing: Edith will remain in the States to attend college.

Highlight of their trip home through Europe, writes Pastor Watts, was a visit with the believers in Moscow.

The Gift (Continued from page 3)

"In ancient times God spoke to men by the mouth of prophets and apostles. In these days He speaks to them by the Testimonies of His Spirit. Woe be to us if we obstruct the channel of communication between our Lord and His own!

"As a man who has seen affliction by the rod of His wrath, I make an earnest and urgent plea to our fellow workers throughout the world field that they . . . see to it that the full counsel of God as presented in the writings of E. G. White should be speedily, accurately, and forcefully translated into all the major languages of the world, and then hastily published and placed into the hands of our people. Let ample funds and the very best talent be devoted to this urgent need. . . .

"May the leadership throughout the world field make this their most urgent work, to see that those who keep the commandments of God also have the testimony of Jesus!"

That stirring appeal was sent out over fifteen years ago. Dark clouds are spreading over Southeast Asia. Are our people ready for future events?

Wherever the Spirit of Prophecy writings are neglected, the church is stunted in spiritual growth. But where the writings are loved and heeded, our people grow into mature Christians. They have a higher vision than the pursuit of prosperity. They are informed of Satan's strategies and how to defeat them. They see bright glimpses of Jesus and become more and more like Him.

How important that the writings of Mrs. E. G. White be made available to our people!

-B.S.N.

¹ See Arthur L. White, Messenger to the Remnant, pages 51-54.

²The following account is from a country which must remain unidentified.

³ Patriarchs and Prophets, Prophets and Kings, Desire of Ages, Acts of the Apostles, and The Great Controversy.



Pastor and Mrs. Watts with their four children, Edith, Steven, Marcia, and Lori Ann, as they left Singapore airport on May 30.

SAUC Alumni News (Continued from page 12)

- * Peggy Kong-Yeo and her three small children returned home for a visit with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. K. T. Kong and mother-in-law, Mrs. Grace Yeo. Husband Reginald Yeo will follow in early August. Peggy has not been home for 10 years; Reggie for 16 years.
- * Maurine Tan-Souw, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tan Sim Hong, returned home with her three children to visit parents, relatives, and friends after an absence of 20 long years. Maurine teaches school while husband Dr. Robert Souw practises dentistry in California. Robert will come for a short visit to Singapore and his home-land Indonesia in early August.
- * Dr. & Mrs. John Toh Hock Seong passed through Singapore en route from the US to his hometown in Malaya. He plans to spend a short time in Singapore before returning to the United States.
- * Olive Young is home on vacation from England where she completed her nurse's training and is continuing with postgraduate work.
- * Lucy Geck Hiok Tan-Dee paid a short visit home from the US with husband Dr. David Dee and two small children. They spent a good part of their vacation touring Europe before coming home.



NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS



Gospel Penetrates Penang Prison

BEGINNING in April, the Prison Band of the Penang Church has been conducting services for about thirty prisoners in the Penang Prison. Permission to work in the prison had to come from government headquarters in Taiping, Malaya North. Though operating under restrictions (no youth under 21, or women, are allowed to enter the prison; no Muslim prisoners are permitted to attend services), the Prison Band is much encouraged with the results so far.

Under the leadership of Edward Poey, a lively program of health talks, Gospel messages, and music has been presented, with translations into Chinese and Malay. Dr. R. R. Standish, specialist in internal medicine at the Penang Hospital, has presented talks and x-ray exhibits on the dangers of smoking. Several prisoners have already given up smoking as a result. Though no Muslim prisoners are allowed to attend, the Muslim wardens show a keen interest in the services. More than a dozen of the prisoners are taking the Way of Life Bible Course, and the Deputy Superintendent himself, Mr. Kartar Singh, has completed several lessons and shown a deep interest in the health message. The prisoners love to sing the hymns they have been taught, especially, "Shall We Gather at the River?" and "Rock of Ages."

As the members of the Prison Band conduct the services from week to week, they can hear the approving words of Jesus: "I was in prison, and ye came unto Me."





Pastor Giang Tu Minh with Mr. and Mrs. Lee King Him.

After Many Years, Victory!

