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OUR COVER: "Now, Elder, just what is 'the law that was added' in Galatians 3:19?" Students gather around Dr. Hippenstall to hear his answer. From left to right: Margaret Tremee, Singapore; Peter Wong, Sarawak; Plainet Suthin, SAUC student, Ginkok Laung, Sabah; Martin Yaang, Sabah; Pham Kow Seng, SAUC student, P. Benjamin, Malaya. (See story on page 4.)

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"What I Really Want to Know..."

LOOK at this, Margaret—a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking starting soon at the Hilton Hotel. Why don't you go and break the habit once for all?" Fred Tremee, a radar technician with the British Royal Air Force in Singapore, had never smoked in all his life, and couldn't stand his wife's smoking. Anxious to quit the habit herself, Margaret phoned the number listed in the newspaper, and made arrangements to attend.

She could never forget that first night at the Five-Day meeting, and the warm, friendly atmosphere that pervaded. "Chester Damron stood up and welcomed us, and by the time he had finished talking, I just knew I would never smoke another cigarette," Margaret explained later. "But there was more to it than that. When I first walked into the room, I could sense the presence of the Holy Spirit. I noticed that Dr. Heald and Pastor Damron were careful not to mention religion, yet I longed for them to approach me on the subject. For five days I was very happy being with these people, longing all the time to tell them how I felt, but afraid they would think me silly. As I walked out after the fifth night, I just wished that someone would ask me to give my heart to Christ, but nobody did. Still, I knew I had to make a decision for God." (Margaret's statement here is amazing, since no such decision was called for. Actually, she was responding to the prolonged wooing of the Spirit of God, begun ten years earlier when a friend had led her to Christ.) "It was a hard



FROM THEIR SHOULDERS

decision to make. What would my husband say? And my friends? But I decided I had to do it. I didn't want the Lord ever to leave me, I needed Him so much. Making myself right with God seemed more important than anything else."

Margaret had only one connection left with the Five-Day people — the phone number of her counselor, Jean Heald, the doctor's wife. As soon as possible, she called her up, anxious to tell what was on her heart. "I'm very interested in the principles of diet I learned about at the Five-Day Plan," she began.

"Why don't you come over to my house, and I'll give you some recipes?" Jean asked.

More talk. And then, "It's so silly of me to be calling on you like this. I hope you don't mind."

"No, I'm delighted to have you call," Jean reassured.

A long pause. Jean was tempted to bring the conversation to a close, but sensed that Margaret had more to say.

"What I really want to know about is your religion," Margaret finally managed to say. "I could tell there was more to the Five-Day Plan than just the matter of smoking."

Jean almost dropped the telephone. "When you come over, I'll be happy to tell you about that," she said, trying to keep calm.

Margaret had a time getting to Jean's house that next Monday morning. In the first place, she felt nervous. And her husband had the car. To top it all,

A BROADER PERSPECTIVE

the sky let go with a tropical downpour. "If I want to learn about God, I've got to make an effort myself," Margaret told herself through clenched teeth. She went out into the rain, hailed a taxi, and finally arrived at the Healds' home, dripping wet.

The two women never did get to the subject of recipes. For two and a half hours Margaret asked questions about everything from the life of Christ to spiritualism. She was like a parched desert, soaking up the first spring rain.

Margaret left the Healds' house that day with a Bible and *Steps to Christ*. During that first week, she read most of John, the creation story, Matthew 24, and *Steps to Christ* three times! Her enthusiasm grew. She couldn't be satisfied with one session a week and begged for two. The two women talked for hours each time. "I'm amazed at how the Lord led," Jean says. "Many times I felt impressed to present a certain subject, and that was the very thing Margaret wanted to know about. I couldn't help thinking about those words in the book *Evangelism*, 'God will give us apt words to speak, communicating to us through the angel standing by our side' (page 514).

Margaret was thrilled to learn of the second coming of Christ. She began sharing her faith with her friends, some of whom disapproved. "Oh yes, those Five-Day people," they said. "We knew there would be a catch! They will pursue you all the way with their beliefs."

Margaret answered proudly, "I was the one who did the pursuing!"

