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**OUR COVER:** A father from Zulu, in the mountains of Vietnam, brings his sick son in for treatment. For story about Zulu, see back page. (Photo by R. B. Grady.)

## Of Strangling Figs-And Men

ONE morning on my daily stroll through the park, I noticed a tree that appeared to be two trees. The top branches had the large leaves and red flowers of an African tulip tree, while the lower branches had only small, shiny leaves. Taking a closer look, I observed that the original tree was overgrown with many tight-hugging trunks. I noted further that the tulip tree was failing, while the foreign growth was flourishing.

A few weeks later, after a violent thunderstorm, I went out to enjoy the fresh air, only to find the African tulip tree strewn across my pathway, with the killer still wrapped around it. Host and parasite had crashed to the ground together.

With keener eyesight I looked around the park, and discovered that many trees had been invaded by the killer. Out in front was a tall palm with fronds reaching desperately, amid the choking branches of the invader, for a place in the sun. Another tree, with tell-tale shiny leaves, had the dead trunk of its host inside.

"What is the name of that tree that chokes out other trees?" I inquired.

"The strangling fig tree," I was told.

"Now if Jesus were here, He'd make a parable out of that," I thought. "Maybe I'll try myself."

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Some years ago a small group of men with a vision planted a sapling. They gave it a name: A Seventh-day Adventist Institution. It wasn't much to look at, compared with the stately trees around it; but the men had moved great boulders of difficulty to clear a place for it, and had strained every muscle to prepare the soil for it; and now that it was planted, they viewed it with admiration. Lovingly they cared for it, warding off pests and diseases, and watering it with



## FROM THEIR SHOULDERS

their sweat and tears. The little tree responded to their care and began to grow and flourish, sinking its roots deep in an invisible union with Christ. It soon began to bear the sweet fruits of self-sacrifice, kindness, and love. Each year it grew taller and spread its branches wider until birds, beasts, and men found refreshment under its cooling shade. Though still young, the tree gave nourishment, shelter, and support to many forms of life. Soon it held an honored place among the stately trees of the community.

But as it was reaching maturity, a bird deposited an evil seed (called Selfishness) in the crotch of the tree. In some black, slimy leafmold the seed sprouted and sent a long, thin root down the trunk of the tree. (The name of the root was The Idler.) "It's great living off this tree," said The Idler,

“‘goofing off’ while appearing to be busy, giving a half-hour’s work for an hour’s pay. You’d never catch me working overtime—I believe in starting late and quitting early and having a good time in between.” The Idler sent out some branch roots until his name was legion.

Meanwhile another root (called The Demander) had already reached the ground and thickened into a trunk. “This tree, A Seventh-day Adventist Institution, is so large and rich it owes me a living,” reasoned The Demander. “I’m going to get all I can out of it.” Soon he launched a campaign of complaining that sounded something like this: “Salaries around

Thunder rumbled ominously. Strong winds began to blow. Would the tree endure the coming onslaught?

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Fortunately the strangled trees in the park do not give a true picture of the great majority of our Seventh-day Adventist institutions. Most of them radiate a spirit of love and unselfish service. But in this age of prosperity and materialism, when it is easy to forget the struggles of the past and the high ideals for which our institutions were founded, should we not take care that the seed of selfishness never takes root in our lives?

—B.S.N.

“The employees . . . should feel that as workers together with God they have a part to act in guarding His institution. They should be faithful guardians of its interests in every line, seeking to shield it, not only from loss and disaster, but from all that could profane or contaminate. Never through act of theirs should its fair fame be tarnished, even by the breath of careless criticism or censure. God’s institutions should be regarded by them as a holy trust, to be guarded as jealously as the ark was guarded by ancient Israel.” E. G. White, *The Testimonies*, Volume 6, page 193.

## A BROADER PERSPECTIVE

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

here are woefully inadequate. If I don’t get a substantial raise, I’m going to quit!” The caretakers looked at The Demander’s sturdy trunk and glossy green leaves. “This trunk is giving strong support to the tree,” they decided, not noticing it was an alien growth. “To cut it off would involve great loss. We’d better yield to its demands.” But as The Demander flourished, it grew ever more demanding. And it spread widely over the tree.

More evil roots grew from the Seed of Selfishness. One (called The Smuggler) began in clever ways to smuggle small items of equipment out of the institution. “These few things will never be missed,” he convinced himself. The tree grew imperceptibly weaker as basic supplies kept disappearing and had to be replaced. This root branched off into a larger one (called The Embezzler) that did noticeable damage to the tree. Inventories revealed great losses, accounts failed to balance, large sums of money disappeared. And this growth forked off into an even more sinister one (called The Grafter). In doing the business of the institution, The Grafter funneled off large sums for himself in the form of kick-backs and bribes, and greatly damaged the reputation of the institution.

Day by day these parasites ate into the vitals of their host. Still the tree stood, though its dead lower branches, thin foliage, and sparse fruit, revealed that its strength was being sapped away. Around it the shameless killer flaunted its branches in open scandal to the heavens. The sweet fruits of self-sacrifice, kindness, and love, were largely displaced by the bitter fruits of rivalry, suspicion, and greed.

And all the while black clouds streaked with the lightnings were piling high on the horizon.



A dead tree stands in the center of these twisting trunks of the strangling fig.