MR. Lee King Him, for many years a sales manager in a well known medicine firm, was recently baptized into the Ipoh Church after overcoming the tobacco habit. Mr. Lee and his family first heard the message in 1952 when Pastor F. W. Detamore held a big crusade at the Victoria Memorial Hall in Singapore. Although his wife and daughter accepted the message at that time, Mr. Lee delayed making his decision. As an "in-law" of the church, he was a close friend of many Chinese pastors, including T. C. Chin, Daniel Liem, Y. F. Chong, K. B. Tan, and Y. H. Phang. But his slavery to tobacco kept him from coming into the family of Christ.

In the spring of 1970, after several attempts to break the habit, Mr. Lee began attending church services regularly. It was during an evangelistic effort in Ipoh that he finally gained the victory over smoking. At the end of the closing meeting, he was the first one to step forward when the altar call was made by the speaker, Giang Tu Minh. His family, the members of the Ipoh Church, and the many pastors who labored with him, were all very thankful for his decision to follow Christ all the way.

PAH Gives Medicines to Lions Club

THE Penang Adventist Hospital gave a donation of medicines to the Lions Club of George Town, Penang, for use in clinics sponsored by the organization. Mr. M. Raghavan, president of the Lions Club, expressed deep appreciation to the hospital for its donation.

Members of the Penang Prison Band: Edward Poey, Koay Hoo Huat, Lee Swee Pun, Raymond Seow, John Lai, Dr. R. R. Standish, Roy Lee, and Timothy Nathan.



Youngberg Memorial Hospital, Singapore



Malaysian Signs Press, Singapore

Malay and Chinese sections of the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School, Singapore



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San Yu High School, Singapore



Singapore Adventist School

Southeast Asia Union College, Singapore



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OK AT THE MALAYA MISSION

Territories: Malaya and Singapore, with headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

- * Hospitals
 Penang Adventist Hospital, Malaya
 Youngberg Memorial Hospital,
 Singapore
- * Publishing House
- * Malaysian Signs Press, Singapore
- * Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School, Singapore
- * Educational Institutions
 Southeast Asia Union College,
 Singapore
 Singapore Adventist School,
 Singapore
 San Yu High School,
 Singapore
- * Membership: 3,300-multiracial
- * Churches
 - 3 Indian-speaking
 - 2 Malay-speaking
 - 7 English-speaking
 - 8 Chinese-speaking
 - 8 Companies

Mission Officers (left to right): T. K. Chong, President and Ministerial Secretary; C. K. Han, Secretary-Treasurer; Y. S. Wong, Sabbath School and Lay Activities; Peter Khoo, Publishing.







Malay Church, Singapore



Ipoh Church, West Malaysia



Pontian, Johore Church, West Malaysia









Elder and Mrs. V. L. Bretsch and Kathy greeting Phu Nhuan members after their farewell service.

Bretsch Family Leaves Vietnam

V. L. BRETSCH, who has been president of the Vietnam Mission since April 1, 1969, left Saigon with his wife, Opal, and their daughter, Kathy, on June 20, 1971. A health problem required their return to the States, where Elder Bretsch will fill a post in the Transportation Bureau of the General Conference.

Elder Bretsch is being succeeded by C. R. Bradley, now civilian chaplain on Okinawa, who is expected to move to Saigon soon.

During Elder Bretsch's term in Vietnam, baptisms rose to 242 in 1969 and to 344 in 1970. Student missionaries helped build several new schools. Bert Jager built a three-room school in Cantho; Randy Horning built a five-room school in Dalat, and collected materials for an agricultural training school among the Montagnards nearby; Tom Gammon built teacher's quarters in Danang; and local elder Do Phuong built a three-room school and pastor's home at Phu Hoa, outside of Danang. In addition, a 70'x144' steel building was erected on the compound in Saigon to provide space for the school and hospital, and the mission office building was completely remodeled.

Before Elder Bretsch came to Vietnam, he served as Publishing and Public Relations Secretary for Southeast Asia Union Mission. He leaves behind many good friends in both the Mission and the Union.