When the subject of the Sabbath came up, Margaret chuckled, "I knew I must begin going to church—and I'm one step ahead of you. I've already started attending the Methodist Chapel right near our home." When she learned that the seventh day was the Sabbath, she was puzzled. "What can I do when all the churches are closed on Sabbath but open on Sunday?" she asked.

"Well," said Jean, "there is ONE that is open on Sabbath—in fact, I go there each week."

"Oh!" was all Margaret could answer. The very next Sabbath she went to the Balestier church with



Margaret Tremeer (left) had dozens of questions for Jean Heald to answer.

Dr. and Mrs. Heald, and witnessed the communion service with tears in her eyes. "It's all so beautiful," she said. On the following Sabbath, as she watched a baptismal service, she confided to Jean, "I just have to restrain myself to keep from running down the aisle."

She didn't have to restrain herself for long. On August 5, Pastor Finney buried her in the waters of baptism and she rose to a new life in Christ.

All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in.*

Lord, make us alert to respond to the spiritual hunger of the wistful ones.

—B.S.N.

*Acts of the Apostles, p. 109

Housewife Fulfills 20-Year-Old Vow

Dear Singapore Voice of Prophecy,

I am an Adventist wife and mother who made a promise to the Lord many years ago that I am just now fulfilling. As an eight-year-old girl, I promised the Lord that the first \$500 I earned I would send to the mission field.

Twenty years have passed, and with them academy, college, church school teaching, three years of marriage to a wonderful man, and the birth of a darling daughter—but until today I hadn't kept my promise.

But the Holy Spirit works in strange and unsuspecting ways. Today I came across this statement: "When the heart is stirred by the influence of the Holy Spirit, and a vow is made to give a certain amount, the one who vows has no longer any right to the consecrated portion." *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 74.

I remembered my promise, and now the Lord has directed my vow to the Singapore Voice of Prophecy. Please accept the enclosed check for \$500. And may God bless . . .

In Christian love,
Mrs. Darlene Grunke Sanders

Dr. Heppenstall Conducts Extension School

DR. Edward Heppenstall, professor of theology, well known for his years of teaching at Andrews and Loma Linda Universities, conducted a Loma Linda University Extension School class in Righteousness by Faith in Singapore from August 7 to 24. Fifty-two students from all parts of Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand attended the class at Southeast Asia Union College during the three weeks. Included were workers and their wives from the Mission, Union, and Division, and college students.

In the course of the studies, Dr. Heppenstall grappled with great issues such as law and the covenants, legalism versus the obedience of faith, and true and false manifestations of the Spirit in modern revivals. He enriched the deep theological concepts he presented with practical experiences drawn from 40 years of teaching, and ministering to people in times of crisis. Some statements that will long be remembered are: "You cannot exalt Christ and yourself at the same time." "A person is capable of loving only to the extent that he has been loved." "Love never means leniency with sin." "Never is man so right with God as when, with broken heart, he confesses as righteous the judgment of God on sin at the cross, which rightly belongs to him as a sinner."

Often the chapel became a Bethel, a Sinai, a Calvary, as the Spirit of God drew near. Pastor Ng Sui Koon, SAUC Bible teacher, says, "I now have a clearer idea of the love of God, and how to share that love with others." George Fisher, Principal of Far Eastern Academy, states that the extension school has helped him to understand better the great issues in the religious world today, and how the basic truths of Adventism answer current confusions.

During the month Elder and Mrs. Heppenstall were in Singapore, they brought into home, social gathering, and church service the radiance of their warm Christian love. They leave behind a host of friends, both old and new.



Dr. Heppenstall answers questions during a class break.



Pastor R. Frame, President of the Australasian Division, second from left, accepting A\$50,000 from Mr. Chan Shun for the Sydney Chinese Church. Pastors Ho and Hon on the right.

Modern Abraham Builds Altars Around the World

FAITHFULNESS in tithes and generosity in offerings have been a tradition in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Shun Chan, owners of the largest shirt and garment business in Hong Kong. Apart from numerous gifts to the church, they have donated a church building to our college in Hong Kong and have given HK\$1,000,000 to Dr. Miller's new Hong Kong Adventist Hospital.