## New Arrivals in the Union

A NUMBER of new workers have joined our overseas staff in various places in the Union. Taking up duties at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital recently have been Dr. Ralph Royer, surgeon, and his wife, Kathryn; Dr. Arthur Ewart, orthodontist, his wife, Yvonne, and children, Brian and Julie; Dr. Paul Gaver, anesthesiologist, and his wife, Ethel; and Dr. Keith Colburn and his wife, Judy. Elder John Alspaugh is the new hospital chaplain. His family includes Loretta, his wife, and their two daughters, Connie and Jennifer. Replacing John Falconbridge as director of the Ekamai School in Bangkok is Elder A. F. Penstock and his wife, Fern.

Dr. and Mrs. Philip Pritel arrived in Saigon January 1, where Dr. Pritel is connected with the Saigon Adventist Hospital as a surgeon. Joining the staff of Phuket Mission Hospital in Thailand is Dr. Romero Alonzo, surgeon, his wife Emelia, and their two boys, Romero and Eduardo. Dr. and Mrs. Ross Sinclair and their baby daughter, of New Zealand, have arrived in Penang after spending a month as replacements in Haad Yai.

Dayton Chong Chin Keong arrived home in January after completing his second M.A. in Education. He already has an M.A. in Theology. Dayton studied at Atlantic Union College for his undergraduate work and transferred to Andrews University for his graduate studies. He has answered the call to pastor the English Church in Penang.

We extend a warm welcome to each of these new workers and pray that God's blessings will attend their labors.

## 1971 a Banner Year for Youth

1971 was a banner year for the youth of Southeast Asia Union, according to Bernie Donato, M.V. Secretary. Each of the five local missions held a mission-wide youth congress, the first of its kind ever held here, he states. Although a number of features were common to all these congresses, each had a unique flavor of its own.

In Sabah, where the largest group of young people was gathered, 55 received Silver Medal awards, and two the Gold Medal. In Vietnam, soul-winning exploits by our youth among the mountain people and in the political prisons, inspired the delegates. Music pervaded the congress atmosphere in Thailand. In Sarawak, soul-winning accounts of evangelism among the heathen tribes were climaxed by a challenge for youth to volunteer their services to work in remote villages without pay. Six young men responded to the challenge. Malaya Mission's congress, held at the college, featured both M.V. and Lay Activities, with the motto: "United for Evangelism."

1972 will be a banner year for camping activities, states Donato. Beginning in March, senior M.V. camps on Pathfinder Leadership will be held in each of the five missions.



A blind father reads to his little girl from a braille Bible story book.

## May is Christian Record Month

AROUND the world, May 20 will be a day to pray for the work of evangelizing the blind. The Seventh-day Adventist Church does an extensive work for the blind in 88 countries of the world through the Christian Record Braille Foundation, with headquarters at 4444 South 52nd St., Lincoln, Nebraska, U.S.A. Even the state library in Moscow receives braille magazines from the Lincoln office.

Adventist work for the blind was begun in 1899 by a blind boy, Austin Wilson, who had a burning desire to give his blind friends some braille literature telling about his faith. Disappointed that there were only a few tracts in braille, he started his own braille magazine called the **Christian Record**.

The Foundation has grown through the years until it now produces hundreds of message-filled books, with emphasis on Spirit of Prophecy volumes, in addition to magazines and tracts. Eight Bible courses are available in braille, large print, and on records and tapes. Several magazines are produced, including **Encounter**, a full-message talking magazine on records; **The Student**, a monthly record with the senior Sabbath School lessons, supplemented with mission stories and special music, and the **Review and Herald**, an abridged braille edition of the church paper. All services to the blind are provided free of charge by means of an offering taken up every two years.

Please remember in your prayers the blind readers of these truth-filled publications produced by the Christian Record Braille Foundation, that their eyes might be opened TO SEE JESUS.

# NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS



## SABAH

### Ready to Die

AS I spoke to the baptismal candidates that Sabbath morning at the rear of the Menggatal church in Sabah, I was surprised to look into the face of a 17-year-old girl who had a black and badly swollen eye. Tunin seemed very sincere and was happy at the prospect of taking this important step in her preparation to meet Jesus. But I could not help wondering what had happened to her. Then the story of her faithfulness unfolded.

Tunin came from a heathen home up in the mountains along the West Coast of Sabah. Her village not being far from Tombongan, she could come to the meetings being held by Brother Jubilee Liang. Each evening her love for the Saviour grew until she was determined to give her life to Him who had done so much for her.

As time went on, her parents realized that a change was taking place in their daughter. She would not eat the way she had in years past. No more betel nut juice was seen streaming down the sides of her mouth. Each Saturday she would insist on going to church and not work as she had usually done on that day. They noticed too that she was more thoughtful and kind.

Then one Sabbath morning a crisis came to the home. It was harvest time. Everyone was needed to help with the rice harvest. Tunin was cleaning the rice for breakfast when her father spoke, "Tunin, you are to go with me today to harvest the rice."

She did not know what to say. As she was silent for a moment she breathed a prayer for help, and then answered clearly, "No, father, I am sorry, but this is the Sabbath and I cannot go with you to harvest rice." At this the father became enraged and pulling a large piece of flaming firewood from the stove, hurled it at his daughter just as she turned towards him. The burning missile struck her in the face and eye. Tunin, however, was not deterred from her purpose of following her Saviour. She did not tell her parents that she was going to be baptized that Sabbath morning, as she was afraid they might try to keep her from following through with her decision.

After the service was over, she returned home. Her father was already there and Tunin went straight to him and said, "Father, you can kill me now. I am ready to die."

