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**OUR COVER:** This old man and his wife escaped from the fighting in Vietnam. Their little boat is the only possession they have left on earth. Photo by Le van Khoa.

## Let My Heart Be Broken

**L**Y thi Ken staggered down the jungle trail from beleaguered An Loc in Vietnam with her husband on her back (both his legs were broken) and a nine-month-old baby in her arms. Four small children clung to her legs. As she struggled along with her impossible burden, rockets shrieked overhead and exploded nearby. By the time she finally reached a South Vietnamese military outpost 15 miles away, she collapsed to the ground in exhaustion.

Duong thi My\* had no time to mourn the death of her husband, killed only a few days before, or to make preparation for the birth of her baby, due at any time. She had to get her two children away from the horrors of war. Joining a host of other refugees, she and the children set out on the difficult trek through the jungle, away from the dangerous highways. After several days in the jungle, she felt the onset of labor pains. Leaving her children with the other refugees, she turned aside into the bushes alone and gave birth to her child. With her own hands she managed to cut and tie the umbilical cord. Then she passed out. When she regained consciousness, she found herself all alone in the thick jungle. Somehow she struggled to her feet, baby in her arms, and continued the long march. After several days she caught up with her children. By the time she reached a refugee camp, with its doubtful comforts, her baby was seven days old.



## FROM THEIR SHOULDERS

Nguyen Ngoc Hoa\* entered our Adventist clinic supporting her eight-year-old son. It was some time before she could compose herself to say through sobs, "My husband and four children were killed yesterday, and now my boy is sick!" Sympathetic workers listened to the rest of her story: During a violent assault by enemy forces on An Loc, she and her husband and seven children had fled from the battered city under cover of dust and smoke from a B-52 raid. For three weeks they had walked 30 miles over jungle trails, finally reaching what they supposed to be a place of safety. As the family waited for transportation by truck to a refugee camp, rockets struck the refugees, killing her husband and four of the children. "Oh God, can't you see us?" she cried.

Thousands of war victims, passing through unspeakable horrors, daily pour into refugee centers in Vietnam. Le Cong Giao, Chairman of the War Victims Relief Committee of the Saigon Seventh-day Adventist Church, reports that the Seventh-day Adventist Church, along with the entire nation,

has been mobilized to meet the current emergency. Our Danang five-room school is now a center for refugees from the endangered city of Hue. Classes have been suspended indefinitely. The teachers are acting as social workers. The churches have responded to the government plea to conduct emergency first aid courses. Dorcas ladies are sewing clothes from

## A BROADER PERSPECTIVE

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

morning until curfew time to provide help for those who have lost everything. The members of the Saigon Church, touched by the suffering of their fellow countrymen, contributed 150,000 piastres, which was combined with 300,000 ps. from SAWS, to buy rice and food for 1200 families in a nearby refugee camp. Missionary Volunteers helped take care of sanitation problems, while student and graduate nurses of the Saigon Adventist Hospital distributed medicine to the sick.

The war will continue, states Pastor Giao, and the church must continue its welfare activities for a long time to come.

Why does God bring the knowledge of such anguish and suffering to His people? Is it not to unseal the frozen fountain of our love, and to open our hearts wide with pity for our fellow man? Can we who lie down to quiet sleep at night, undisturbed by the noise of war and the threat of sudden death, spend our money selfishly for the things we want when others have lost all?

Those who would like to help the war refugees of Vietnam may send their contributions to:

Vietnam Relief Fund  
Southeast Asia Union Mission  
Box 3263  
Singapore

Let my heart be broken, Lord!

—B.S.N.

\*Not her real name.



Saigon Dorcas members, both men and women, sew from morning to curfew time to provide clothing for the refugees.

## Singapore Adventist School Aids War Victims

STUDENTS of the Secondary School donated over \$1,090 to help the victims of the war flare-up in South Vietnam. This gift of love was prompted by hearing about the colporteur evangelist who died and others who could not carry on their normal colporteur activities to support their families, as well as thousands of others who are suffering all the cruelties and horrors of the war. We salute the students and teachers for their humanitarian concern for those less fortunate than themselves.

