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**OUR COVER:** In the winter of 1856-7, James and Ellen White crossed the Mississippi River in a two-horse sleigh over melting ice to come to the aid of two discouraged preachers. Read the story on this page.

## To Rescue

# THE DISCOURAGED PREACHERS

"WE can't go on like this any longer!" wailed Mary Loughborough.\*

She had reason to complain. In the early days of the Advent Movement, there was no system for supporting ministers. After holding week-end tent meetings, her husband John Loughborough (Luf-boro) was forced to work four and a half days a week as a harvest hand to earn \$1 a day for the support of his family. Averaging up his summer earnings, he found he had made \$4 a week. "This is too much!" cried Mary—not too much money, but too much hardship.

John agreed with her. "I could do much better at my old trade of cabinetmaking," he figured. "Mary, why don't we go West? Things are more prosperous out there. I could earn a good living as a carpenter and preach in my spare time."

The Loughboroughs chose Waukon, Iowa, as their new location. There were already about thirty Adventists in the area, making a good living from the fertile plains of the Midwest.

John Andrews, the best scholar and writer in the movement, had already left the ministry and gone to Waukon. After five years of incessant study, writing, and preaching (and of breaking all the laws of health), he was physically and mentally prostrate—voice destroyed, eyesight severely damaged, nerves keyed up, digestion upset, mind depressed. He had gone West thinking he might die; meanwhile he clerked in his uncle's store and did farm work in the open air as much as possible.

The other Adventists of Waukon were generally in a backslidden state, being more interested in building larger barns for storing their goods than in laying up treasure in heaven.

In a vision Ellen White saw the darkness that had encompassed the brethren in Waukon and determined to go to them,

## FROM THEIR SHOULDERS

though it meant a 200-mile journey in winter. Two of the Whites' friends prepared to take them by sleigh. But the day before they planned to leave, the snow turned to rain—a long, 24-hour rain. During the night Mrs. White rose often to look out the window. Still raining! "Lord, if it be Thy will, give us a sign—change the weather," she prayed. Before day-break the temperature dropped and the rain turned to snow.

The group had gone only the first lap of their journey when they were delayed a whole week by a snowstorm. Snowdrifts piled high. Their next day of travel brought them to a hotel not far from the Mississippi River. The next morning it was raining again. And they wanted to cross the river on the ice!

"Can we cross the river?" they asked everyone they met.

"No. Some have tried and broke through," they were told.

They reached the river. Slushy snow and water a foot deep covered the weakened ice. The driver jerked the horses to a stop and cried, "We have come to the Red Sea. Shall we cross?"

"Go forward, trusting in Israel's God!" said Mrs. White. Cautiously they eased the sled onto the ice, and prayed



as the horses waded knee-deep in the water. Men gathered on the opposite shore, holding their breath. When the sleigh finally climbed up the bank, they cheered.

It was still a four-days' journey to Waukon—a journey through bitterly cold winds and snow. Finally on a Wednesday evening they reached their destination. But the reception they received was colder than the weather: the believers were not eager to receive them. Yet the Whites, sure that the Lord had led them, drew warmth from the coldness of their brethren.

## A BROADER PERSPECTIVE

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

"Can we have a meeting?" they asked. Reluctantly the believers came together the following evening. Mrs. White gave them a message straight from God: "'Return unto Me,' says the Lord, 'and I will return unto you, and heal all your backslidings. Tear down the rubbish from the door of your heart, and open the door, and I will come in and sup with you, and you with Me.' I saw that if they would clear the way and confess their wrongs, Jesus would walk through our midst with power."

Mrs. Loughborough was the first to respond. "Brother and Sister White," she said, "I thought we had gotten away where you could not find us; but I am glad you have come. I have been wrong. I have sinned, and I have made my husband to sin. God forgive me! I clear away the rubbish. I open the door of my heart. Lord Jesus, come in!"

As she spoke, the power of God came into the assembly. Many confessed their worldliness and backslidden state. The meeting adjourned late at night and then continued the next day. John Andrews received a new baptism of the Spirit. John Loughborough stood up and said, "I have laid down my hammer! I have driven the last nail! Henceforth my hand shall hold the sword of the Spirit, and never give it up!"

John Loughborough and John Andrews once again took up their heavy burdens in the Lord's work, and never laid them down until they laid down life itself.

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Lord, though the load may seem heavy and the hours long, help me never to get discouraged in the work Thou hast given me to do.

