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OUR COVER: This happy centenarian is a member of the Bunga Seventh-day Adventist Church in Sarawak.

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The Joy of Reconciliation

"BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"1

And how miserable it is when they don't!

But our problems of getting along with each other are not unique to us. The pioneers had troubles, too-even good old Uriah Smith.2 Along with his many editorial duties, Smith was Chairman of the Board of Battle Creek College during the crisis year of 1882. It seems that the new president, Alexander McLearn, a recent convert to Adventism, knew little about the divine blueprint for Christian education, whereas the founder of the school, Professor Goodloe H. Bell, believed wholeheartedly in the program of physical, mental, and spiritual training advocated by the Lord's messenger. Inevitably, the two men clashed at every turn.3 Soon the battle lines were drawn, as the Board Chairman, along with many faculty members, students, and parents, sided with President McLearn against the Professor. Bell was unjustly accused and unfairly treated; yet he passed triumphantly through the fiery ordeal and went on to establish another great school in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.



FROM THEIR SHOULDERS

But Uriah Smith did not come out so well. It was not long before he received a long letter from Ellen White, rebuking him and the Battle Creek Church for their cruel treatment of a man of God.⁴ Smith was supposed to deliver the message to the church, but he did not. Instead, he questioned whether it was really from God, or was Sister White's personal opinion. She then wrote a letter to the church, setting forth the true position of the Testimonies as messages from God which ought to be heeded.⁵ All this rankled in the heart of Uriah Smith.

Six years later came the great General Conference of 1888, in which the message of righteousness by faith was presented by two young men, A. T. Jones and E. J. Waggoner. Mrs. White joined them in presenting Jesus in His "matchless charms"—a message she declared was not new, but strangely neglected among us as a people. Once again Uriah Smith resented the message. "We have always believed in righteousness by faith," he declared. But he feared that the insistence of Jones and Waggoner on faith alone for salvation ignored the authority of the law and tended to antinomianism. While Smith conducted himself in a courteous, gentlemanly manner, he did not give his support to the proclamation of the message, nor did he experience its vitalizing power in his

own life. For two more years he walked in disharmony with his brethren and his Lord.

One night Ellen White felt an intolerable burden for him. She could not sleep. All night she pleaded with God to save him from the enemy, who would love to win him over as a champion against the truth.

A BROADER PERSPECTIVE

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

"I was in a spirit of agony of wrestling with God," she wrote in her diary. Then, as the night wore on, "hope took possession of my soul for him. He is one of our old hands, one of our reliable men, and the Lord will give him His keeping power."

The next morning she wrote a 13-page message of appeal to him, opening up to him the peril of his course and the influence it had upon others. She reminded him that there were wrongs that reached back to 1882, in the trial against Professor Bell.

Not long afterward, Uriah Smith came to see Sister White, bringing with him Professor Bell and several others who had been injured by his influence. He read the letter before the little group, acknowledging that it was true, and accepting it as from the Lord. No longer hard-hearted, he confessed to Professor Bell with brokenness of spirit the great wrong he had done him in the school trial of 1882. He confessed his wrong attitude at the 1888 meeting. Then he took Sister White's hand and said, "If the Lord will forgive me for the sorrow and burdens I have brought upon you, I tell you this will be the last. I will stay up your hands." Though Elder Smith was the kind of man who seldom shed a tear, on this occasion he wept and his voice was choked with tears. Not satisfied with this private confession, he told the whole church of his change of heart on the following Sabbath.





These two bearded pioneers, Uriah Smith and Professor G. H. Bell, found the joy of reconciliation.

Sister White could hardly express her joy. "Brother Smith has fallen on the Rock, and is broken, and the Lord Jesus will now work with him," she wrote.⁷

Is there something you ought to make right with someone? There is no better present you can give such a one than the words, "I'm sorry." And there is nothing lovelier than the gift of joy you will receive in return—even though it's all wet with tears.

-B. S. N.

1Psalm 133:1

²Best known as author of Daniel and the Revelation, and editor of the Review and Herald for many years.