Last February Mr. Chan suffered a severe stroke and for a time it was thought he might die. While lying in the hospital he told the Lord, "Like Abraham of old, building altars everywhere he went, I have planned all along to build several overseas churches for You — in San Francisco, Vancouver, and Sydney. I don't want to die before I can finish these few jobs for You." Two weeks later, before the eyes of his amazed doctors, he walked out of the hospital.

Deciding to devote not just money, but time, energy, and business talent, Mr. and Mrs. Chan formed the Gospel Development Company, a unique business organization. The capital is furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Chan and all profits will go toward Chinese work around the world. Neither Mr. and Mrs. Chan nor the eight directors, all Adventist ministers and laymen, receive any pay.

Recently the Chans flew to Sydney and, after making a detailed study of the location of the new Chinese church site and the potential for Chinese work, they made a donation of A\$50,000.

Quite a number of Sydney Chinese Church members come from Southeast Asia Union.

—Edward Ho, Minister
Greater Sydney Conference

NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS



THAILAND

Two Lamb Shelters Dedicated Near the Burmese Border

SURROUNDED by verdant vales and stalwart teak trees, the little lamb shelter conspicuously stands as a silent testimony of the presence of a few Seventh-day Adventist believers in the district town of Mae Sariang, close to the Burmese border in North Thailand. It was built by funds raised by students and teachers of Spencerville Junior Academy. On July 1, 1972, it was decorated with colorful crepe paper and green palm branches as more than 40 happy children and adults, some in their beautiful bright-hued costumes, came to attend the long-awaited dedication of their lamb shelter. These happy Karen people immigrated from Burma. Pastor Aw Gaw Paul, a mission worker in charge of the work there, led the audience in an enthusiastic song service before the writer gave the dedicatory talk relating how the students and teachers of the Spencerville Junior Academy raised the money last Christmas. During the service the people in the audience unanimously raised their hands high to express their gratitude for that gift from their friends in the United States.

A second lamb shelter built from the Spencerville Junior Academy fund was dedicated at Fang, also near the Burmese border, on July 8, 1972. More than fifty children and adults attended. Pastor Keo Ayuperm, our district pastor there, had the building



Pastor Aw Gaw Paul nails the donor's plaque on a lambshelter for Karen children in North Thailand, near the Burmese border.



A lamb shelter in North Thailand, donated by Spencerville Junior Academy.

beautifully decorated with crepe paper inside and two white crosses on the front side. The people there were equally grateful for the loving gesture of the students and teachers of the Spencerville Junior Academy.

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

Alumni News Notes, Cont.

DEPARTURES

* JONATHAN CHIN, PETER SOONG, JENNIFER CHAN, and NG KIN SENG left for the Philippines to further their education. Kin Seng will study chemical engineering at the University of the Philippines. Jonathan, Peter, and Jennifer have been accepted to Philippine Union College where they will take up the courses in Laboratory Technology, Business Administration, and Lab Tech-cum-Pre-Med, respectively.

* MR. & MRS. CHIN CHOW KHOON and daughter Lorraine emigrated to Canada on July 17. Chow Khoon was a teacher in the SDA Secondary School for many years; his wife Amy worked in the Records Library of Youngberg Memorial Hospital.

* MRS. S. T. KHNG left for California on July 23 to attend her daughter IDA's wedding which is scheduled to take place in September.

* MR. & MRS. ANTHONY KOH left for Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, to attend their youngest son GERALD's wedding. Gerry married VIVIEN BANDIOLA on August 13.

* JOHN LEE KO SHUN has been selected by the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital to study Public Health at Loma Linda University. He leaves soon for the fall quarter.

* DR. LOIS MCKEE of Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus, conducted a 5-day Secretarial Seminar at Southeast Asia Union College in July. More than 30 secretarial students attended the seminar. Dr. McKee conducted a similar seminar for the secretaries of the Division and Union.

* DR. EDWARD HEPPESTALL of Loma Linda University held a 3-week extension school in August at Southeast Asia Union College for college and graduate students. The courses taught were "Righteousness by Faith" and "Doctrine of the Atonement."

The Heart of the College

THE Department of Theology has long been the heart of the college program at SAUC. It has existed not only because ministers are always needed in the field, but because it is the express purpose of the school that "special attention be given to a broad, comprehensive study of the Bible."* Hence the department serves every student who passes through the portals of the college.