And if I should ever see a brother let go of the hand of God, make me willing to brave the elements, cross rivers, battle storms—give up my afternoon off, my carefully planned schedule, my precious hours of sleep—to go to him, pray with him, plead with him, until I can lay his hand back in the hand of God.

—B.S.N.

\* Arthur W. Spalding, **Origin and History of Seventh-day Adventists**, Vol. 1, pp. 279-289.

## World Leaders Visit Southeast Asia

TWO General Conference men will be guests of the Southeast Asia Union during October and November.

Pastor John H. Hancock, General Conference M.V. Secretary, and his wife Helen, will attend the Vietnam and Thailand mission-wide youth congresses, October 7-10 and 14-17, respectively. The Hancocks will be accompanied by Pastor B. E. Jacobs, Division M.V. Secretary, and his wife, Betty Jeane.

Pastor Hancock will also lead the Division M.V. pre-council meetings in Singapore, November 1-6. Having been connected with youth work for a quarter century, he will be able to give much counsel and inspiration to our young people and their leaders.

Pastor J. R. Spangler, Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, will attend meetings in Sabah, October 26-28, and in Sarawak, October 29 to November 1. He will be accompanied by Dr. Wayne McFarland, originator of the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, and Pastor R. C. Williams, Division Ministerial Secretary. He will also lead the Division Ministerial Pre-council in Singapore.

Pastor Spangler, who has been with the ministerial work for 28 years, served as Ministerial Secretary of the Far Eastern Division from 1954 to 1962. He last visited the Far East in early 1970 when he conducted the Better Living Crusade in Davao City, Philippines, in which 400 souls were baptized.

The Southeast Asia Union Mission extends a warm welcome to these men and their wives as they visit our field.

—Bernie U. Donato,  
Public Relations Secretary  
Southeast Asia Union Mission



J. R. Spangler,  
General Conference  
Ministerial Secretary



John H. Hancock,  
General Conference  
M.V. Secretary

## Plans for Short-Wave Broadcasts in Europe

**P**LANS to reach the millions of Europe with God's answers to today's problems, through short-wave radio broadcasting, have been announced by the Radio-Television Department of the General Conference.

Releases are now scheduled in fifteen languages over the transmitters of the Trans-Europe outreach of Adventist World Radio, beginning October 1, reports S. F. Monnier, secretary of the coordinating committee for this project.

The church in Yugoslavia plans to produce programs in six languages to serve the various peoples in that country. Two hours of German broadcasts each week will include actual Adventist church services. Our studios in Paris will produce French, Italian and Arabic programs. This will be our first regular release of programs for the Arab world. From North America will come Russian and Ukrainian programs.

For the benefit of our world-wide church, frequencies and meter bands, along with the exact hours of broadcast for each language, will be released as soon as they are available.

Although no regular offering has been planned, the church will need approximately \$300,000 in special gifts, in addition to regular appropriations, to support this program for three years, the time needed to assess its effectiveness. You are invited to join your prayers to those already ascending all around the world for the success of this project.

—**Walter R. L. Scragg,**  
Radio-TV Secretary  
General Conference

## Jacobs to Attend Youth Congresses

**P**ASTOR B. E. Jacobs, Far Eastern Division M.V. Secretary, will be attending all of the five mission-wide youth congresses to be held in Southeast Asia Union Mission this year. His wife, Betty Jeane, who serves as his secretary at the Division, will accompany him.

An alumnus of Union College and Andrews University, Pastor Jacobs has been in denominational service for 19 years, fourteen of which have been devoted to youth work. He was M.V. Secretary of the Trans-Africa Division before he came to the Far East in 1970.

Pastor and Mrs. Jacobs will be guests at the following youth congresses: Goshen, Sabah, August 4-8; Saigon, Vietnam, October 7-10; Bangkok, Thailand, October 14-17; Ayer Manis, Sarawak, December 8-11; and Singapore, December 15-18.

—**Bernie U. Donato,**  
Public Relations Secretary  
Southeast Asia Union Mission



C. H. Damron, Janet Arulpragasam, and Beth Coffin of the Singapore Voice of Prophecy Bible School inspect the new Tamil Way of Life Bible Course.

## "Way of Life" Course Produced in Tamil

**T**HE "Way of Life" Bible Course has now been translated into the Tamil language for the Tamil-speaking people of Southeast Asia. This has been made possible through the dedicated efforts of Mr. M. Lucas, a retired worker among the Tamil people, and with financial assistance of the Far Eastern Division and the Penang Adventist Hospital.