⁸Arthur W. Spalding, Origin and History of Seventh-day Adventists, Volume 2, p. 125.

⁴Read this letter in Testimonies, Vol. 5, pp. 45-62.

⁵This Testimony is found in Vol. 5, pp. 62-84. ⁶Spalding, **op. cit.,** p. 296.

⁷A. V. Olson, Through Crisis to Victory, pp. 94-97.

Far Eastern Division Council Promotes Lay Evangelism

"REACH OUT" was the theme of the Far Eastern Division's annual year-end committee meeting held in Singapore November 13 to 18. Ninety-two delegates and invited guests discussed this theme in a search for ways to reach the inhabitants of the more than a dozen Asian countries that make up the Far Eastern Division.

Guests from the General Conference were Pastor M. E. Kemmerer, Dr. C. B. Hirsch, Dr. W. A. Howe, and Pastor C. E. Guenther. Also attending were Dr. E. G. McDowell, Educational Secretary of the Australasian Division; Dr. C. H. Tidwell, Educational Secretary of the Southern Asia Division; and Dr. M. E. Cherian, President of Spicer Memorial College.

Asked what actions taken at the Council made the greatest impression on them, many Union presidents stated that the appropriation of more funds for lay efforts would make possible a great advance in soul-winning. R. S. Watts, Jr., President of Southeast Asia Union, said, "The most vital action is the evangelistic thrust for 1973. This is the heart of our church program—total involvement of pastors and laymen. Considerably more funds from the Division will be made available to each union for evangelism, enabling the unions to finance more crusades, literature, Gift Bibles, etc.

"The first action taken by the Council, approving negotiations with the U.S. Army hospital in Saigon, which would result in our Saigon Adventist Hospital using their spacious, excellently equipped facilities in return for providing medical care to U.S. citizens remaining in Saigon after the cease-fire, was a most important news item."

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



A lively question-and-answer period was conducted after the meetings by team members Pastor Glenn Coon, Steve Marshall, David Meeker, and Evan Danielson (not shown).

Coon Team Brings Assurance in Christ

"THERE are 3,573 promises in the Bible, made by a God who cannot lie, who will do what He has promised! Prayer is a science as sure as any science in the universe. God will answer your prayers if you Ask, Believe, and Claim—the ABCs of Prayer." From Sabah and Sarawak to Singapore, Malaya, Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam, Elder Glenn Coon and his team brought the message to packed churches during the months of November and December. Everywhere the team went, they brought with them the joy of a real experience with a real God who gives real solutions to real problems.

Associated with Elder Coon are three men of widely different backgrounds and experience, each with his own special appeal. Steve Marshall, once "a party looking for a place to happen," found no meaning to life in the worlds of stage and screen, fame, wealth, or drugs. When in desperation he turned to the Bible and read it hungrily for four straight days, he met Jesus Christ, the one his soul was longing for. Steve won his way into the hearts of young and old alike by his lively presentations of "Grandma on the Sea of Glass," "The Flower Story," and the two-hour "Assurance Meeting." And anyone who suddenly jumps and says, "Praise the Lord!" instead of losing his temper, probably came under the influence of Steve Marshall.

Dave Meeker, a successful artist in New York City, could not find meaning to life in church liturgy, art, pleasure or drugs; his hunger was satisfied when he joined with Steve in searching the Scriptures for Christ. In his quiet way, Dave had a deep influence in revealing to others the beauty of Christ.

Evan Danielson was a millionaire who failed to find joy in the possession of money. Rejected by schoolmates as a boy because of deep poverty, Evan decided that money held the key to power and prestige. In his years of serving mammon, he found wealth, but nearly wrecked his home. It was in the dark hours when his beautiful young wife lay dying that he found the meaning of love—God's love for him, and his love for his wife and children. Through the prayers of Elder Coon, his wife was restored to him again.

The team leaves behind a host of "Gladventists," still singing, "Everything's all right in my Father's house." Best of all, hundreds of little groups are meeting together an hour each week to study the ABCs of Prayer and to claim promises for the salvation of souls.