In the midst of a world of change, the Bible teachers have for 60 years remained faithful to their task of uplifting the Word to meet the unchanging spiritual needs of man. As a stronghold of God's truth, it has deepened the students' belief in a personal God. The department has been responsible for training many of the leading workers in the field today.

The ministerial curriculum has been broadened and upgraded to meet the rising educational standards of the ever-changing environment. (See box below.) According to Ralph E. Neall, chairman of the department, the program will be strengthened to produce bilingual workers for the field (with a limited number of religion courses offered in Chinese), to add health education as a minor, to provide more practical experience in church work and public evangelism, and to give training in literature evangelism.

The present four-year program leading to a Bachelor of Theology degree is meant not only for ministers, but for self-supporting workers in the Lord's vineyard.

*Quoted from 22 college bulletins from as far back as 1925.

SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE

Comparison Between the Ministerial Programs of 1925 and 1972

1925

1972

Pre-requisite

Elementary school Cert.

General Certificate of Education or equivalent

Requirements for graduation

128 semester credits

140 semester credits

Subjects for the first two years

Plan of Salvation
Arithmetic
Geography
Physiology
Old Testament
Nature Study
Denominational History
Pedagogy
Psychology
General Science
Astronomy
Music, Colportage, or Languages

Life and Teachings of Christ
English
Literature
Music
General Psychology
Health Principles
History of Civilization
Philosophy of Education
SDA History
Old Testament Themes
Spirit of Prophecy
Science or Mathematics
Speech
Typing
Accounting
Second Language—Malay, Chinese or Greek
Physical Education
Applied Arts.



Department Chairman
Ralph E. Neall



Beatrice S. Neall



Ng Sui Koon



Wong Yew Chong



Rodney E. Finney, Jr.

RALPH E. NEALL, B.A., M.Div.

Major academic interests: New Testament studies.

Served as pastor-evangelist, missionary in Cambodia, mission president, and Bible teacher.

"I am a Bible teacher today because I want to keep studying the deep themes of God's Word, and I want to train workers for Him."

BEATRICE S. NEALL, B.A., M.A.

Major academic interests: N.T. studies, Adventist Heritage.

Served as minister's wife, Bible teacher, and writer-editor.

Author of *The Prince and the Rebel*, a new VOP Life of Christ Course, and Doctrinal Quarterlies. Editor of *Messenger*.

"I am a Bible teacher because it is a tremendous privilege to mold the lives of young people and train them for service for God's cause in Asia."

NG SUI KOON

Dip. Civ. Engr., B.A. M.A., B.D.

Major academic interests: N.T. studies, Biblical Languages, Applied Theology.

Served as technical assistant, minister, and Bible teacher.

"I am a Bible teacher because some years ago, while working as a technical assistant for the government, I decided I wanted to work full time for God."

WONG YEW CHONG, B.A., M.A., M.A. (education)

Major academic interests: church history, counseling.

Served as Bible teacher, pastor, guidance counselor, residence dean, and assistant college dean.

"The Lord led me to be a Bible teacher to give me the joy of preparing workers for the finishing of the work."

R. E. FINNEY, Jr., B.A.

Served as pastor-evangelist, conference president, editor of *These Times Magazine*, teacher, and writer.

Author of *Judy Steps Out*, *Judy Goes to Africa*, *The Road Back*, *Conflict on the Campus*, and *Light in the Valley*.

"I am a Bible teacher because the Lord called me to be one."

Alumni News Notes

by

Maggie Tan

ARRIVALS

* ROBERT TAN, second son of Mr. & Mrs. C. K. Tan, was home on a two-month vacation with his folks after an absence of 13 years. Robert has his B.A. in Music from Union College and is still taking piano and voice lessons from a renowned teacher. He obtained his L.R.S.M. in performing and teaching before leaving for the States in 1959. Robert teaches piano and voice at Pleasant Hill Academy and is the choir director of the Pleasant Hill Church in California. He presented a piano-and voice recital to a full auditorium before returning to the United States.