Her father stared at his daughter wondering what she was talking about. Then he finally said,

"I thought you became a Christian to have eternal life, and not to die."

"Yes," Tunin said, "but since I have been baptized the Lord will give me eternal life even if I die now."

This faith of their daughter made the parents think seriously. Now both the father and mother are coming to church and learning about Jesus and His wonderful love for them.

Tunin was not satisfied to share her faith with just her parents. She is now helping in a branch Sabbath School and is the childrens' Sabbath School leader. Since she was once a heathen and a believer in charms and other heathen practices, she is able to teach heathen people in a convincing way of the uselessness of these things. Surely Tunin is another brand plucked from the burning, and is now an instrument in God's hand for saving others.

—W. L. Wilcox, President  
Sabah Mission

### One Girl's Burden

LEE Mui Enn has a great burden for Branch Sabbath Schools. Why? Because she herself was won to Christ a few years ago through the Branch Sabbath School.

Not long after she was baptized, she went to Avondale College in Australia to further her education. But every time she returned home for a visit, she encouraged her fellow young people of the Sandakan Chinese Church to conduct a Branch Sabbath School. With characteristic energy, she led the way in a lively program until it was time for her to return to college. Then she left the work in the hands of the local young people. Though most of them were new members without much Bible background or experience, they carried on faithfully as best they could until they ran out of ideas. Then Mui Enn returned again and injected new life into the program. She not only revived the Branch Sabbath School, but she invited the children to attend the Pathfinder Club. The children were so interested in the program that they could hardly wait for the next meeting. Some began attending M.V. meetings in the church.

On February 6, Mui Enn saw some of the firstfruits of her labors as 13 children were invested as Busy Bees, Helping Hands, Sunbeams, and Friends. Five have become regular Sabbath School members.

God bless Lee Mui Enn as she leads her fellow young people in the work of child evangelism.

—From a report by Miss Nony Sha'ah  
Child Evangelism Secretary, Sabah Mission



## MALAYA

### Singapore Teachers Attend Institute

"WE should have a banquet together at least once a year," one teacher from one of the seven tables at the Ponggol Restaurant suggested. The occasion which marked the happy ending of a very successful institute was a fitting climax to four days of discussion, lectures, visits, and sharing of ideas among teachers and administrators. The institute was conducted by Pastor F. H. Hewitt, Secretary of Education of the Southeast Asia Union Mission and Pastor Joshua Chong, Secretary of Education of the Malaya Mission. The teachers of the San Yu High School and the Seventh-day Adventist School with their principals were grateful for such an institute, the last of which was held about five years ago.

The institute was attended by about forty teachers, principals, and officers of the Malaya Mission at the campus of the Southeast Asia Union College, Singapore. The object of the institute was to up-date ourselves in the techniques of teaching and to become acquainted with educational hardware, besides studying some of the methods of soul-winning.

Ten guest speakers from the Far Eastern Division of Seventh-day Adventists, Far Eastern Academy, Southeast Asia Union Mission, Youngberg Memorial Hospital, Southeast Asia Union College, Malaya Mission, and the Ministry of Education in Singapore were invited to share their knowledge, inspiration, skills, and methods. Their demonstrations and devotional talks were very timely.

The delegates to the institute were especially invited to attend a college chapel program presented by the Teachers of Tomorrow Club of the College. This was followed by the presentation of service pins to all the teachers. Pastor S. F. Chu, Mrs. K. T. Kong, and Dr. Y. H. Chan have the distinction of having taught more than thirty years each.

—James Wong, Principal  
Singapore Adventist School



Now under construction in Ipoh is this beautiful Adventist church.



The Balestier Church was damaged when a violent wind storm uprooted this tree.

### Balestier Church Damaged by Storm

SEVERE damage was done to the Balestier Road Seventh-day Adventist church on the afternoon of February 29 when a large tree was uprooted by a small tornado and thrown onto the church. There was considerable damage done to structural members of the church building as well as to the roof. In addition to the tree which fell on the church, the largest on the church property, a smaller tree was uprooted and took with it a section of the chain link fence at the rear of the church. Very heavy rain accompanied the wind so that there is water damage in the church also. Many trees in the Balestier Road section of Singapore were uprooted or severely damaged and traffic was snarled for several hours.

Provisionally only the caretaker was in the church at the time of the accident and he was able to escape without injury. It will be possible to continue regular services in the church in spite of the damage. We are thankful to God that no one was injured and that the damage was not more severe.

—R. E. Finney, Pastor  
Balestier Road Church

### Ipoh Church Under Construction

A beautiful church building, similar to the Phuket Church in Thailand, is in process of construction in the city of Ipoh. The former church had to be demolished to make way for a government building project. The new building, to be completed in June, will have ample space for Sabbath School rooms and young people's activities, leaving the sanctuary for worship services only.

Ipoh, situated in a very rich tin-mining area in the state of Perak, West Malaysia, is known as the hub of Malaya. Giang Tu Minh is the pastor of this church, consisting of Chinese- and English-speaking members. We wish for the Ipoh Church a spirit of love as beautiful as their building—love that will draw many souls to fill their pews.

## Singapore M.V. Association Organized

**T**HE first M.V. Association Rally ever held in Singapore, attended by large delegations from the six M.V. societies in this city, was held at the Chinese Church, Thomson Road, on Sabbath afternoon, February 26.