Plans are now being made for the team to hold revival meetings a year from now throughout the Far Eastern Division.

Home and School Presents "Amahl"

THE Home and School Association of the Far Eastern Division presented Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" to a full house at the Southeast Asia Union College Auditorium on the evening of December 18, 1972. The audience was delighted with the performance, featuring Valerie Greve as Amahl; Charlotte Dennis as the mother; and Roger Peden, Roy Lukman, and John Harris as the three kings; with Alberta Oliver providing background music on the piano. Directed by Nancy Greve, the program showed the results of months of preparation.

Heart-warming and humorous, the story tells of how a crippled shepherd boy offers to give his crutch to the Christ Child, and is miraculously healed.



"There is a star outside like a chariot of fire, with a long tail on it!" Amahl tells his mother.



NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS



MALAYA



Dr. and Mrs. Carl Schneider (center) arrived in Penang on November 24, 1972, to join the staff of Penang Adventist Hospital.

Schneider Joins PAH Staff

DR. Franklin C. Schneider, with his wife Agnes, arrived in Penang in November to join the staff of Penang Adventist Hospital. Dr. Scheider graduated from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in 1971 and completed a year of internship prior to his arrival here. We wish Dr. and Mrs. Schneider the Lord's blessings in their new field of labor.

Benjamin Conducts Crusade on Oil Plantation

PASTOR P. Benjamin of the Telok Anson Church conducted a Word of Life Crusade on the Jendarata Oil Palm Plantation, beginning October 19, 1972. The manager invited him to choose any location he wanted on the vast estate; he chose the second division, centrally located to the first and third divisions. Just before the meetings were due to begin, someone informed the pastor that another church had tried to hold meetings there with no attendance at all, and had given up on the fourth night. "That shook me a little," reports Pastor Benjamin, "but I know our Lord is mighty."

On the opening night 182 people registered their names, including 40 children. The attendance held good thereafter. At the close of the meetings, 52 accepted Christ for the first time, and 42 indicated their desire to be baptized. At the first baptism, held December 2 in the Telok Anson Church, Pastor T. K. Chong baptized 14, ten of whom were from the Crusade.

Pastor Benjamin wishes to thank Mr. Samuel, Assistant Manager of the Jendarata Division II, an Anglican, for his help with the meetings. Brothers Joseph, Joel, and Harun, members of the Telok Anson Church, also gave valuable assistance. The Telok Anson church members are praising God for the precious souls added to their numbers.

Sungei-Way Church Receives New Life

FOR some years the church in Sungei-Way had been dying out. Since the 1960's, the members there have had no proper place to meet. Some of the members got discouraged and stopped attending services. Then Pastor Joseph got his members together one Sabbath and asked them to fast and pray to God for a place to worship Him. After this, about a year and a half ago, he took some of the youth to a jungle area beside the Old Klang Road and worked with them to clear the area for a lamb shelter. It did not take them long to erect the plank building.

Now that the lamb shelter is erected, the members are grateful to the mighty God for answering their prayers. The former members who had thought the church was dead were astonished to see that new life had come into the church as a result of erecting the lamb shelter. Pastor Joseph told his members, "No church ever dies if its members have faith." Now the young people are enthusiastically doing Voice of Prophecy and M.V. work.

The church members wish to thank Elder and Mrs. R. J. Thompson for their financial help, as well as the Union and Mission.

Now the pastor is drawing up plans for the government to obtain a permanent piece of land for a church building. Pray for the success of the church in Sungei-Way.

—From a report by H. George, Elder Sungei-Way Church



Sungei-Way church members rejaice in the erection of their jungle chapel.



Sabah Workers Attend Retreat

ON November 14, 1972, the 18 field workers of the Sabah Mission, with their wives, arrived on the campus of Sabah Adventist Secondary School in Tamparuli for a Workers' Retreat. After the opening service that night, as the presence of the Holy Spirit filled the meeting place, the entire group responded to a call for rededication.