Through this new Bible course we are now able to reach the hundreds of thousands of Tamil-speaking Indians who heretofore have not been able to hear the good news of salvation in their own language. We believe that this new course, complete with layout and art work to appeal to the Tamil people, will receive a large interest and response.

Our Singapore Voice of Prophecy Tamil department is readying itself in anticipation of a large enrollment when the new course is given wide advertisement. We pray that this new course will be the means of bringing to the masses a knowledge of Jesus Christ, the Saviour and Lord.

—**Chester H. Damron, Director**  
Singapore Voice of Prophecy

B. E. Jacobs,  
Far Eastern Division  
M.V. Secretary



# NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS



## MALAYA

### SAUC Pathfinder Club Holds Leadership Camp

**T**HIRTY-eight college students of Southeast Asia Union College and four secondary students satisfactorily completed the basic Pathfinder Staff Training Course held at the weekend senior camp in Ponggol, Singapore, last July 23-25. Pastor James Wong, principal of the secondary school, was camp director. He was ably assisted by Balan Cholly, Myrtle Fitzgerald, and M. P. Sormin who also acted as camp chief. Present during the three-day affair to give counsel and instruction was Pastor Bernie U. Donato, new M.V. Secretary of the Southeast Asia Union.

On the first evening of the camp, Pastor Bob Jacobs, Division M.V. Secretary, gave a lecture on how to tell stories to juniors. His two stories that followed the lecture kept the campers wide-eyed and open-mouthed. Slide pictures of the beginnings of the Pathfinder work in America climaxed his hour.

Varied features kept the campers always on their toes: classes, drills, knot-tying sessions, track-and-trail, bird-watching led by Mrs. G. F. Coffin, group singing, the Saturday night socials, and the heart-to-heart talks. For the camp leaders it was inspiring to witness the campers' enthusiasm, eagerness to learn, and anticipation of the time when they would be able to put their newly acquired knowledge to practice.

—Bernie Donato, M.V. Secretary  
Southeast Asia Union



Students at Pathfinder training camp learn to pitch tents.



A life-size image of Daniel 2 advertizes the Better Living Lectures in the Ipoh Church.

### Mission President Holds Meetings in Ipoh

**M**ALAYA Mission President T. K. Chong held a three-week series of meetings in the Ipoh Church beginning on Saturday night, July 24. Attendance has been about 80, 60 of whom are non-Adventists. Giang Tu Minh, pastor of the church, has organized the church members very efficiently to assist in the meetings. Mrs. Giang and her three children also are helping. Each meeting begins with a film of either a Bible story or a health message, followed by the theme song, "Jesus Saves" and a special number by the young people of the church. Pastor Chong has been doing the preaching, and reports that the audience is very responsive.

In front of the church stands a large image of Daniel 2 in color. The people passing the church on the busy thoroughfare come in from curiosity to know why a Chinese church has a figure of an Indian god in front! Once inside, they learn about Bible prophecy for these days. Pray that there may be a good harvest of souls from this effort.



People listen with rapt attention as Pastor T. K. Chong delivers his opening message.



## THAILAND



Dr. Andrew Haynal (center) blasts cigarette smoking. With him are Hospital Chaplain James Snell and Temperance Secretary Abel Pangan.

### Bangkok Five-Day Plan Gets Good Publicity

**B**ANGKOK'S first Five-Day Plan to be held outside the compound of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital received excellent publicity in *The Bangkok Post* recently. Conducted by Dr. A. P. Haynal and Chaplain J. H. Snell, it was held at the YMCA Center, May 23-27.

Among the thirty persons who attended the clinic was a 50-year-old Chinese businessman who had smoked 40 cigarettes a day for over 40 years. After successfully kicking the habit, he was the subject of a newspaper feature story.

Dr. Haynal, who is on a two-year leave of absence from the Loma Linda University School of Public Health, led out in the physio-medical aspect of the program. He was instrumental in organizing a class in medical evangelism and health education for church members, who then served as ushers and water bar tenders during the program. The water bar was a popular gathering place before and after the nightly meetings, as clients exchanged experiences and sought to flush the nicotine from their bodies.