* DIANA CHIN ISHIKAWA, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Chin Kong Seng, returned with husband Daniel for summer vacation with her folks. Diana received her B.A. from La Sierra College and teaches in a public school. Her husband is a realtor.

* ESTHER CHONG married RONALD CHANG of Butterworth in Australia. They returned to Singapore/Malaysia after completing their studies, Esther in nursing and her husband in engineering.

* GEOFFREY PAUNER passed through Singapore on his way home to Kuching from Philippine Union College where he completed his M.A. in Education. He will teach the upper secondary classes at Sunny Hill School.

* LEE CHIN BENG returned from Spicer Memorial College after completing his bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He has accepted the call to work as an accountant at the Bangkok Sanatorium and Hospital.

* JOSEPH TITISON spent two days in Singapore on his way back to Thailand from the United States. He is actively involved in social work in Indiana after completing his studies at Andrews University.

* EPHIE CHIN passed through Singapore on her way back to Kuching after completing her nursing course in England. She plans to study midwifery in England after a short holiday with her family.

* IVY CHENG NING returned for a short visit with her engineer husband TAK NING and year-old baby girl. Ivy is a dental hygienist in Glendale.

* FLORENCE WONG is home for a 6-week vacation with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Wong Tan Onn, and sisters. Florence is a celebrated concert pianist and had just performed in Red China before coming to Singapore. She is scheduled to perform at the Singapore Conference Hall on September 19.

* CHAN SOON SANG returned from Philippine Union College with a degree in Business Administration.

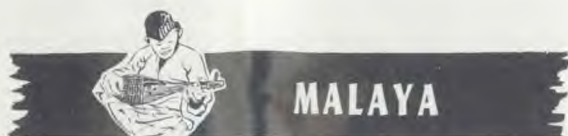
* DARRYL TAN flew over to England from Walla Walla to meet his parents, Drs. Stephen and Margaret Tan who are vacationing there. They will return together to Singapore where Darryl will spend the rest of his summer vacation. Darryl is studying engineering at Walla Walla.

* FRANK MARDEN TAN is scheduled to return from Loma Linda University for a 3-week vacation with his parents in September. Frank has just completed his first year in medical school.

* DILLON HEE arrived via Youngberg Memorial Hospital on July 22 to gladden his parents, Mr. & Mrs. DONALD HEE. Mrs. HEE was the former LEE YEOW KIANG.

* LISA KONG SU LIN was born on July 27 to Dr. & Mrs. ARTHUR KONG. Arthur is the son of Pastor & Mrs. K. T. Kong. He has one more year to finish his residency in pediatrics at the White Memorial Hospital.

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Voice of Prophecy Staff Holds Rallies

STUDENTS, students, thousands of VOICE OF PROPHECY students—Chinese, Indians, Malays

—all look to our VOP headquarters in Singapore for spiritual guidance as they earnestly seek to know more of Jesus Christ. If only we could meet them PERSONALLY and have opportunity to talk face to face and pray with them . . .

God opened the way recently for us to do just that. Last April and again in July teams of instructors from our office made extended visits into Malaya to visit our students. Traveling over 2,000 miles, our team visited VOP students in 11 cities and towns. Using an airplane helped to cut down travel time, giving more opportunity for us to visit students throughout the day. A VOP Rally was held each evening in a large city hall, the largest taking place in Telok Anson where more than 500 youth jammed the hall to hear God's Word preached.



VOP Rally team and well-wishers just before leaving for the first Malaya Rally from the Singapore Flying Club.

Within 12 days we had personally visited and prayed with more than 1,150 young people sincerely seeking truth. More than 1,800 attended the night Rallies.

The teams returned to Singapore tired from the long hours of visiting and speaking, yet with hearts full of joy and satisfaction from going into the highways and palm oil estates of Malaya in search of souls for the kingdom of God. Our hearts were thrilled by stories of answered prayer and God's providential guidance in the lives of our students. We can still hear the earnest appeal from their hearts of love for their friends at the Voice of Prophecy, "When will you come again?"

—C. H. Damron, Director
Singapore Voice of Prophecy

Look at Richard



"I first met Christ through the Voice of Prophecy lessons," said Richard Yuen. Richard had asked if he could be baptized on July 6 in the Balestier Road Church. Since Richard had only begun attending church during the "Reach Out for Life" Crusade, June 4 to 25, we wondered if he were really ready for this step.