## Thirty Churches Organized in Two Missions

THE triennial sessions of the Sarawak and Sabah missions were held March 29 to April 2 and April 5-8 respectively. Many delegates were in attendance at both sessions on this beautiful, mountainous island of Borneo. Sabah is dominated by rugged 13,000 ft. Mt. Kinabalu, the highest mountain in Southeast Asia.

In addition to many very encouraging reports of progress and blessings from God during the past three years, one of the main highlights of both sessions was the acceptance of 30 new churches into the sisterhood of Seventh-day Adventist churches. Thirteen of these were in Sarawak and 17 were in Sabah.

In spite of a lack of funds and a shortage of workers, many precious souls are being won to Christ. Much of this success is due to the work and dedication of the laymen. In 1972 laymen in Sabah are conducting 100 lay efforts and in Sarawak there are also many lay efforts being conducted.

Results are very evident in the ratio of S.D.A. members to population. In 1969, there was one S.D.A. to every 128 persons and today this ratio has decreased to one to every 118 persons. Please remember this area in your prayers so that the work will progress there more rapidly this year than ever before.

—R. I. Gainer, Treasurer  
Southeast Asia Union

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## Kuching Youth Hold Crusade

"ACTION is where the Missionary Volunteers are!" Elder John H. Hancock, General Conference M.V. Secretary, said time and again while attending youth congresses in our Union last year.

Today this is happening conspicuously among our Missionary Volunteers in Kuching, Sarawak, under the leadership of youthful church Pastor Jonathan Ng and his assistant Phoon Chek Yat.

Once a week, from January to March this year, they conducted for the Adventist and non-Adventist members of the M.V. Society a class called "Friendship Clinic" which was designed to prepare the young people for various responsibilities in a Voice of Youth crusade. While on my way to Sabah last March, I had the opportunity of witnessing one of their sessions, and what I saw impressed me. Finally, just a few days before their scheduled crusade, Pastor Jonathan Ng wrote that fifty Missionary Volunteers had completed the course successfully.

The Kuching Voice of Youth Crusade was held from April 7 to 16. Thrilling experiences have taken place since then.

Brenda Tan, who enrolled no less than one thousand students to the VOP Bible Correspondence School during the past months, writes:

"At the conclusion of our Voice of Youth Crusade, 28 made their stand to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. All of us members of the Friendship Clinic Class do our part as counselors, and we go out at least once a week visiting and giving Bible studies to those who made their decision. I really enjoyed the work as a speaker during the crusade. I spoke five nights. In conjunction with the Voice of Youth, we also had a cooking class sponsored by the Christian Home Council . . . Pastor, I'm happy to tell you that eight blind young people from the Blind Center stood up for Christ. In addition to these, I had the privilege of seeing two of those whom I personally followed up accept Christ, and one of them is my own sister. I am very happy for her. She is hoping to be baptized during the second week of May."

Amy Lee, a fourteen-year old girl who comes from a non-Adventist home but who actively assisted in the crusade, reports:

"There were many who stood up for Christ and we counseled them. We asked them about their home address and when they would be free so that we could go and visit them and give them VOP lessons or Bible studies. We also invited them to go to church and attend the mid-week prayer meeting and the M.V. meeting. . . . There are at least two persons who are going to be baptized in May. I hope to join them. . . . I have decided to be baptized.



Youth practice counseling in the Friendship Clinic.

I have asked Pastor Ng and Pastor Phoon and my friends to pray for me. Pastor Ng and Pastor Phoon are going to talk with my parents about it, and I pray that my parents will say 'yes' to them."

On May 20, 1972, four young people were baptized as the first direct result of the Kuching Crusade. Several more are waiting for the next baptismal service.

Surely action is where the Missionary Volunteers are!

—B. U. Donato, M.V. Secretary  
Southeast Asia Union

## Sunny Hill School Offers Form VI Classes

THE need for higher education has been felt for many years in Sarawak. There were facilities for only about a fourth of the students eligible to begin Form VI classes when the second term began on April 17.