New Child Evangelism Secretary

MRS. Nguyen Minh Lam (Le Thi Bach) has just been appointed Associate Secretary of the Sabbath School Department for the Vietnam Mission. As director of the Child Evangelism program, she will translate Sabbath School and Vacation Bible School materials into the Vietnamese language, as well as holding Child Evangelism Training Institutes throughout the Mission.

For the past 9 years Mrs. Lam, a 1965 graduate of the Vietnam Training School, has been an elementary school teacher in Saigon and Da Nang. From the time she was a student, she has been active in Sabbath School and Vacation Bible School work. Pastor Le Huu, principal of the Saigon Adventist School, says, "We are sorry to lose Mrs. Lam from our teaching staff. She has been an energetic and devoted worker who really loves children. However, I am always pleased to see another graduate of our training school take an important responsibility in the work of the mission."

Mrs. Nguyen Minh Lam (Le Thi Bach), Child Evangelism Secretary.



Progress in Cholon

THE Adventist Church in Cholon, the Chinese section of Saigon, is experiencing some of the most rapid progress in its thirty-year history. The elementary school there has recently been opened as a mission school, offering grades one to five. All twenty of the teachers and staff are members of the Cholon Church. Two teen-age students who were former Buddhists have already been baptized.

At present, a three-story building, which will add nine more classrooms and some administrative offices to the present school plant, is under construction. The total cost, at present prices, will come to US\$50,000, one half of which has already been raised by the Cholon Church. Government approval has already been granted to operate grades six to nine.

The Cholon Church operates a strong young people's program. Recently twenty-five young people were invested as Companions under the leadership of Pastor Jonathan Foo. In addition, Frankie Ly, assistant pastor of the church, and Le Toan Tho, M.V. Secretary of the Mission, earned their Master Guide insignia.



Cholon Pathfinders with Director Jonathan Foo, Just before Investiture Service.



The Phnom Penh Church has been repaired.

Reopening the Work in Cambodia

EARLY in 1965, all foreign missionaries had to leave Cambodia. During the next few years many of the church members migrated to other countries, leaving a very small nucleus of believers in Phnom Penh.

In the fall of 1970, Pastor and Mrs. Johann C. R. Adam from Indonesia came to Cambodia to reopen the work. During the recent hostilities, government soldiers and their families occupied the church. Through the help of a kind government official, the church has recently been restored to the members. Extensive repairs were done, and services are again being held in the church.

"We had a service in the church on the 17th of April," writes Pastor Adam, "and we praise God for His grace in leading the old church members to come back with their friends to worship God. This encourages my wife and me to dedicate ourselves to His work in Cambodia."



These people are attending services. Pastor and Mrs. Adam at the right.



Character Building Schools in Thailand

THUS far this year Thailand has had five Character Building Schools (Vacation Bible Schools) throughout the Mission. This sets a new record for Thailand.

Fifty children attended the school in Phuket, South Thailand, under the direction of Pastor Suthin Plainetr. This school has continued as a Branch Sabbath School.

Pastor Mamora, Khun Suan, and Mrs. Pranee conducted a Character Building School at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital for 100 children during the month of May. More than seventy received certificates of attendance.

Ekamai Sabbath School members conducted two schools simultaneously, one on the school compound, and one at a village ten kilometers east of Bangkok. The leaders were Miss Cuvin, Mrs. Sunti, Miss Waraporn, Mrs. Benjawan, and Mrs. Janya. During the closing exercise, the "graduates" wore white caps.

Chiang Mai had a very special Character Building School in connection with the Better Life Crusade meetings of Bruce Johnston and Chester Damron.

The parents of the children were very appreciative of what their youngsters had learned. One mother asked, "When will you have another school like this? I want to be sure my children attend the next one."

Character Building Schools break down prejudice.

—Abel V. Pangan, Sabbath School Secretary, Thailand Mission



Mrs. Sopon helping the youngsters at the Chiang Mai Character
Building School,



Better Living Institute in Sarawak

DR. R. D. Rice conducted a Better Living Institute at the Ayer Manis School in Sarawak for pastors and workers. This was the first institute of its kind ever held in the Sarawak Mission.

The course of study, entitled "The Marvels of Life," consists of health lectures, question-and-answer sessions, demonstrations, and games. Dr. Rice also explained how to conduct a Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking. The brethren left the institute with a better understanding of how to use the "right arm of the Message" for spreading the Gospel.