But Richard proved to have an outstanding knowledge of the doctrines of the Bible. On his own initiative he had already written the authorities of his school and secured permission to be excused from Sabbath classes. He had asked his mother to cook his food without using unclean meats. It was a real joy to see Richard baptized.

Advertising for the "Reach Out For Life" Crusade was by direct mail to Voice of Prophecy students in the general area of the Balestier Road Church and Queenstown. Almost 100% of the non-Seventh-day Adventists in attendance were Voice of Prophecy students.

Featured during the meetings were Dr. R. O. Heald, presenting health talks, with Pastor R. E. Finney preaching the sermons. God's plan for restoring the whole man was presented. Follow-up Friday night meetings are being well attended.

If you have contributed to the Voice of Prophecy lately, look at Richard and be glad you did. If you haven't, look again—and give!

—R. E. Finney, Jr., Pastor
Balestier Road Church

These 14 people were baptized at the Dunman Road Church as a result of the Reach Out for Life Meetings conducted by Romi Gainer and Pastor Liklikwatil.





Interior of the beautiful new Ipoh Church, opened on July 8.

Ipoh — Hub of Malaya — Gets New Landmark

THE city of Ipoh, situated in the rich tin-mining Kinta Valley, now has another landmark — a new Seventh-day Adventist church. This edifice, called the "finest church building in the Malaya Mission" by Union President R. S. Watts, has impressed the people of the city. On July 8 Pastors R. S. Watts and K. T. Kong from the Union headquarters cut the pink ribbon across the doorway of the sanctuary in a short, simple ceremony before a large gathering of church members from all over Malaya and Singapore.

In the church service, Pastor Watts challenged all church members to become active in God's work to prepare for the climax of the ages.

At the close of the service Pastor Giang Tu Minh and his church members welcomed the large gathering to a potluck dinner.

In the evening the North Malaya M.V. Association held a rally put on by our young people from the churches in the Penang and Perak districts, led out by Pastors B. U. Donato and Wong Yew Seng, Union and Mission M.V. Secretaries.

—**T. K. Chong, President
Malaya Mission**

* Pastor H. Liklikwatil has joined the Malaysian Signs Press as Malay editor. He had been pastor of the Singapore Malay Church.

* Members of the Kuala Lumpur English Church began Voice of Youth meetings on July 22. Many Voice of Prophecy students are attending.

* Dr. and Mrs. R. Watts left for Australia on June 28, after he had served for two months as a relief physician at Penang Adventist Hospital.

* On June 22-26, a district Sabbath School Institute in the Putah Church was conducted by Sabbath School Secretary Paul Nyungga, Evangelist William Anam, and Child Evangelism Secretary Dorothy Jinui. On Sunday, the two men demonstrated how to build a lamb shelter in only six hours.



A Crippled Boy Finds Jesus

IN a dark and wretched room in one of the poorest homes in the village of Sintok lay Manggali, a badly crippled deaf-mute boy. For twenty years he had lain there with only his old father and an elder brother to look after him.

Though often in pain, whenever he could drag himself about Manggali would cut bamboo and make little baskets to earn some money. No one did anything to make life easier for him. His father and brother were always stern and sometimes cruel, but he bore it all patiently, thankful that someone was willing to put up with a handicapped boy like him.

Then one day there was great excitement in the village. Mrs. Naomi Lai came to hold a Character Building School at the foot of the hill where Manggali lived. A great longing to know more about God filled Manggali's heart, and he determined to attend in spite of his handicaps.

To get there each day he rolled down the hill, coming to a stop right by the school. At first he could only lie down and watch the other children sing, play, and work in their CBS workbooks. His fingers and hands were too badly crippled to use scissors, but he could color the pictures; so Mrs. Lai got some Bible coloring books for him, and after that Manggali enjoyed the school just as much as the other children did. Though deaf, Manggali could understand a little if one spoke loudly, and his greatest happiness came in hearing the stories of Jesus and other Bible heroes.