To help fill this need Sunny Hill School has recently been granted approval by Sarawak's Director of Education to introduce Form VI classes. It is the first private school in the First Division and third in the state to receive this approval.

In order to meet the challenge of this recent development, the school board gave the green light to construction of a two-story, \$190,000, auditorium-library-science building. Heading the list of dignitaries present for the March 29 ground breaking ceremony was Director of Education Enchik Tan Seng Chye. Also present were the principals and headmasters of secondary schools in the Kuching District. A message from the Minister for Youth and Sports, Mr. Nelson Kundai Ngareng, who is a church member and strong supporter of our educational system, was read by his deputy, Mr. Ho Lim.

—Jerry V. Barizo, P. R. Secretary  
Sunny Hill School, Kuching



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nyungga

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wong  
and son, Mark

## Nyungga and Wong Join Mission Staff

**M**R. Paul Nyungga was appointed during the First Triennial Session as Secretary of Sabbath School, Lay Activities and Missionary Volunteer Departments of Sarawak Mission. He is the first national worker to hold such a position in this mission.

Since 1961, Mr. Nyungga has served as dean of boys of Ayer Manis School and teacher of several village schools. He graduated from the Sarawak S.D.A. Seminary in 1971.

Mr. Peter Wong, the new Secretary-treasurer of the Sarawak Mission, arrived recently to take up his duties after completing his B.S.C. Degree in accounting at Philippine Union College. He replaces Pastor P. R. Sibarani who is returning to Indonesia after having served the Sarawak Mission for eight years in the same capacity.

Mr. Wong has served as the Treasurer of Sabah Adventist Secondary School and later of Ayer Manis Secondary School of Sarawak. He took further studies at Philippine Union College in 1970.

We welcome the Nyungga and Wong families to the Sarawak Mission and wish them the Lord's blessings in their work.

—Jonathan Ng, P.R. Secretary  
Sarawak Mission

## Kuching Church Holds Cooking Class

**F**OR the first time in the history of Sarawak Mission, a Better Living Cooking Class was conducted by the Christian Home Council of the Kuching Church in conjunction with the Voice of Youth Meetings in Kuching from April 7 to 16, 1972. The climax of the cooking class was the awarding of certificates on the final night to the 50 members who had successfully completed the course.

The Voice of Youth Evangelistic Team was composed of 50 young people who have completed the Friendship and Speech Clinic conducted by Pastor Jonathan Ng in the early part of the year. The Sanctuary series, used for the first time in Kuching, kindled great interest among the young people. The youth counselors are busy following up 33 interests who made decisions for Christ.

The combined effort of cooking class and the Voice of Youth has brought great success in evangelism.

—Phoon Chek Yat, Assistant Pastor  
Kuching Church

## Pioneer Evangelism in Sarawak

**T**HE villagers of Tubih Behem have been asking for an evangelist to come and tell them about Jesus. Early this year, in response to this request, Pastor Anam Jinui and his wife, Dorothy, came to hold evangelistic meetings.

As they neared the village they found the people waiting to welcome them and carry their things. Because it was harvest time, everyone went to work in the fields early in the morning and returned to the village when it was dark, so the meetings were held at night. Of the many people who attended, ten people responded to Pastor Jinui's call and joined the baptismal class. They hope to be baptized later this year.

Mrs. Jinui held a Vacation Bible School for the children at the same time. She noticed how happy and excited they were, and realized it was because they had something to keep them interested and occupied for the first time in their lives. They came early to help her get the materials ready for their classes. They practiced the new songs they had learned while waiting for the program to begin. The entire long house was invited to attend the V.B.S. graduation. The children were proud of their beautiful certificates and the crafts they had made.

Before the meetings were over the people of the village decided to stop their work in the paddy fields and build a church. Pastor Jinui led the men in cutting wood and bamboo, while the older children cleared the ground and Mrs. Jinui helped the women prepare food. In three days the church was finished except for the zinc roof. On Sabbath, services were held in the new church, even though the sun shone hot through the open roof. On Sunday the roof was put on and the building finished, with the help of the pastor from Sijijag, Mr. Nathaniel Jugu.

Thus the seed has been sown in another village in Sarawak. With God's blessing, there will soon be a rich harvest of souls for the kingdom.