Mrs. Audrey Wilcox conducted special sessions for the wives twice each day, arousing much interest and discussion. This was the first time the wives had ever attended a Workers' Retreat, and they greatly enjoyed the spiritual feast prepared for them.

Each day studies were presented on the Holy Spirit and the Incomparable Christ. Though other periods were spent discussing ways of holding members faithful, reclaiming backsliders, promoting the work of the departments, and making financial reports, the major emphasis was on Bible study and spiritual refreshment.

The Friday evening and Sabbath services were conducted by Glenn Coon and his evangelistic team, bringing the meetings to a joyful climax. Sabbath morning Evan Danielson, a member of the team, preached the dedication sermon for a new church building in Puhus-Kapa, a small mountain village. All the workers had been taken there for the happy occasion. The school was packed for the afternoon service as Elder Coon preached, and Dave Meeker and Steve Marshall gave their thrilling testimonies. A social gathering that evening brought the meetings to a close.

During the session the writer made appointments to visit each worker individually. It was a great joy to be able to talk to these dedicated pastors about their problems and plans, and kneel in prayer together. As they turned their footsteps homeward, they felt a new determination to accomplish more for Christ than ever before.

-Wendell L. Wilcox, President Sabah Mission



Sabah pastors and their wives attend a workers' retreat in Tam-paruli. Mrs. Wilcox (right) held meetings for the women.



Sabah Layman of the Year

BROTHER Bandarang first accepted this message when Pastor Golotoh raised up a church of 20 members in Puhus-Tenghilan in 1970. In the beginning of 1972 he felt a burning desire to bring the light of the Gospel to those who were in heathen darkness and fear of evil spirits. He began visiting his neighbors, giving Bible studies, and inviting people to church. In a short time, 96 of the 110 people in Puhus became members of the Sabbath School.

What a thrill it was for the author and his wife to hike back up into those mountains a short time ago, and hear the songs of Zion floating down through the jungle from these former heathen people! As we arrived at Puhus that Sabbath, we were happy to see a fine group of people ready for baptism as a result of Brother Bandarang's efforts.

At the close of the service, the baptismal candidates and members walked 45 minutes down a steep mountain trail to a beautiful stream flowing through the jungle. There 18 precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism.

As we arrived back at the village, we saw an old lady squatting by the trail, disappointment written all over her wrinkled face. I asked Brother Bandarang what was troubling the old "grandma."

"Oh," he said, "she wanted to be baptized today.

but she was too weak to walk that far."

And so I stopped and talked with "grandma," and encouraged her that perhaps at the next baptism she would feel well enough to get to the river to be baptized. She became a candidate for the next baptism on December 9.

Already in 1972, Brother Bandarang has had 20 souls baptized from the village of Puhus. But he felt a burden for other villages as well. Soon he began visiting another village called Tintapan, a two-hour's walk away. God blessed his visiting and Bible study program, and soon a Branch Sabbath School was started there. But there was no place in which the people could meet. Fortunately an American "mother in Israel" had just sent funds for a jungle chapel, which was soon erected. Now every Sabbath 37 people, not only from Tintapan, but from two other villages as well, gather to study God's Word. Ten have already been baptized, six as a direct result of Brother Bandarang's efforts. More will follow.

Thus the message is going from village to village in the mountains and valleys of Sabah. God is using our faithful laymen to carry the message to the remotest areas of the world.

> -W. L. Wilcox, President Sabah Mission



The children welcomed Pastor Grady with leis at the dedication of the Kitabu lamb shelter.

Exciting Developments in Sabah

ON Sabbath, October 7, a new lamb shelter and a jungle chapel were dedicated to the saving of souls for Christ in Mongkulat and Kitabu in Sabah.

After a short dedication program for the opening of the jungle chapel at Mongkulat, Sabbath services were conducted in which two souls were examined for baptism. Then the congregation hiked to a river two miles away for the beautiful ceremony. After the service was over, an elderly lady and a young couple indicated their desire to take part in the next baptism.