At this rally, the Singapore M.V. Association was organized, and a constitution adopted. David Goh of Balestier Road Church was elected Association president. The other officers elected were Rick Harris of Far Eastern Academy, vice-president; Alice Yong of Malay Church, secretary; Chang Duc of Chinese Church, treasurer; Roy Lukman of Southeast Asia Union College, music director; and Alfred Low of Queenstown Church, public relations officer.

Pastor R. S. Watts, Union President and guest speaker, challenged the Adventist youth of Singapore to unite in giving the message of salvation to the millions of this great metropolis. The aim of the Association is to coordinate the various lines of youth missionary work among the member societies in an evangelistic outreach.

The next M.V. Association Rally will be held at the College Auditorium sometime during the second quarter of this year.

—Alfred Low

## MV's Organize in Northern Malaya

**A**N organization rally for the Northern Malaya M.V. Association was held in the Penang church, Saturday night, February 12. Member societies are from English, Chinese, and Malay, churches of Penang, and the Ipoh, Alor Star, Prai, and Sungei Patani churches. Leading out were Pastors T. K. Chong and Wong Yew Seng, President and M.V. Secretary of the Malaya Mission, and Pastor Bernie Donato, Union M.V. Secretary.

Officers elected were Lee Yin Fook of Ipoh Church, president; Yeoh Khai Gee of Penang Chinese Church, vice-president; Yong Mei Wan of Penang Chinese Church, secretary; Edward Poey of Penang English Church, treasurer; Wong Kai Cheng of Penang Chinese Church, song leader; and Yee Ah Cheong of Ipoh Church, public relations officer.

Musical numbers were rendered by representatives of the various M.V. societies. Dr. Samuel Ketting, director of the Penang Adventist Hospital, welcomed the delegates and guests. The next M.V. Association Rally will be held May 5, in the Penang Church.

The delegates expressed joy in being a part of an association of Seventh-day Adventist young people that aims to strengthen M.V. societies in North Malaya and win more young people for the kingdom of God.

—Yee Ah Cheong



## Prayer Opens the Way

**T**AN Poh Eng rushed home from church in great excitement. "Mother and father, may I be baptized?" she asked. Since they had not objected to her attending church and having Bible studies, she was sure they would grant permission. But her excitement turned to apprehension as she saw their faces cloud over. Then the answer came—a decisive "No!"

Poh Eng was bitterly disappointed. She thought of the long way she had come, ever since Esther Khor had first invited her and her sister to church. After her sister had lost interest, Poh Eng had still attended faithfully. She had enjoyed the weekly Bible studies by Pastor Cheah and Edward Poey, and was thrilled at the thought of being baptized. And then came this unexpected difficulty.

As she stood dumbfounded before her parents, she suddenly remembered a story she had read about how God hears and answers the prayer of faith. According to Poh Eng, "I knelt down at that very spot on the floor and poured out my heart to God. I prayed for courage and strength to face this difficulty." A few days later she asked her parents again, and was overjoyed to hear them say "Yes." She said, "I was too happy for words. I knelt down and thanked God for His great love and mercy to me. God had not forsaken me in the hour of need." The following Sabbath Poh Eng was baptized, and today she is a strong and faithful Christian.

—Raymond Poey, M.V. Society  
Penang Church

\* Revival meetings conducted by Pastor William Smith at the Penang English Church drew good attendance throughout the meetings. Brother Dayton Chong assisted.

\* Another successful series of revival meetings came to a close recently at the Kuala Lumpur Chinese Church. Pastor Wong Yew Seng was the speaker. May the Spirit of God continue to abide in the hearts of those who sought for a closer walk with God.

\* The "face-lift" for the Kuala Lumpur Church is nearing completion. Pastors David Hor and David Leoh took great pains to see that everything was done according to specifications.

\* Mrs. Amy Tan's right leg was amputated soon after the family's arrivals in an effort to save her life. She pulled through surgery remarkably well despite her age (81) and her weakened condition. If God sees fit to answer the many prayers ascending to His throne on her behalf, Mama Tan may yet continue her faithful and inspiring witness to all who have contact with her.

# LAYMEN JOIN THE EV



**BIRTHE CHAN**  
Singapore



**YAO PACHIMARAT**  
Ubon, Thailand



**GILBERT TUAN**  
Ayer Manis, Sarawak



**BAYU BAYANG**  
Kuhas, Sarawak

Brother Bayang won 23 souls to Christ in 1971. He will hold a crusade in the village of Entawa.



**SIJIP and PURO**  
Simboh, Sarawak

Sijip and Puro, with Paul Nyungga, Mission Lay Activities Secretary, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Simboh school teachers, right. They will hold a crusade in the village of Stang.

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## CRUSADERS

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# EVANGELISTIC RANKS...

## CHRIST



PHAM PHUOC  
Danang, Vietnam



KIULU  
Tamparuli, Sabah



ADANG  
Menggatal, Sabah

Adang held a crusade in the village of Natai in March. He will also hold a crusade in the village of Kokol.



MRS. NAOMI LAI  
Rani, Sabah

Mrs. Lai held a ten-day crusade in March.

## CORPS — 1972

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## EVANGELISM



SABAH LAYMEN  
Planning 1972 Crusades

Front Row: Arab, Podos; Balagol Simpul, Piasau Baru; Sambuling Lajanin, Lasau Tintapan; Abin Tingguan, Rangalau; Wilson Kombaki, Tolungan; Silun Labuan, Tolungan; Back Row: Yutui Satun, Lagau; Silem Bangkurai, Piasau Baru; Sompong Sagunggun, Baki-long; Joseph Simpul, Lasau; Sikah Laus, Kambura; Disin, Kandis.