Manggali has now accepted Jesus as his Saviour because of the CBS and evangelistic meetings conducted in Sintok by Mrs. Lai and is an enthusiastic member of the Branch Sabbath School that has been organized there.

—**Miss Nony Sha'ah, Child Evangelism Secretary
Sabah Mission**



Badly deformed from birth, Manggali came to the Character Building School to learn about Jesus.



Light in a Dark Province

ALL is not exploding shells and death and sadness in Vietnam. In fact, there is cause for rejoicing. For the light of the gospel has entered another dark province.

For some months Milton Nebblett, a U.S. Adviser to a Province Chief in the area of social work, has been in Vinh Binh Province. True to the calling of all Adventists, he has done all he could to spread the word of our Creator-Redeemer. It doesn't take long for the Holy Spirit to stir up an interest, and this was the case in Phu Vinh, the capital city of the province.

A report to the Mission included an earnest plea for a worker to come and fan the embers into a blazing flame. Such a man was found and sent down there with his family. A house was leased with capacity to double as a home and church welfare center.

On July 10th, the Deputy Province Chief with other province officials, the chief U.S. Adviser with part of his staff, and representatives of other religious organizations attended the formal opening of the center. We were well received, and plan to begin our first evangelistic effort in that city the latter part of August.

Please pray that this new light will send a brilliant beam throughout this new province, and spill over into some other dark provinces nearby.

—Clyde R. Bradley, President
Vietnam Mission



On July 10, a church welfare center was opened in Phu Vinh, capital of Vinh Binh Province, in Vietnam.



Back entrance to the Cholon Chinese Church

Vietnam's Alpha and Omega

THE Cholon Chinese Seventh-day Adventist Church in Saigon, Vietnam has just completed the erection of two very fine entrances to the church and school compound. The front and back gates are uniquely designed with the Alpha and Omega letters of the Greek alphabet. Inscribed on the front entrance and to the large Alpha are the words, "Believe the Word and keep the commandments." The back entrance, under the Omega, has the words, "To the Holiness" inscribed.

These gates are a donation from church elder Tran Chieu at a cost of approximately US\$2,000.

The Cholon Seventh-day Adventist Church is a very active church. It has just recently completed a new addition to the school facilities which now makes it possible to accommodate well over 500 students. We commend this church for the fine program that is presently being carried on under the direction of Pastor Jonathan Foo.

—Ralph S. Watts, President
Southeast Asia Union

Vietnamese Students Raise Money for War Relief

THE Vietnamese students of SAUC raised over \$81,600 for war refugees by putting on a benefit film, "An Loc Aflame" on July 25. The Vietnamese Consul-General, Mr. Le Quan Giang, who was present for the occasion, expressed the deep appreciation of his government for the generous gift.

Students who organized the program, planned the advertising, sold tickets, and solicited funds were Alexander Chong, Lily Chan, Tran Tuan Khuong (Stephen), Pham van Giai, Truong Phu Thu (John), Truong Van Chuan (Peter), Vo Van Huong (Anthony), Duong thi Tuyet Hong, Nguyen thi My Luoc (Nancy), and Ly Cap Thoi.

Language School Opens in Phnom Penh

JUNE 14 was the opening date for the new English Language School in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Director Ed Moore reports that 216 students registered, in addition to which they have a growing list of names of people who cannot be accommodated this term. Richard Harris, of Far Eastern Academy, is assisting Ed with the teaching. Ed states that the school could easily be expanded if more teachers and another building could be obtained.

Ed Moore is an Adventist Service Corps worker, a former student missionary, who has worked in the language school in Osaka, Japan, and who started the schools in Pusan, Korea, and Djakarta, Indonesia.



The new Bunga Seventh-day Adventist Church

Village Church Dedicated in Sarawak

OVER 300 members and friends packed the Adventist Church in Kampong Bunga, Sarawak, during the dedication service of this new village church on May 24, 1972. Ribbon cutting was done by Mrs. E. Sinaga, wife of the pioneer missionary in Sarawak Mission.

Mr. Edward Siie, church pastor and principal of Bunga Church School, recounted the history of the church. The gospel work in Kampong Bunga was started by Pastor T. Pohan in 1947, and grew under the grace of the Lord and the faithfulness of the brethren. The construction of the new church building started in August, 1971, with the help of Mr. Louis Tahyer, a volunteer contractor from the United States. It is one of the best in Sarawak Mission.