—Jonathan Ng, Temperance Secretary, Sarawak Mission

Kuching Couples Reaffirm Marriage Vows

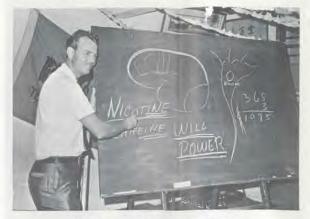
MARRIED couples of the Kuching, Sarawak, Church not only reaffirmed their wedding vows, but were presented with certificates attesting their loyalty to each other, reports Jonathan Ng, the church pastor. This action came as a climax to a special Mother's Day sermon, and was sealed by a prayer of consecration. At the beginning of the service, the children presented corsages to their mothers as a token of their love. "This is one of the most impressive services ever held in our church," remarked one of the members.

This unusual service was planned by the pastor, along with the officers of the Christian Home Council. A reporter was present to record the proceedings. The sermon was published in the two leading newspapers of the State of Sarawak, in both Chinese and English.



Mothers of the Kuching Church who were honored on Mother's Day.

Pastor Jonathan Ng, in the rear, stands with them.



Dr. Rice shows the evils of smoking.



Sandakan Youth on the March

As the organist sounded the majestic tones of the song "Forward March," young people of the Sandakan Church, all smartly garbed in khaki uniforms and colorful neckerchiefs, marched down the aisle to the rostrum, led by Pastor P. H. Tan, M.V. sponsor, and the M.V. Secretary of the Sabah Mission. After repeating the M.V. pledge of allegiance, the young people demonstrated the requirements they had completed. Two boys displayed shirts that they had made. Mrs. Maggie Pang demonstrated methods of flower arrangement. The cooking class passed out samples of food which they had prepared.

After the demonstration, the candidates were invested. David Pang, a newly-invested Master Guide and leader of the society, with three other youth, showed methods of signaling (semaphore). The M.V. Secretary then charged them to "signal" the soon coming of our Redeemer: "Wave the answer back to heaven, 'By Thy grace, we will!"

—Edwin Siagian, M.V. Secretary, Sabah Mission



Investiture service for youth of the Sandakan Church.

Publishing Secretary Turns Evangelist

CAN a colporteur evangelist preach? Publishing Secretary L. Pandjaitan of the Sabah Mission had always thought that selling books was his kind of evangelism. Then, at a worker's retreat, he heard the challenge that every worker should hold at least one public effort in 1971. He decided to try.

Pastor Martin Ya'ang requested that he conduct an evangelistic series in his district of Malangang. The two men worked together, first in revival meetings to prepare the church for action, and then in a three-week series of meetings. Miss Nancy Sha'ah, the Child Evangelist, conducted meetings for the children, while Pastor Ya'ang led out in "The Bible Says" lessons, and Brother Pandjaitan preached. Jubilee Laing translated the service into the Kadazan language. Every night the choirs from Malangang and Kiulu provided special music.

Attendance ranged from 400 to 500 each evening. On the closing night, thirty people responded to a call to take Jesus as their Saviour, and joined a special Bible class. Thirty-five Bibles were distributed to those who had faithfully attended the meetings.

On May 8 Brother Pandjaitan had the joy of leading seven souls into the Tuaran River to be baptized. A second baptism followed in June.

Can a colporteur evangelist preach? If he gets the vision!

Youth Attend Leadercraft Camp

FIFTY young people attended a Leadercraft Camp at Pulau Gayah, Sabah, from April 4 to 7, under the direction of Edwin Siagian, M.V. Secretary of the Sabah Mission. The journey to the campsite included a 23-mile bus ride, followed by an exciting boat ride during which some schools of fish were sighted.

The camp was organized into six units, three of boys and three of girls, with a counselor for each unit. Activities during the first day included the building of leaf shelters, cleaning the grounds, and gathering dry wood for the campfire.

By the time the sun went down, a neat row of huts faced the lovely lagoon of the South China Sea. In front of the cabins, the fifty campers sat crosslegged on logs arranged in a semicircle, prepared for the evening service. Around the campfire, the director led the group in a rousing song service, stories, pantomimes, riddles, and games. After most of the campers had gone to rest, a group still remained on the beach star-gazing.