## SARAWAK

### Dekos Shares His Faith

**B**ROTHER Dekos has never received any formal training in evangelistic work, but that has not kept him from enthusiastically witnessing to the people of his village.

Dekos finished his upper primary education at Simboh Adventist School, where he was baptized. Unable to go on to secondary school, he returned to his own village. Although disappointed that he could not continue his education, Dekos realized that, as the only Adventist in his village, he had a great challenge to share his faith.

But how could he change the minds of people whose lives were polluted with heathenism and its practices? How could he let his people know that there is a God they could worship without fear? The answer came after many weeks of untiring effort.

One of the villagers, Maek, decided to follow Dekos' God. Soon his beloved wife was stricken with illness. A number of the village men began saying that Maek's family had been cursed by the devil god because he had not given offerings of food to the idols when his infant son was born.

Maek came to Dekos for help and asked him to pray for his wife. But later he also went to the witch doctor and asked for help. Dekos learned of this and reminded Maek that God cannot work together with the devil. He urged Maek to keep praying that the Lord would heal his wife.

Unfortunately, his wife's parents threatened to take their daughter back if anyone except the witch doctor prayed for her. Not wanting to lose his wife, Maek was forced to let the witch doctor come day after day to chant his magic words that were supposed to make the devil change his mind. Sacrifices of red rice, strangled chicken, betel nuts, and sticky rice, cooked in small bamboo cylinders, were offered to please the devil god.



Dekos, left, shared his faith with Maek and his family. Maek is holding the sacrificial basket and the god of bamboo, removed from his house in a special ceremony.

Days went by, but Maek's wife did not get better. Finally, in spite of her parents, Maek went back to Dekos and asked him to pray for his wife again. Although he had been rejected before, Dekos was glad to come.

Still, the sick woman did not recover immediately. Dekos asked Sijip, elder of the Simboh church and also village chief, for help with his problem. Sijip suggested that she be taken to Simboh, where there is an air strip, so that Pastor Hall, the mission president, could fly her to a hospital for proper treatment.

Within a few weeks, Maek's wife returned to the village in good health. She and her husband decided to join the Adventist church. It was a real privilege for the writer to conduct the village's first church service, held in Maek's home. Also present were 32 others who wished to prepare for baptism. After church, Maek requested a special service to remove the spirit gods and the sacrificial basket from his house.

Surely, with dedicated laymen such as Dekos, the gospel message will rapidly penetrate these unentered areas.

—Paul Nyungga, Lay Activities Secretary  
Sarawak Mission



The combined choirs of the Ayer Manis and Kuching Churches sang at the Old Folks' Home for Chinese New Year. Seated in the center is the oldest resident of the home, Hon Fong Min, 96 years old.

### Choirs Take Ang Pow to Shut-Ins

**T**HE combined choirs of the Ayer Manis and Kuching churches sang for the residents of the Old Folks' Home and the Blind Center in Kuching the Sunday before Chinese New Year. Following a greeting and sermonette by Pastor Jonathan Ng of the Kuching Church, 250 ang pow envelopes and individual bags of treats were distributed.

With tears rolling down his cheeks, one old man said, "This is the first youth group that ever came here to present us with gifts and sweet music. We hope that you all will come more often."

This program was an activity of the Youth Volunteers Service, organized a few months ago to promote community service projects.



Sunny Hill Pathfinders pose with their director, Phoon Chek Yat (fourth from left, seated).

### Pathfinders' Week-End Camp

THE first week-end camp of the Sunnyhill Pathfinder Cadet Corps for the year 1972 was held recently at the school campus. The group of 40 members with seven counselors and two deputy directors is under the directorship of Pastor Phoon Chek Yat, the associate pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Sunnyhill School, Kuching.

Unselfish service, discipline, and reverence were taught by cooking in units, semaphore classes, nature walks, marching drills, and Bible lessons. For the first time many of these Pathfinders attended M.V. meeting, Sabbath School, and church services.

At the conclusion of the week-end all campers were admonished to bring home to their loved ones and friends the joy, peace and self-sacrificing spirit that they had acquired during the camp.

—Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director  
Sarawak Mission

### Associate Pastor for Kuching Church

PASTOR Phoon Chek Yat was recently appointed associate pastor of the Kuching Church. Pastor Phoon and his wife, Sally arrived recently from Penang after receiving their degrees in Theology and Education, respectively, from Southeast Asia Union College in December, 1971.

Pastor Phoon, a Malaysian, will serve his two-year ministerial internship with Pastor Jonathan Ng, who has been asked to supervise the pioneer work in Miri, a town 400 miles from Kuching, in addition to his duties as pastor of the Kuching Church and director of the Temperance and Public Relations Departments of the Sarawak Mission.

In a solemn Sabbath service Pastor Phoon was dedicated to his new work by Pastor F. H. Hewitt, Union Education Secretary. We welcome Pastor and Mrs. Phoon to Kuching and trust that their ministry will be a blessing to those for whom they labor.

—Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director  
Sarawak Mission



## THAILAND

### Deganos Made Publishing House Treasurer

JERRY Deganos was welcomed on March 9 to begin his work as treasurer of the Thailand Publishing House. He was formerly an accountant in the Central Luzon Mission in the Philippines. He is the fifteenth Filipino to be assigned to Thailand.