Evangelistic interests in Tubih Behem built themselves a church in just four days!



*featuring the*

## DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARIAL SCIENCE

# SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE

THE department of Secretarial Science in the college has risen from modest beginnings to its present status in a typical Adventist-style-small-beginnings way.

The department was formally organized in 1959 under the leadership of Miss Febe S. Salvador, with the simple objective of "equipping the student for work in secretarial offices where skill and proficiency are required." The curriculum consisted of Bible, English, Typewriting, Shorthand, Accounting, Office Procedures and electives. The equipment was housed in a make-shift zinc-roofed and abestos-walled shed located on a raised piece of land right next to North Hall. (This shed has since been demolished to give way to the College auditorium.) There, to the tap-tap rhythm of music as well as the steady thumping of the teacher's ruler on the desk, the first students began learning the fine art of being "girl Friday." The first two-year graduates received their diplomas in 1961. One of them was Mrs. Maggie L. Tan, the current chairman of the department.

The secretarial science department became less active with the departure of Miss Salvador in 1963, but it soon picked up momentum with the return of Mrs. Maggie Tan from Andrews University. The department has grown steadily. During the current term, there are 28 students enrolled in the course. Three teachers use a host of modern business and secretarial tools and equipment to accomplish the task of preparing youth for their future tasks. As the need for better qualified secretaries increases with the urbanization and commercial growth in the developing countries of Southeast Asia, this department is bound to grow with the demand. "One of the essential qualifications is that the students should have a good command of language—particularly English," said Mrs. Tan in a recent interview.

The recent graduates from this department have been placed in our institutions and denominational offices as soon as they graduate. Below is a list of those already serving in different parts of Southeast Asia.

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|------|---|---|
| 1967 | Rose Phang<br>*Greta Phoong   | Private firm<br>Teacher, Sunny Hill School  |
| 1968 | Esther Liem   | Finishing B.A. in Secretarial Science at La Sierra College  |
| 1969 | *Tan Moy Hong<br>Maria Vatcharee  | Secretary at Penang Hospital<br>Secretary in Bangkok business firm  |
| 1970 | Ho Joan Na<br>*Lim Lan Fung<br>*Wu Sook Ying<br>*Yaw Sui Kie<br>*Yuen Kam Hoe | Secretary in Indonesia<br>YMH—Records Librarian Secretary<br>Secretary, F.E.D. Education Dept.<br>Secretary, Malaysian Signs Press<br>Secretary, F.E.D. Medical Dept. |
| 1971 | *Khu Soei Hoa<br>*Susie Mong<br>*Laurena Madge Tan<br>*Sally Lam              | Secretary, Bangkok Sanitarium<br>Secretary, Penang Hospital<br>Secretary, F.E.D. Education Dept.<br>Teacher, Sunny Hill School  |

\*In mission work

—Wong Yew Chong  
Assistant Dean of the College





Mrs. Maggie Tan  
Department Chairman



Mrs. Ruth Moses  
Instructor



Mrs. Edith Chu  
Instructor

## Significant Board Actions

- 72-21 Voted to Request the Far Eastern Division and General Conference for approval to offer the third- and fourth-year Business course.
- 72-22 Voted to request the Far Eastern Division for authorization to offer the curriculum in Public Health in affiliation with Loma Linda University.
- 72-33 Voted to request the Union and Division for approval to offer four-year programs in Secretarial Science and Home Economics.

## The Search Is On

**T**HE college, anticipating her continual growth, and increasing her efforts to improve as well as expand her course offerings, is inviting trained and qualified Southeast Asian Adventist men and women with master's and doctoral degrees in the following fields to enter the joy of Christian service in teaching:

1. Physical Sciences
2. Biological Sciences
3. Chemistry
4. Music
5. Business Administration or allied business specializations
6. Secretarial Science
7. Home Economics or Nutrition
8. History (Southeast Asian, Asian, and Church History)
9. Public Health
10. Language—Chinese (master's degree is not necessary)

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## News Notes

by Maggie Tan

### Stork Arrivals

- \* Baby Valerie to Mr. & Mrs. Leong Swee Gin on February 14, 1972.
- \* Alivin Lim to Maureen (Ho) & Jeffrey Lim on April 6, 1972.
- \* A baby girl for Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Lim on May 8, 1972.