The psychological and spiritual facets of the plan were presented by Pastor Snell, chaplain of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. Guest lecturers included Dr. G. L. Dybdahl, medical director of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital; Dr. Charles L. Dale, chief pathologist of the Hindsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, who was visiting in Bangkok; and Pastor A. V. Pangan, Temperance Secretary of the Thailand Mission.

A special feature on the fourth night was family hour, when those attending were invited to bring their children to view the film, "Time Pulls the Trigger," and take a look at Smoking Sam's tar-stained lungs.

By the end of the clinic, twenty-one of those enrolled indicated that they had broken the habit. A reunion was planned for two weeks later, and Mr. Roger Kopitski, BSH food service director, was requested to present a cooking class to help ex-smokers in preventing overweight, a common problem.

Pastor Palmer Wick, Thailand Mission President, hailed this Five-Day Plan as the best he has ever attended. Dr. Haynal, who is a firm believer in the program and the important role it plays in community health education, expressed the hope that such a program could be conducted every two months in Bangkok.

—Abel V. Pangan,  
Temperance Secretary  
Thailand Mission



Dr. G. L. Dybdahl shows a diseased heart.

### Parents' Discussion Group Meets

**S**ABBATH School leaders, children, and parents of the Bangkok Sanitarium Church met for their second Sabbath afternoon potluck dinner on June 26.

Following the meal a film was shown for the children, while the parents met in the home of Dr. Carlson. Some of the topics discussed at this and a previous meeting were: "Discipline for Children," "Story-Telling Before Bedtime," and "What Can Children Do on Sabbath Afternoon?"

—Dr. Nantje Twijnstra



Children and parents of the Bangkok Sanitarium Church meet together for Sabbath afternoon program and discussion directed by Jesse Lao.



## VIETNAM



Pastor and Mrs. Clyde R. Bradley

## New Vietnam Mission President

**E**LDER Clyde R. Bradley, formerly director of the Okinawa Servicemen's Center, has accepted the appointment to be president of the Vietnam Mission. Elder and Mrs. Bradley will be moving to Vietnam in the near future.

Elder Bradley was born in Montana but moved to California where he attended church school and graduated from Pacific Union College. While attending PUC, he met his wife, the former Eleanor L. Koch. Elder Bradley served in a number of pastorates in California before accepting the call to mission service in 1967. He has worked four years as director of the Servicemen's Center in Okinawa.

We know Elder Bradley will give strong leadership to the work in the very challenging field of Vietnam, and we pray for God's blessings upon him and his wife.

—R. I. Gainer, Treasurer  
Southeast Asia Union

## Laymen Learn to Witness

**O**NE hundred twenty-five laymen met in Saigon, June 20 to July 4, to learn new ways of witnessing for Christ.

Because of the rapid growth of interest in our message, and the shortage of ministers, a greater burden has been placed on our laymen to share in the work of spreading the gospel. The purpose of this field school was to provide additional training to prepare them for this responsibility.

Conducting the school were Pham Thien, Robert Grady, and Clinton Shankel, Lay Activities Secretaries of the Vietnam Mission, Southeast Asia Union, and Far Eastern Division, respectively.

Topics covered during the two-week course were denominational organization, sermon preparation and delivery, psychology and counseling, and methods of evangelism.



Laymen in Vietnam learn to be effective soul-winners.

During the second week of the institute a series of reaping evangelistic meetings was held in the Phu Nhuan Church. Six people were baptized.

—Robert B. Grady,  
Lay Activities Secretary  
Southeast Asia Union

## Two Baptized in Phnom Penh

**O**N July 3, 1971, Mr. and Mrs. Huynh Khon were baptized in the Phnom Penh Church. Pastor Reo Clyde, civilian chaplain from Vietnam, officiated at the service. This was the first Adventist baptism in Cambodia for seven years.

Brother Khon first learned of the Adventist message from Pastor Wong Yew Seng some years ago. In February, Pastor J. C. R. Adam met the Khons and began holding Bible studies with them. Mrs. Khon, an ancestor worshiper, was not too interested in the Christian religion until she saw a wonderful change in her husband's life. Then, when Mrs. Adam appealed to her to accept Christ as her personal Saviour, she gladly accepted. Already Mr. Khon is assisting in the services by translating the Sabbath School lesson into Cantonese.

There are presently seventeen non-Adventists attending Sabbath services in Phnom Penh. Pastor and Mrs. Adam added one Sabbath School member last February when their first child was born.



Pastor Reo Clyde (center) baptized Mr. and Mrs. Huynh Khon (left). Pastor and Mrs. Adam with their new baby are at the right.