Filipino workers recently going home on furlough are Romana Cuvin, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Ulangca, and Mr. and Mrs. Jose Tauro.

### News from Ekamai Church and School

\* For four years the Ekamai Church Choir, along with the Glee Club, the Cherubs, and the Junior Choir, has been holding Christmas concerts in Protestant and Catholic churches as well as in outstanding hotels in Bangkok to raise money for a grand piano. Through these efforts, they received over 40,000 baht in contributions, making possible the purchase of a piano for 48,000 baht. The Siam Intercontinental Hotel, the President Hotel, and the Diethelm Company gave substantial contributions.

\* As a result of a Week of Prayer by Pastor Abel Pangan, six children of the Bangkok Overseas School accepted Christ and were baptized. Those baptized were Jessie Temple, Lila Rae Ulangca, Jeremy Falconbridge, Lois Haynal, and Lynda Pangan. They joined the Ekamai Church.

\* Forty-two students graduated from the secondary school at Ekamai, with Pastor John Alspaugh as the speaker, on March 14. Five graduates will continue their education at Southeast Asia Union College, and five will study nursing at Bangkok Sanitarium. The elementary school also had a graduation of 70 finishing eighth grade.



Standing with Pastor Pangan are five church school children who were recently baptized: Jessie Temple, Lila Rae Ulangca, Jeremy Falconbridge, Lois Haynal, and Lynda Pangan.



## Construction Begins on Saigon Hospital

**O**FFICIAL ground-breaking ceremonies on Sunday, March 12, were a joyous occasion, marking the beginning of construction on the new Saigon Adventist Hospital.

As a prelude to this long-awaited event, Madame Nguyen van Thieu, First Lady of Vietnam, laid the cornerstone for the new building in a colorful program last January.

Sufficient funds are on hand to complete the hospital's ground floor in the initial phase of the construction project. This will include the outpatient department, surgery suites, 91 bed, and other services.



Union President Ralph Watts tosses a shovelful of dirt at the ground-breaking ceremony for the Saigon Adventist Hospital. The other diggers are Pastor Le Huu and Dr. G. H. A. McLaren.

## New School Building for Cholon

**A** NEW two-story, six-classroom school building of reinforced concrete has recently been completed by the Cholon Chinese Church in Vietnam. The facade of the previously existing adjacent classroom building has also been remodeled to blend with the new structure to present a very pleasing and modern appearance. Together with a new masonry wall and decorative gate, the project cost VN\$12,000,000 (US \$30,000). This entire amount was contributed by members of the local church and their friends and neighbors.

Reopened two years ago after having been closed for a number of years, the school offers classes from kindergarten through the fifth grade level. The enrollment has reached nearly 300, and grades six and seven are to be added.

The Cholon Church is to be commended for its vision and enthusiastic promotion and support of Christian education under very difficult conditions. All teachers are loyal Seventh-day Adventists, most of whom are young people with a background of Christian education in our training school on the Saigon Adventist School campus. Mrs. Jonathan



The new Chinese school in Cholon

Foo serves as the principal. Pastor Le Huu, Mission Educational Secretary, also is giving strong encouragement and guidance to the school and its staffing.

—F. H. Hewitt, Educational Secretary  
Southeast Asia Union

## Thirteen Nurses Graduate in Saigon

**O**N Saturday evening, January 29, 1972, thirteen students graduated from the Saigon Adventist Hospital School of Nursing. They have completed a three year nursing program and will all be employed by the Saigon Adventist Hospital.

The Commencement address was given by Pastor Pham Thien, Secretary of the Vietnam Mission of Seventh-day Adventists. Following the ceremony an Open House was held at the School of Nursing.

Additional services included Consecration given by Dr. G. H. A. McLaren, Medical Director, and Baccalaureate given by Pastor Le Huu, Director of the Seventh-day Adventist Primary and Secondary school.

—Gail True



Standing with Laboratory Director Nguyen Huynh are six lab students who graduated.



This large baptism was held in the Danang Church on March 9. To the left of Pastor Grady is Pastor Son; to the right is the teacher who interested his friends in the Advent message.

### Thirty-Eight Baptized for Hoa Khanh

ON March 9, 1972, 38 Hoa Khanh people were baptized at the Danang Church. This baptism was the result of studies given by Nguyen Xuan Son, pastor of the Danang district.

A year earlier, Pastor Son had started studies with his former school teacher, a man who was also an active Christian layman. The teacher became so interested in what he was learning that he encouraged his fellow church members to listen to the studies Pastor Son was conducting. As a result, a large number decided to accept the Seventh-day Adventist message. The group is presently meeting in a new lamb shelter in the refugee village of Hoa Khanh. The village chief has given permission and land for them to build a church which they hope to erect soon. The school teacher is now the lay leader of our new company at Hoa Khanh.

—Robert B. Grady, Sabbath School Secretary  
Southeast Asia Union



The Phu Nhuan Dorcas Society distributed clothing to 500 people made homeless by a huge fire in Gia Dinh. The pastor is Do Binh, and the Dorcas Leader is Mrs. Le Cong Nghiep.



Vietnam Mission President Clyde Bradley consigns a shipment of 100 bales of clothing to the Cambodian Red Cross.

### Clothing Sent to Cambodia

THE Saigon SAWS warehouse recently sent 100 bales of clothing to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to be dispensed to the quarter million displaced persons there.