On the following day, Edmund Siagian, principal of the Sabah Adventist Secondary School, delighted the campers with his stories and instruction. The third day saw the young people trekking through the forest to an adjacent island, with Jison Mun, SASS Treasurer, in the lead. After the hike the boys played water-polo, while the girls went for a dip in a cool mountain stream. Classes in M. V. honors





Brother Pandjaltan preaches, while Jubilee Laing translates into Kadazan.

Four to five hundred people crowded the meeting hall in Malangang.

were conducted by Linda Sibadogil, Miun Lundo, Julia Kula, and Elvin Chong. Cooking without utensils and fire-building were some of the interesting requirements taught.

> -Edwin Siagian, M.V. Secretary Sabah Mission



Campers do calisthenies by the beach.



SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE

Faculty News

RALPH and Beatrice Neall are our latest additions to the college faculty. Both had been on study leave at Andrews University, completing their Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees, respectively. Since their arrival on June 20, Pastor Neall has been appointed pastor of the College Church, and Mrs. Neall has become editor of the Messenger.

Lily Wong returned from Philippine Union College on June 24 after successfully completing her requirements for her Master's degree in Education. Her husband, Wong Yew Chong, returned on July 14 after completing his second M.A. degree, this time in Guidance. In addition to teaching in the Bible and Education departments, he will be Dean of Men of the college. Samuel Teo, former dean, will go into full-time teaching work in the secondary school.

Pastor and Mrs. D. E. Venden returned to the States in June, after spending a year in Singapore, where he was pastor of the college church and Bible instructor in the college. Students will long remember his outstanding classes in Daniel and Revelation, as well as his powerful sermons.

Penny Shell and Barbara Dixon endeared themselves to the student body during the year they served on the faculty of SAUC. Both girls returned to the United States in early June.

Students Respond to Christ

ONE hundred twelve secondary students accepted Christ, and another one hundred eleven signified that they would like to learn more about Christianity at the end of the Week of Prayer, June 14 to 18, at Southeast Asia Union College. Pastor Chester H. Damron, Union Ministerial Secretary, was the speaker.

The need for a follow-up program was met by sixty college students who volunteered to assist as counselors under the direction of James Wong, Principal of the secondary school, and Sim Chor Kiat, student assistant pastor of the college church.

Study sessions are being during chapel periods on Mondays and Wednesdays. Pastor Ralph Neall conducts counselors' meetings each Sabbath afternoon, in addition to pre-counseling sessions to pray and consider specific questions which have been encountered during previous counseling with the students. The book Real Happiness Is (Steps to Christ) is being used as the basis of the discussions.

A baptism will be held after the seven weeks of counseling are completed and the candidates are ready. Your prayers for these students and the counselors are needed.

News Notes

by Maggle Tan

- * Eleanor Rao, secondary teacher of SAUC, left Spicer Memorial College on June 21 to continue her studies there.
- * Amy Tan and Kathy Ho left for Spicer Memorial College on June 23 to take up pharmacy and secretarial science, respectively. Both girls served two years teaching at our Sabah Training School prior to their departure.
- * A group of eight SAUC students left for Philippine Union College on June 29. Beatrice Yeo plans to continue in the Business course; Edward and Glenda Chee in Education; Betty Chin in Secretarial; Kwang Siew Eng in nursing; Francis Chuang, Henry and Rudy Martono in Medical Technology. Tan Ong Leong, who preceded the group, is working towards a degree in Business Administration.

Alumni Home on Vacation

- * Doreen Lee, a qualified nurse at the Los Angeles County Hospital, returned for a vacation with her family.
- * The James Chen children, Winna, Wendell, Villy and husband Dr. Lee Sze Ching, returned home for a vacation with their parents on June 15. They made it in time to help their parents celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. Sze Ching, son of Pastor and Mrs. S. J. Lee, successfully completed his medical studies at Loma Linda University this last spring.
- * Betty Liu-Wong came on a visit with her husband, Dr. Douglas Wong, and baby girl. Betty trained as a nurse; her husband is a radiologist.

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College student Dasan Gaban (right) counsels with Heng Teng Soon about how to live for Christ.