Randy Horning and his troublesome truck.

## Student Missionary Completes Successful Year

**R**ANDY Horning, theology student missionary from Pacific Union College, left Saigon on August 4 after an exciting year of service in the highlands of Vietnam. Working closely with Pastor Duong Sau, Randy helped build an educational wing on the Dalat Church, and also drew up plans and collected materials and machinery for a Montagnard vocational school near Rochai.

Too busy to get homesick, Randy taught English, visited churches, preached, assisted in youth rallies and welfare work, gave shots, and contacted people from villagers to province chiefs, sergeants to lieutenant colonels. Combining earnest prayer with persistent effort, he solicited quantities of cement, steel, roofing, rock, nails, and valuable machinery. To haul the tons of materials from Saigon or Cam Ranh Bay to Dalat, Randy first organized a convoy. Finding this too time-consuming, he later secured the use of several trucks which, in five trips from Saigon to Vietnam, gave him transmission trouble, battery failure, plus 18 flat tires, eight of which were blowouts. In spite of these difficulties, he was always able to reach his destination before nightfall and the dangers it brings in Vietnam.

At the site of the Montagnard school in Vietnam, Randy left a large warehouse, 9,500 bricks and enough cement to make as many more, a \$10,000 donated army forklift, and complete plans for a large campus, drawn up by a volunteer architect.

Asked if he would ever like to be a full-time missionary, Randy answered, "Sure!" What field? "The Far East, of course—maybe Vietnam!"

\* **Melvin Sibarani** married **Cherry Le**, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Le Huu, at the Manila Center on April 29. Both are students at Philippine Union College.



## Chain Smoker Becomes Active Layman

**M**R. Richard Leong, the managing director of a large printing press in Kuching, Sarawak, was a chain smoker for many years. He used to smoke about 200 cigarettes a day. He had tried many methods to stop the terrible habit but with no success. In July of 1970, he was introduced to Pastor Jonathan Ng who had just arrived from Singapore to take up the pastoral duties of the Kuching Church. In December, Mr. Leong was invited to attend the Way of Life Crusade conducted by Pastor Bruce Johnston where the film "One in 20,000" was shown. Mr. Leong was much impressed by the film and decided to follow the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking. Since then, with the prayers and encouragement of the brethren, he has kicked the habit. This to him has been a mighty miracle performed by the Lord.

After this experience, Mr. Leong's attitude toward the church changed to a great degree. At the invitation of Pastor Ng, he and his wife began to attend the pastor's Bible class every Sabbath. After a few months of Bible studies, the Leongs responded to the call of God and were baptized on May 29, 1971 together with three other candidates.

Now Mr. Leong is an active layman of the church doing his best to share the wonderful experience of his conversion. "No Smoking" signs appear on the walls of his office and the printing press downtown. Every Sabbath afternoon, he is always out doing missionary work for the Lord. The Leongs are very thankful for their new-found faith and the temperance program of our church which has made him a free man no longer chained.

—**Chester Damron, Ministerial Secretary**  
**Southeast Asia Union**



Baptism at Kuching. Third and fourth from the left are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leong.



## A Searcher for Truth Finds the Answers

**T**HAT is strange! The Bible seems to teach that the seventh day of the week is the Sabbath. But I have never heard of any Christian church that worships on Saturday," thought Duncan Davidson of Kuching. Lately he had taken a keen interest in studying his Bible. He knew that the only churches in his town worshipped on Sunday. They were popular and well attended. Surely if Saturday were the right day to keep they would know it. He was perplexed over this for some time, but as the days and months passed it was pushed to the back of his mind.

Years went by and Duncan married and moved to the town of Miri. One day his oldest son, Danson, enrolled in a free Bible course. He found the lessons interesting, and as he neared the end of the course his attention was caught by the title, "What Day Shall Christians Keep?" Eagerly he started to read it, when the thought came to him that this was a subject his father had long puzzled about. So he took the lesson to his father and together they studied it and filled out the answer sheet. They could hardly wait for the next lesson to arrive. The father's interest in the Bible Sabbath was rekindled.

In early 1970 Mr. Davidson retired from his work and moved his family back to Kuching, but Danson stayed on in Miri to complete his school work. During his school holiday in April he came home for a visit. Through his Bible course he had learned that there is a Seventh-day Adventist church in Kuching, so one Sabbath morning father and son agreed to look for this church. They arrived at Sunnyhill School and were much impressed by the warm welcome they received.