Elders Ralph Watts and Clyde Bradley, Union and Mission Presidents, and Pastor Adam, pastor of the Phnom Penh Church, presented the clothes to Cambodia's Minister of War Victims. They will be distributed to displaced persons living in camps around the periphery of Phnom Penh, along with information identifying them as donations of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Pastor Adam hopes to follow up the interest thus aroused by starting Branch Sabbath Schools in these camps.



Every Sunday morning a clinic is held at the Danang Church. Dr. Mock, a Captain in the U.S. Army, sees 40 to 50 patients each time. He is assisted by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Nguyen Xuan Son.



# SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE



April graduates. Front row: Wong Yan See, Pham Thi Hoang Cuc, Pham Thi Phuoc Chau. Back row: Leong Shee Keong, Donald Hee, Jonathan Chin Haw Yan, Lian Hoon Peng (4-year graduate), Wilfred Sim, Daniel Goh Yong Cheang.

## Boyd Olson Addresses Graduates

**S**OUTHEAST Asia Union College continues to produce workers for the field.

One four-year and eight two-year graduates received their diplomas in a colorful ceremony Saturday night, April 8, in the College Auditorium. Together with the December graduates, this makes a total of 31 receiving their diplomas during the year just ended.

Fulfilling a traditional role, the freshmen marched in and formed a double line along the aisle, through which the seniors and the platform party passed, preceded by an impressive color guard bearing banners.

Dr. Boyd Olson, Division Educational Secretary, gave the commencement address, challenging the graduates not to allow discouragement to hinder their service for God and mankind.

Special music for the occasion was provided by John Harris and Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Ekvall. Jessica Goh, a former SAUC graduate, was the organist. Gratitude to parents was expressed by Wong Yan See and to the teachers by Donald Hee.

—Bernhard Aaen, Dean  
Southeast Asia Union College

## Board Passes Significant Actions

**T**HE Board of Directors of the Southeast Asia Union College passed the following actions in harmony with the rapid changes the college is going through:

### 72-4 Tuition Scholarships for Missions

**Voted** to grant one tuition scholarship for each mission in the Southeast Asia Union and that applications be processed through the Mission and Union for selection and approval.

### 72-5 Tuition Scholarships for FED Unions

**Voted** that one tuition scholarship be offered to each union of the Far Eastern Division and to the Far Eastern Island Mission. Applications are to be processed through the Division and Union.

### 72-14 Assistant College Dean

**Voted** to appoint Wong Yew Chong as Assistant College Dean with the duties of student recruitment, guidance, counseling and placement.

### 72-15 Assistant Dean of Men

**Voted** to place a call to Joseph Thia to serve as Assistant Dean of Men. (The call has been accepted.)

### 72-16 Separate Board for Secondary School

**Voted** to approve the appointment of a separate board for the secondary school and to request the Board Chairman to appoint a sub-committee to give study to this and bring in recommendations to the Board. (Pastor F. H. Hewitt was appointed Chairman of the sub-committee while Pastor James Wong was appointed secretary. The committee is still working on the assignment.)

### 72-19 Health Physicals

**Voted** to require health physicals for students before entering college. (This action will be implemented at the beginning of the first trimester of the 1972-3 school year.)

—Wong Yew Chong, Assistant Dean  
Southeast Asia Union College

## Witness Team Promotes College

**P**PROMOTION of the College and recruitment of students is the objective of a group of Southeast Asia Union College students and teachers that is visiting Singapore area churches during March and April, taking part in the Sabbath School and church services.

Featured in these meetings are the College Singers, a vocal and witness team under the leadership of Mrs. Beryl Mamanua of the music department. Also taking part are Mr. Wong Yew Chong and Dr. Bernhard Aaen, Assistant Dean and Dean of the College.

Churches visited by the group are the Chinese, Malay, Balestier Road, and SAUC churches in Singapore, and Johore Bahru and Pontian. Mr. Wong is also currently visiting prospective students and other churches in Malaysia.

—Bernhard Aaen, Dean  
Southeast Asia Union College

### College Experiences Growing Pains

THE college enrollment for the last trimester of the 1971-72 school year has reached an all-time high of 188, according to Mrs. Maggie Tan, Registrar. This upward trend is expected to continue. (See Graph.) Classrooms are bursting at the seams and the college is undergoing some growing pains.

With increased enrollment, the number of graduates has also increased. Thirty-one are expected to graduate this year (1971-72). The reason this is slightly less than the previous year is that some of the students have decided to stay for the full four-year programs now being offered.

The staff of the college is also larger than before. In 1968 there were only eight teachers; during this last school year there was an average of 22 teachers each trimester. There is also an upward trend in educational qualifications of teachers. At present, of the members of the college staff two hold doctor's degrees, two hold Master of Divinity degrees, 11 have master's degrees, while seven possess bachelor's degrees.

The number of books in the library has doubled in the last four years. In 1968 there were some 6,000 volumes, but at the latest count the number reached 11,000.

This measurable growth and expansion is accompanied by development and improvements in the program of the college. We thank God for His blessings on Southeast Asia Union College.