### Alumni Weddings

- \* Greta Jean Phoong married Dr. Liaw Heng Kong at the SDA church in Sandakan on April 16, 1972. Greta has been teaching at Sunny Hill School, Kuching, while Dr. Liaw runs the Adventist Clinic in Sabah.
- \* Eleanor Rao married Selvakumar Purushotham on May 28, 1972, at the Balestier Road Church. Eleanor is a senior at Spicer Memorial College, majoring in English and minoring in Library Science. Selva is an accountant in one of our mission schools in India.

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Under Mrs. Tan's direction, students type to the rhythm of music.





## SABAH

### Encounter With a Bottle

**A**N object reflecting the rays of the setting sun and bobbing with the waves that dashed against the shore attracted Jalad Seyong as he ambled along a lonely beach near his home in Lahad Datu, Sabah. When he approached the object he discovered that it was a bottle containing a piece of printed paper. Removing the cover, he took out the paper and read it. Immediately, he became interested. When he had finished reading the article, he wrote to THESE TIMES, P. O. Box 4112, G.P.O. Sydney, Australia, the address which the paper bore, and waited.

About a month later, he received a package from Kota Kinabalu, the capital of Sabah. The package was sent by G. W. Munson, then president of Sabah Mission, and it contained a Bible and a series of 24 "The Bible Says" lessons. In his accompanying letter, Elder Munson stated that Jalad's letter to Australia was referred to him, hence the Bible and the lessons. From then on letters flew between Jalad and Elder Munson and some of the other mission workers.

Although brought up in a Moslem home, Jalad open-mindedly read the Bible and studied the lessons. At first, finding the lessons to be difficult, he decided to give up. But a Catholic classmate encouraged him to go on. Later, this friend and others joined him in the study of the Bible lessons.

Months went by. Then one day while answering Lesson 12, Jalad really became very interested in the message. And when he finished the lesson on baptism, he wrote Elder Munson requesting that he be baptized. Meantime, having accepted Christ as his Saviour, he changed his Moslem name from Jalad to Paul.



Elder Donato baptizes Jalad (Paul) Seyong.

Towards the end of the year, he received a letter from Elder Munson inviting him to study at the Sabah Adventist Secondary School in Tamparuli. He talked this matter over with his parents, who consented, and started saving money for the following school year. Then on January 4, 1971, he took a plane to Kota Kinabalu and proceeded to Tamparuli by taxi.

It was raining hard when he got off the taxi in front of the school. Seeing a girl behind the gate, Paul approached her and introduced himself. Both he and the girl were pleasantly surprised, for the girl turned out to be Nony Sha'ah with whom Paul corresponded some time before.

Nony brought Paul to the apartment which she shared with one of the teachers, served him something hot, and got him settled in the boys' dormitory. The following day, Paul registered in the school and easily made friends with the teachers and students.

During the Week of Prayer in Sabah Adventist Secondary School last March, Paul talked with me at every opportunity. Then after church service on Sabbath, March 18, the lovely river meandering by the border of the school compound became the watery grave of eight precious souls that I had the privilege to baptize. One of the eight was Jalad "Paul" Seyong, who first met Christ through the bobbing bottle about two years before.

—Bernie U. Donato, MV Secretary  
Southeast Asia Union

### SAUC Alumni, Continued

#### Alumni Arrivals

\* **Dayton Chong Chin Keong** returned from Andrews University early this year after completing his second M.A. in Education; his first M.A. was in Theology. He has accepted the call to pastor the Penang English Church and is already actively involved in his new post of duty.

\* **Dr. Ray Seet**, his wife, two daughters, and mother-in-law stopped over in Kuala Lumpur (his home town) and Singapore in April to visit relatives and friends enroute to Taiwan where he is to serve as a relief doctor for a few months. Dr. Seet left SAUC for the States about 12 years ago. Prior to his trip to the Orient, he had just completed his two-year term of military service in New Mexico. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Philip Chen, was Mother of the Year in 1964 for the State of Massachusetts.