The following week Danson had to return to school in Miri, and Mr. Davidson felt too shy to visit church without his son; but time passed quickly and soon Danson was home for the August holiday. As Mr. Davidson glanced at the newspaper an advertisement in bold type caught his eye: "WAY OF LIFE LECTURES CONDUCTED BY AMERICAN EVANGELIST TED JONES." That evening he and Danson were in their places when the meeting began.



Duncan Davidson receives baptism in a clear mountain pool.

The lecture was fascinating! Night after night they returned, bringing other members of the family and a neighbor boy with them.

Soon the whole family was attending Sabbath services, prayer meeting, and all the other meetings of the church. When Mr. Davidson made his decision to be baptized he expressed a desire to be baptized in a river, as Jesus was. Near the village of Tarat, about 35 miles from Kuching, is a beautiful spot where a stream cascades down the mountainside and forms a succession of clear pools. It was in one of these pools that Mr. Davidson; his second son, Desmond; and the neighbor boy, Eddie Gray; were baptized on October 31, 1970. Although Danson was away at school at this time, he was baptized later in the same beautiful pool. Mrs. Davidson is now preparing for baptism.

After many years, Mr. Davidson found the answer to his questions; and not only he, but his family, were brought to a knowledge of the truth through the Voice of Prophecy.

## Testimonies

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On the next night I was happy to meet my new friends again and to sit in my favorite seat near the front. I enjoyed every moment of the service, and my heart was moved by the messages. The only time I ever missed a meeting was when heavy rains kept me from going.

At the end of the crusade I received a Bible for faithful attendance. I was thrilled to own a Bible of my own. Then a call was made for those who wanted to know more of Christ to come forward. I hesitated, then boldly went forward with the others. Phoon Chek Yat, a counselor, met me and took my name and address. We had a nice visit together.

Several days later he came to visit me. I was surprised and delighted to see him. He gave me Bible lessons to study, and invited me to church. I gladly went, and found the people very friendly. One day the time came for me to decide whether or not to accept Christ as my personal Saviour. I hesitated from fear that my Buddhist parents would object. I prayed that they wouldn't, and was thrilled when my prayers were answered. My father told me I could follow any religion I wanted—that it was an individual matter. At first my mother objected, but later she gave her permission. I was baptized on January 3, 1969. It was God who led me into His remnant church.

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Have you ever claimed the promises of God and received answers to your prayers? If you have an experience of general interest, write it up in about 300 words, typewritten, and send it to: Editor, The Messenger, 251 Upper Serangoon Road, Singapore 13. With your name and address, please include the church you belong to and the name of your pastor.

# TESTIMONY TIME

With the Students of Southeast Asia Union College



Harold Dawat,  
freshman education  
Sarawak

I was brought up in a heathen family who worshipped the devil with great fear. As a boy I was always terrified by the sounds of the forest at night. As I lay in bed, strange noises of birds, wild animals, and the wind in the trees, would send chills up and down my spine. I would lie awake for hours until I finally dropped off to sleep from sheer exhaustion.

When I was only two years old, a cholera epidemic swept through our village. The people thought the devil was angry, and offered many sacrifices to him; but the epidemic raged on. Though my parents took great care of us, my only brother contracted the disease and died. After his death, we lived in constant fear of the unknown. There was nothing to hope for, nothing to believe, no assurance of protection.

A few years later, Pastor Fox, a young Australian missionary, came to our village. Light penetrated through the appalling darkness of my wretched people as they learned about the hope of salvation. My parents received the gospel gladly. To them it was a relief to be free from the control of the devil. They brought me to all the meetings that the missionary conducted, and I was deeply inspired. From the time my parents were baptized, I grew up in a Christian family, surrounded by peace and love which I had not known before. I often wonder what my life would have been like if the missionary had not come.



Winnie Lai,  
freshman secretarial  
Kuala Lumpur

Three years ago a lady named Mrs. Yong visited me and gave me Bible studies each week. She shared with me the blessings she had received from knowing God and His wonderful love. But when she told me about the second coming of Christ and the destruction of the world, I became frightened.

In December of 1969 the students of Southeast Asia Union College conducted a Voice of Youth effort. The sermons were about the second coming of Christ and how to get ready for it. When the call was made for all who wanted to repent to come forward, I watched as scores of young people went forward. But I couldn't move. I had a strange feeling inside. Afterwards I felt discouraged that I had not taken my stand for Christ.