Kampong Bunga is one of several S.D.A. villages in Sarawak Mission.

—Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Secretary
Sarawak Mission

Kuching Girl Receives Scholarship

MISS Irene Tan, a form six student and a member of the Kuching S.D.A. Church, is one of the five students in the State of Sarawak who received the American Field Service International Scholarship Award of 1972. She is the first Adventist student to have been given that award. Under this scholarship, Irene will spend one year at Winter Haven High School, Florida, U.S.A. A total of 22 students from Malaysia received this scholarship this year.

While in the United States, Irene will be staying with Dr. and Mrs. William Eugene Ryon in Florida. She is especially happy to know that the local Seventh-day Adventist Church is only a few yards away from the house, and hopes to visit with the fellow Adventist youth in various states.

—Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Secretary
Sarawak Mission



Ayer Manis Gets New Treasurer

MR. Johnny Rueh returned recently with his Filipino wife (the former Cecilia Agdon) to serve as treasurer of Ayer Manis Secondary School in Sarawak. Both of them graduated from Mountain View College with a B.S.C. degree in accounting in April.

Johnny completed his high school education at Sunny Hill School in 1962 and later was sponsored by the Sarawak Mission to Southeast Asia Union College for the junior college course in commerce. He returned from Singapore in 1967 to serve as a teacher in Ayer Manis School until his departure for Mountain View College in 1970.

As the first national worker to hold such a position in Ayer Manis School, Johnny feels that the work is very challenging and hopes that by the grace of God he can help to serve in the progress of the Lord's work in Sarawak.

—Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Secretary
Sarawak Mission



Mr. John Rueh, treasurer of Ayer Manis Secondary School, and his wife Cecilia.

Ayer Manis Develops Agricultural Program



A section of the garden beds at Ayer Manis School.

Ayer Manis School Farm

FOR several years the Ayer Manis School in Sarawak has been trying to operate a farm and garden to feed the hungry school family and provide useful labor for the students. With 180 inches of rainfall a year constantly leaching the hills and flooding the lowlands, they were fighting a losing battle.

Today, however, fields of succulent corn, rows of tender greens and longbeans, acres of groundnuts, plump, round eggplants and crisp bell peppers may be seen growing luxuriantly, some in the open fields, some in boxes or beds of specially prepared artificial soil (sand and sawdust). Pots of small fruit trees and starter plants are almost ready to be transplanted to form an orchard or adorn the school campus.

This transformation is taking place under the direction of Brother Sakor Jor, a graduate of the Ayer Manis School who in 1970 was sent to the Mittleider Agricultural School being conducted that year in Okinawa. Upon returning, he set to work

with his newly-acquired understanding of the Mittleider method of growing food crops. Now his efforts are beginning to show good results.

It hasn't been easy. First a greenhouse had to be built, then special beds of "artificial soil" had to be prepared. Students had to be taught to take special care. A more productive lowland area is having to be cleared and properly drained while at the same time attempts are being made to increase the productivity of existing hillside fields.

All of the problems have not yet been solved. For example, there has been little success in growing tomatoes. On the other hand, a small experimental plot of "miracle rice" was sowed instead of being hand set with individual plants in the traditional way. The result was phenomenal. While there is yet a long way to go to systematize the planting, labor, and marketing schedules and raise the volume of production to a profitable level, real progress is being made in the development of an agricultural program that not only will provide food for the school and market, but also practical work and training for students in the "A, B and C" of true Seventh-day Adventist Christian education.

—F. H. Hewitt, Secretary of Education
Southeast Asia Union



Crisp green bell peppers grow luxuriantly.



Sakor Jor, agriculture teacher, shows a phenomenal crop of "miracle rice."

* Recently Pastor Clifford Ortner, principal of Ayer Manis School, announced that 11 additional acres of land had been acquired, bringing the total school property area to 107 acres. This will provide more pasture land for the growing herd of cattle which not only serves as a laboratory for the animal husbandry class but also has been one of the farm departments to show a profit during the last couple of years.

The farm also includes a small rubber grove and several commercial fish ponds.