\* **Peter Wong**, wife and infant son returned from Philippine Union College after completing his bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He returns to a new post of duty as Secretary-Treasurer of the Sarawak Mission.

\* **Heman Hutapea** completed his B.S. degree majoring in Biology at Philippine Union College in May. He has a short 2-week vacation with his family before going on to teach at Sunny Hill School.



## Voice of Youth Meetings Held in Penang

**Y**OUNG people of the Penang Chinese Church, led by John Lai, church elder and chaplain of the Penang Adventist Hospital, held a Voice of Youth Crusade, April 1-8, at the Khek Association on Burmah Road.

These meetings were held in Mandarin and were geared to meet the needs of educated Chinese youth in Penang. Under the blessing of God and with the cooperation of the church members, the crusade was very successful. Members of the English and Malay churches helped distribute handbills before the meetings started, and Mr. Edward Poey helped with transportation each evening.

Twenty persons received Bibles for regular attendance throughout the meetings, while at least 15 more, who attended five or six nights, received books such as *Steps to Christ* and *The Marked Bible*. Enrollments in the Voice of Prophecy "Way of Life" Course totaled 27 and two took the "Bible Says" course.

Following the crusade the new interests were invited to attend an M.V. Camp held on the beach at Batu Ferringhi, in order to become better acquainted with the young people of the church and to enjoy the Christian atmosphere of the camp.

As a result of the crusade, 20 young people are attending M.V. meetings regularly and some are attending Sabbath School and church services. Your prayers are solicited in their behalf, that through the influence of the Holy Spirit they will make their decision to join the remnant church.



The Penang Chinese Church Voice of Youth Crusade team. Second from the right, standing, is John Lai, Team adviser.

## Pathfinder Leaders Attend Camp

**L**AUGHTER, fun, and excitement pervaded the Malaya Mission training camp held at Port Dickson April 3-9. It was aimed at training the campers to help organize and lead the Pathfinder clubs in their respective churches.

Unlike previous camps, this one offered no such luxuries as prepared food and comfortable sleeping shelters. But campers enjoyed sleeping in tents and cooking their own food. They learned to pitch tents, build fires, make stoves and pots from tins, and use split bamboo and branches to make tables, shelves, and racks for holding plates and cups.

Campers were divided into units and treated as Pathfinders. Classes in Pathfinder organization, drill, first aid, knot-tying, track and trail, signaling, and others were interspersed with games and singing. At the nightly campfire everyone had ample opportunity to exercise his vocal cords and reveal hidden talents.

A violent thunderstorm with high winds forced evacuation to the nearby Youth Hostel on the third night because of the danger of falling coconut trees. While campers rested in comfort, Pastor Wong Yew Seng, the camp director, braved wind and rain to keep watch at the campsite. When another thunderstorm struck the following night, campers gathered to pray earnestly for God's protection, instead of leaving the camp. In about two hours the wind subsided and they rested gratefully during the remainder of the night.

The success of the camp can be reflected in the general feeling that the week-long camp was too short. There was no disciplinary problem, the program was carried out according to schedule, and there was much co-operation between the various units so that campers felt like members of one big family. Being close to nature drew everyone closer to God. The experience with the thunderstorms taught the lesson that life is not always "smooth sailing" and helped them realize their need of God in times of peace, as well as times of trouble.

—Wong Sau Ling

## Margaret Knight

**M**MARGARET Knight, born June 13, 1893, died suddenly of a heart attack on April 18, 1972, at the home of her oldest daughter, Flora Knight, principal of the Methodist Girls' Secondary School in Taiping, West Malaysia. Her husband, A. G. Knight, was for many years the elder of the Adventist church in Kuala Lumpur.

Ten of her 12 children survive, including Helen Sinniah of Sungai Patani and Viola Canagasabai of Singapore, in addition to 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## How I Became an Adventist

WHEN I decided to undergo surgery, my mother recommended Youngberg Memorial Hospital, as she had been a patient there and spoke highly of the skill and meticulous care available there. So to Youngberg I came.