Last year I finally made my decision to surrender myself to Christ. Then my troubles began. Three months after my conversion, my father lost his

business in the May 1970 disturbances in Malaysia. I was accused of bringing disaster to the family. My parents cursed me and stopped paying my way through school. It seemed that I was completely cut off from them. I had no one to turn to, no one to understand my feelings. I cried and cried. No one answered except God. I felt His presence and He comforted me. From that time on, I became calm and ready to stand any test.

I did not want my friends to know of my trouble—I wanted to show them that it is a grand thing to be in Christ. But they soon found out and helped me to continue my education. I thank God for being so kind to me.



Wong Chun Kay,  
freshman science  
Penang

I was brought up in the slums of Georgetown, Penang. My parents were so busy searching for money to provide for their children's needs that they neglected to give us the love that every child needs. In the absence of family love, I went out with my friends to find happiness in the world. I learned many things from them—smoking, drinking, dancing, stealing, and gambling. Though many people say that home is the sweetest place on earth, home was the place I stayed away from.

When I went to school, the "good" boys avoided me. This made me seek a closer friendship with the friends who had a bad influence on me. But deep down in my heart I knew I had missed something in life. I wanted something better.

When I was seventeen years old, I needed \$90 to pay my examination fees. I had no idea how to get this large sum of money and became very discouraged. It was through the kindness of a girl that my whole life was changed. She showed an interest in me and brought me to her father's shop and found work for me. By working in my leisure time, I was able to earn the money I needed. One day this girl brought me to her church. People were so kind to me that I longed to be worthy of their trust. Gradually I gave up all my evil habits. I began to understand the purpose of life. In Christ I found the meaning of true love—love that I had longed for so long. With the encouragement of the church members, I joined the church. I was happy to find that God had a plan for my life.

I know by experience that Christians can have a wonderful influence on others. It was through Christians that I came to Christ. And what about others? There are still many who are waiting for the message. That is why I chose to go to Southeast Asia Union College—so that my life can influence others for Christ.

# "Out of Darkness into His Marvelous Light"



Soo Khee Hooi,  
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Since my mother was an Adventist, I learned about Jesus from my earliest years. But while my mother encouraged me to go to church, my father threatened to beat me if I went with her. For a while I went with her secretly. I also went to a church school kindergarten. The following year I had to go to public school, since the church school had no primary classes. It was here that I lost my way. I soon became interested in worldly amusements. I attended scout meetings on Sabbath, I went to the cinema, and soon I began to smoke.

I attended church just because my mother wanted me to. But after a while I began to notice a difference between the people of the church and the people of the world. Then my older brother was converted. His whole life changed: his manners improved and his character became just beautiful. I was much impressed and also curious about what had made such a change in his life.

From then on, I attended church from curiosity, and I liked what I learned about Christianity. I found that a man can't change himself, but Christ can. I wanted to have a Christlike character, but I still liked worldly things. This hindered me from becoming a true Christian. Feeling hopeless and discouraged, I began to go back to my worldly friends.

But in December of 1969, Pastor Don Jacobsen held evangelistic meetings in Penang. Through his messages, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart. After attending all the meetings, I accepted the will of God for me and took Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour.



Elvin Chong,  
freshman science  
Sabah

After I failed my Primary Four exams in the Chinese government school, my parents, thinking I was good for nothing, put me in an English school. In this school I found that I had missed a lot of fun. I also studied the Bible as a subject and learned of the love of Jesus. I saw a great contrast between my life and His, as I loved to fight, read dirty books, and attend the cinema. But I was unwilling to give up the things I enjoyed. I attended Sabbath School and church and was even baptized in order to please my mother, who was an Adventist. But since my father was not a Christian, I felt no need to follow God's laws closely.

The worst of my life came when my parents moved far from the school. Instead of living in the dormitory where I would be under the influence of

Christian young people, I stayed outside. I had some fun, too. I learned to play the guitar so well that I joined a local band. I enjoyed going to night parties and used the Sabbath hours for practicing with the band.

When my mother found out, she had me put in the dormitory. I began to have regular worship again. I enjoyed taking part in Sabbath School and M. V. activities. Under the influence of Christian friends, I gradually improved.