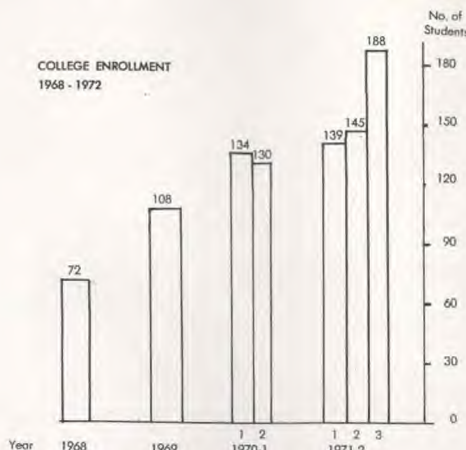
—Wong Yew Chong, Assistant Dean  
Southeast Asia Union College



President Tan Chosen as Outstanding Alumnus

PRESIDENT Daniel Tan was chosen as the outstanding Philippine Union College Alumnus in education in foreign missions by the Alumni Award Committee in recognition of his achievements as an educator. He was invited to be personally present at the Alumni Homecoming on March 26 to receive the award. Because he could not attend, he requested Professor Pan Lok Leong to accept the honor on his behalf.

President Tan graduated from Philippine Union College in 1951 with a B.S.E. degree. He has served the denomination since 1939 as science teacher, mission secretary, union M.V. secretary, dean of men, and college registrar. After his studies at Andrews University he was appointed President of Southeast Asia Union College.



### News Notes

by Maggie Tan

\* **Joseph Thia**, Principal of the Goshen Adventist School, married **Helena Lai** (sister of James Lai) on December 22, 1971, at the Tenthilan SDA Church. Both are now upgrading at SAUC, he in the 4-year program in Education and she in Secretarial Science.

\* **Sally Lam** was married to **Phoon Chek Yat** on December 26, 1971, at the Penang SDA Church. Sally and Chek Yat were the only two who graduated with honors in the 4-year program last December. Both are now teaching at Sunny Hill School in Kuching, Sarawak.

\* **Mary Chong-Wong** and husband **David Wong** returned to Singapore in December after completing their graduate studies at Andrews University. Mary now has her M.A. in English while David has his M.A. in Theology and another in Education. Mary teaches English in the college; David is the new chaplain at Youngberg Memorial Hospital.

\* **Language Lab**—The 24-carrel language lab is being put to full use for all students taking English I, II, and III. Mary Chong-Wong has her hands full supervising the lab sessions for the big classes in English. Secondary students also make use of the lab under the supervision of Hepsie Lucas-Gurusamy.

\* **SAUC Bakery**—A baby bakery was started by Miss Myrtle Fitzgerald, Head of the Education Department, last year in the somewhat tight quarters of the Home Economics Lab. Three or four college students are employed by shifts to bake 22 loaves of bread daily for the cafeteria and campus families. The loaves are quickly snapped up each evening and plans are underway to expand this little industry. Already a generous donation of US\$1,000 has been promised by Dr. & Mrs. Paul Genstler to buy a new oven that will bake 48 loaves. Our present small Home Ec and cafeteria ovens can only bake about three or four loaves each.

## Ha Brell, Lay Missionary

**S**OMETHING was wrong! The pastor noticed it as the young couple walked up. He greeted them warmly as he searched for the courage to inquire about the baby they had taken with them into the isolated valley in the mountains. The spark of greeting in their eyes faded as the pastor's inquiry brought fresh memories of a tiny hand-wrought coffin placed near the edge of Zulu, the village they now called home.

Zulu is a small village hidden among the hills in a green valley. It cannot be reached by car as there are no roads into the area. It takes a two-day walk from Dalat, Vietnam to reach it, or in an emergency it can be reached by army helicopter.

Among those who built this new village were three Seventh-day Adventist families. When members of these families walked out to Dalat to get some much needed supplies, they decided to see if there was a Seventh-day Adventist Church there. They were successful and talked to the district pastor. They told him that many of their tribesmen were interested in the Adventist truth, and begged for a worker.

The district pastor explained to them that there were no mission workers available. He already had many churches and companies under his care, and the Mission's budget just couldn't be stretched any further. As he explained the situation, they grew very sad, but he left them with a little hope. He told them that perhaps they could get a volunteer to come and help them. He would present it at his week-end services. He would pray about it and they should pray about it, and with these words they returned to Zulu.

The pastor knew that this would not be an easy task although he had never been there before. This worker would have to walk through the jungle with his possessions on his back. There was no home for him. He would have to live first with one and then another. There would be no money to support him.

At the Young People's Meeting, he made the appeal. He told them exactly what it would be like—of the long journey by foot, and the primitive living conditions involved. He mentioned the long hours of sacrifice and toil. The youth of the church sat with their heads bowed, listening to every word. After a few minutes of silence, a young Vietnamese man stood to his feet. It was Ha Brell. Standing by his side was his young wife, and in her arms was their baby girl.

Ha Brell said that he understood what the hardships would be, but they were still ready to

leave their home and go to Zulu. Jesus had done so much for them—how could they refuse to go and tell others of His love? So off they went.

After Ha Brell and his wife had been working there for a short time, tragedy tore their hearts too deeply for words. They were called upon to lay their precious baby to rest until the resurrection day. No doubt contributing factors were the primitive conditions and lack of medical help.

Upon learning of their loss when they returned to Dalat, the pastor asked them if they had decided to stay home and leave the work they had started. Their answer came quickly and positively—NO! They would return and carry on for the Lord who loved them and whom they loved.

They have been working there for nearly two years and have a church and lambshelter. They have 23 baptized members and 206 Sabbath School members. On their last trip out they brought a new baby—a boy the Lord had blessed them with.

Ha Brell and his wife are laymen, but how the Lord has blessed their efforts! I am sure that many souls will be in heaven as a result of their labors.

—Clyde R. Bradley, President  
Vietnam Mission



This is Ha Brell, Montagnard lay preacher.