The operation itself went off without a hitch, and during my period of convalescence I received the first of many visits from Mrs. Esther Khor, hospital chaplain, Pham Kow Seng, and Gan Theow. We chatted briefly and they offered a short prayer for me. On subsequent visits they left a Bible and "Way of Life" course for me to read, and each of their visits ended with prayer. I was impressed with their concern for me, but otherwise thought nothing of it.

When I left the hospital, I thought I had seen the last of the trio, but to my surprise I was paid regular visits by Pham Kow Seng and Gan Theow at my home. Initially, I was on the defensive as I listened and learned more about their strange religion and queer practices. But as I studied the Bible course and received the truth in the Bible, I found, much to my surprise, that all they had said was true.

Gradually I began to attend Sabbath services at the Balestier Road Church, and eventually I decided to "go in for" this wonderful religion. My conversion was not made without any parental opposition, but it was worth it. I sincerely hope that many others, too, will decide to become Seventh-day Adventists.

—Christopher Leong

## Singapore Evangelistic Efforts

\* A two-week series in the Malay Church by R. I. Gainer, Union Treasurer, will be finished June 18. Twenty-four have joined the baptismal class, mostly young people and VOP students.

\* Pastor Rodney Finney and Dr. Roger Heald are holding a three-week Better Living Crusade at Balestier Road Church. Forty to 60 interested persons, mainly from Toa Payoh, are attending each night. S.A.U.C. students from Pastor Finney's evangelism class are in charge of ushering, special music, and visitation.

\* Sim Chor Kiat, Assistant Pastor of the S.A.U.C. College Church, and Birthe Chan, from Youngberg Hospital, are holding 18 nights of meetings for those in the Tampines area. Average attendance has been 50.

## SAUC Alumni News-Notes, Continued

- \* Travis Tan Tai Hon, to Valmai (Koh) & Philip Tan, June 8, 1972.
- \* Alicia May to Alice (Sormin) & Marten Keyer, March 29, 1972.
- \* Agatha Lim to Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Lim, May 8, 1972.



## Farewell

AS my family and I prepare to move to Guam we wish to bid our many friends from Thailand and Southeast Asia farewell. Parting in this old world is never easy, but we have the blessed hope of meeting again soon in God's kingdom.

Fifteen short years we have worked in Thailand. Our children have all been born here. Our children asked if it would be possible to take our next furlough in Thailand, so it is easy to see where they consider home to be.

It has given us great pleasure to work with the faithful workers in Thailand, to teach many of them in training school, to watch them develop as soul-winners, and to see several ordained in the gospel ministry. We also have fond memories of working with the teachers in our four schools and hospital workers in our three hospitals and one clinic. We will miss the fellowship with each of you.

It has been a real privilege to work with the fine Union staff of the Southeast Asia Union and all fellow mission presidents in our Union. The challenge in this area is great and as we leave you, you will daily be in our prayers. Please remember us in your prayers also.

Our new address will be: P. O. Box EA, Agana, Guam, 96910. If you would happen to pass by that way, please stop in Guam and we will be most happy to welcome you there. We would appreciate hearing from you too.

—Palmer G. Wick, President  
Thailand Mission

## Bangkok Youth Hold Crusade

FORTY young men and women of Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital Church conducted a Voice of Youth Crusade recently that resulted in the decision of more than twenty-five persons to accept Christ as their personal Saviour and to study the Bible further.

Three months prior to the Crusade, Pastor R. Mamora of the Bangkok Sanitarium Church conducted classes on Voice of Youth evangelism. Those who participated actively in the Crusade applied effectively what they had learned in their classes.

More than 200 people from many parts of Bangkok attended the opening night of the Crusade.

The youth crusaders are looking forward to holding another Voice of Youth series a few months from now.

—Abel V. Pangan, M.V. Secretary  
Thailand Mission

## Thailand Workers' Retreat

ALL of the ministerial workers and many chaplains from the Thai medical institutions and their families came together at our new tribal center north of Chiangmai, for a week of retreat and revival.