The young people in our school operate an ambulance for a nearby hospital. One night at 2 a.m., as my friend and I were taking a comatose patient to the hospital, the vehicle skidded and went into a ditch. Though badly shaken, we were unharmed. But we feared that the patient might die if he could not get to the hospital immediately. We prayed fervently for help, and in answer to our prayer a car came at that late hour and brought the patient to the hospital.

This incident set me to thinking. I had not been faithful to my God, yet He had spared my life. In my remorse I prayed that God would forgive my sins. I also asked Him to find me a place in His work. Would God answer my prayer? No sooner had I finished my Senior Cambridge exams than the Mission called me to teach in my school, the Sabah Adventist Secondary School. I was thrilled at this answer to my prayer. But I didn't stop there. I wanted to find out still more how much God loved me. I prayed earnestly that if He really needed me to work for Him, He would send me to college. I had no means to go, but had full trust in Him.

I was the happiest person in the world when, after I had taught four months, the Mission offered me a scholarship to Southeast Asia Union College. Because God has answered my prayers, I know that He is guiding my life. Forever I want to surrender myself to Him and let Him lead me.



Joseph Yeong,  
freshman education  
Penang

It was not until one and a half years ago that I learned of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I saw an ad in the newspaper about the Way of Life evangelistic meetings held in my city of Penang. Out of curiosity I went to the meetings. I wanted to compare this church with other churches I had visited.

I felt strange as I entered the hall on that first night. But Pastor Don Jacobsen delivered such a beautiful message that I was eager to attend again. The members of the evangelistic group greeted me cordially and invited me to come again.

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# SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE



Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rau with their three children, Jerry, Brenda, and Johnny.

## Rau Family Returns to States

**M**R. and Mrs. Eugene Rau and their children left Singapore in July after Mr. Rau had served for four years as dean of the college, head of the science department, and mathematics teacher. During his period of service, Mr. Rau had the pleasure of seeing SAUC become a senior college, with its own school plant, and a new auditorium and library. The enrollment during the same period grew from 50 to 140. Mr. Rau helped coordinate the student labor program, with students employed as readers, janitors, library assistants, grounds workers, and builders. The Industrial Arts classroom was largely done by student labor, and the proposed Physical Education field was cleared by students.

Mrs. Rau was hostess for the Union compound for three years, and was always active in the Sabbath School departments. She was also sponsor of the Home Economics Club.

Mr. Rau will be working on his doctorate at the University of Oregon. The Rau family will be greatly missed here in Singapore. Asked what he would miss the most, Mr. Rau replied, "My students."

## SAUC News Notes

\* **Darryl Dean Tan** left for Walla Walla College on July 21. He was accompanied by his mother, Dr. Margaret Tan. Darryl plans to study engineering.

\* **Florence Tham** is home on vacation with her parents. Florence is studying to be a nurse in Australia.

\* **Thomas Yap** and his physician wife spent a few days in Singapore visiting their daughter who is a second-generation scholar in SAUC. Thomas is a successful businessman in Bangkok.

\* **Adeline Tan** and mother, Mrs. Rosie Tan, returned to Singapore the end of July. Adeline completed her Bachelor's degree at Andrews University in 1970 and taught school for a year before coming back. Her mother spent the past year in the States with her.

## SAUC Gets Language Lab

**A** twenty-four carrel language laboratory went into operation at Southeast Asia Union College in mid-June. With students from many language backgrounds, this has been an urgent need. The Tandberg tape recorder and console with Beyer head-phones is busy an average of four hours a day with ninety-two college students and ninety-nine secondary students. The total cost for the equipment and preparing the room was approximately \$8000, met in part by donations.

Mrs. Ralph Neall and Miss Myrtle Fitzgerald have been directing the lab for the college students. Alice Yong, Shelly Shim, Ong Meng Jip, and Daniel Goh, college students, operate it for the secondary students.

The aim of the language lab is to improve the student's pronunciation and sentence structure. The teacher can listen to each student individually and correct him, if necessary, or he can speak to the whole group at once. The console-to-carrel communication saves embarrassment for the student who finds language study difficult.

Just arrived at Southeast Asia Union College is a Science Research Associates Reading Laboratory, designed for individual work to improve understanding, rate, and vocabulary for reading. The student checks out one of the twenty comprehension builder lessons or reading rate builder lessons. If he can get ninety percent or more on three lessons on one level, he may go on to the next level. There are nine levels. A teacher checks his progress from time to time. Each student proceeds at his own rate. The administration hopes that this will improve performance in other classes.



Carrels in the new language laboratory.