The daily programs and inspirational meetings reminded me of camp meetings back in the States. Each morning started off with a half hour of jogging or walking. At seven a.m. came the first spiritual feast of the day, with a half hour devotional and fifteen minutes of prayer bands. During the day we covered such topics as healthful living, the Adventist home, challenging our laymen to do more witnessing, and a study on righteousness by faith. Each evening Elder Royce Williams led us closer to God in an inspirational series, preparing for the Lord's Supper which was commemorated on Sabbath.

All the workers appreciated very much the encouragement and inspiration received from the devotionals and instruction given by Elder Clinton Shankel and Elder R. C. Williams from the Division and of R. S. Watts, C. H. Damron, and Dr. R. O. Heald from the Union.

The tribal center buildings were new and made to accommodate about 25 boys and 25 girls in each dormitory. At the retreat all facilities were full with almost 100 people in attendance. The tribal center is in a mountain valley with the buildings on the side of a hill, overlooking a beautiful valley with a river flowing through it. It is a very lovely location. The days were warm as this is the hot season in Thailand, but the nights were cool enough to use blankets.

One of the highlights of the retreat was Dr. Heald's physical check-ups for the workers, and his lectures on healthful living. His book, "The Marvels of Life" has been translated into Thai and each worker was given the book for his personal study.

—Palmer G. Wick, President  
Thailand Mission



These Voice of Youth leaders conducted evangelistic meetings in Bangkok.



## Mission Secretary Appointed for Thailand

PASTOR Sunti Sorajjakool, the senior ministerial worker of the Thailand Mission, has been appointed as the Mission Secretary. Pastor Sunti has worked for 28 years for the denomination. During these years he started out as an office clerk, later becoming the Mission treasurer. Because of his speaking ability he was appointed as the Mission evangelist, holding efforts throughout Thailand. When a training school was started Pastor Sunti was the principal and main teacher.

Pastor Sunti has been a successful pastor of the largest church in the Mission for several years, the Sanitarium Church. In 1971 he became a departmental secretary with the Lay Activities and Radio-TV as his departments. One of his important jobs is to be chairman of the board of the Seventh-day Adventist Foundation, which cares for the legal work of the Mission. He is also the editor of the church monthly magazine and just recently he began broadcasting a religious program on one of the largest stations in Thailand.

With his wealth of experience, Pastor Sunti's appointment as Mission Secretary will strengthen the work of the church in Thailand.

—Palmer G. Wick, President  
Thailand Mission

## Newsnotes From Bangkok School

\* On April 1, Pastor A. Floyd Penstock took the place of Mr. John Falconbridge as Administrator of the Adventist English School in Ekamai. Mr. Falconbridge and his family are going home on permanent return. Pastor Penstock was the Educational Superintendent of British Columbia Conference in the Canadian Union when he accepted the call to connect with the Adventist School.

\* Enrollment this year totals 517. Each of the classes from Grades 4 to 10 has two sections.

\* The new members of the teaching staff this school year are Mrs. Nancy Troyer, a 1970 Andrews University graduate; Miss Victoria Lim from Pacific Union College; Miss Sharon Chai Sew Moi, one of the first four-year Education graduates of Southeast Asia Union College (Class of '71); Mrs. Pamela Kopitske; Mr. Prui Tonadsuh, the new school principal; and student missionaries Steve Poenitz from Southwestern Union, Sharon Chamberlain from Columbia Union, and Janet Snider from Andrews University. Mr. Philip Peng of the Bangkok Chinese Church has also joined the faculty as part-time history teacher.

—Elizabeth Santos-Ruiz



Battered buildings stand against the sky near An Loc.

Saigon M.V. members erect tents for war refugees at a camp in Binh Duong, 20 miles from Saigon.



*"I was hungry*



SAWS (Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service) truck brings food to a refugee camp.

*... and you gave me food."*



At a time when hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese are homeless, our Adventist believers are doing all in their power to alleviate suffering by sewing clothing, distributing food, giving first aid, pitching tents, and contributing funds to aid these unfortunate people. There is no higher form of evangelism.

(See the story on page 2.)

This is "home" for a bombed out family near An Loc, Vietnam.