Immediately following these services, Pastor Grady, Union Sabbath School Secretary, and the writer left for the next appointment at Kitabu. After a two-and-a-half-hour drive, we arrived to find an honor guard of children lined up to meet us, with leis to place around our necks. Mrs. Payar Juman, the wife of the Minister of Health and Welfare of Sabah, cut the ribbon for the official opening of the lamb shelter in Kitabu. The children were delighted to gather in their new building. Soon they were held spellbound by stories told by Pastor Grady and Miss Nony Sha'ah.

Currently Pastor M. Gaban, Mission Sabbath School Secretary, is erecting 15 jungle chapels, jungle schools, and lamb shelters, which will bring the total number to over 75. These buildings have helped boost the total Sabbath School membership over the 8,000 mark for the first time, with the church



Two were baptized in this jungle stream at Mongkulat. The three adults to the right of Pastor Wilcox made their decision to be baptized soon.

membership topping 6,000.

We are also happy to report that new areas are opening up in Sabah. In Tawaw, where at the beginning of this year there was not even a Sabbath School, there are now three Branch Sabbath Schools. Recently the District Officer of Beaufort opened up 2,000 acres of land for settlement, to which many of our people will be moving. At present we have only two colporteurs there; soon there will be a large community of Adventists in that place. We must send a worker there soon, so plans can be laid right away for the organization and erection of Adventist churches.

At the beginning of 1972, the Sabah Mission asked Pastor Ginduk Laung to become the full-time Mission Stewardship Secretary. Since the prices of timber and rubber—two of the main exports of Sabah—were dropping rapidly, we felt extra effort needed to be made to keep the mission income from decreasing.

Now, after the third quarter of 1972, we can see how God has blessed this program. While the tithe income from the churches for the first three quarters of 1971 was \$116,082, the income for the same period in 1972 was \$140,642—an increase of about 17%. There was also a substantial increase in offerings during the same period. We believe this increase is due to our members' growing awareness of the importance of stewardship.

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Smiling children wait for the ribbon to be cut at the dedication of the Kitabu lamb shelter.



Pathfinder Program Mushrooms in Sarawak

THE year 1972 was a banner year for the Pathfinder work in Sarawak. After the mission-wide Pathfinder Staff Training Camp in Simbo last July, sparked by Union M.V. Secretary Bernie Donato, and attended by 80 senior youth, teachers, and workers, new Pathfinder clubs have burgeoned in the churches and old ones have been strengthened.

Kuching Pathfinders marched in the grand parade during Malaysia National Day. In the Serian District, the Ayer Manis School Pathfinders took part in the National Day celebrations, competing with a number of school and civic organizations, and walked off with the largest number of prizes in individual and group events. After the activities were over, using a technique which their leaders had learned at Simbo Camp, they "combed" the public grounds and made them tidy in a matter of minutes, before the astonished eyes of the populace. This simple gesture so impressed the people that they commented on it for a long time afterwards. The public's attitude was climaxed by the lavish praises heaped on the school, the teachers, and the students by none less than the government District Officer himself.



Eight new Master Guides in Ayer Manis School, with their leaders Romulo Daquila, Gloria Keizer, M.V. Secretary Paul Nyungga, and Johnny Rueh.

During the past few months, letters have come to my office asking me to attend investiture services in behalf of the Pathfinders and their leaders. In one of these, conducted at Ayer Manis School auditorium on October 14, I was happy to invest 74 young people into the various M.V. classes. Eight of these were invested as Master Guides.

I would like to thank Pastor and Mrs. L. E. Keizer, Mr. Johnny Rueh, Mr. Romulo Daquila, and a host of others, for their initiative and enthusiasm in carrying on a strong Pathfinder program in behalf of the youth of Sarawak Mission. Above all, to God be the honor and glory for His guidance and blessings.

—Paul Nyungga, M.V. Secretary Sarawak Mission



News reporters from Sarawak's leading papers are shown the vegetable gardens of Ayer Manis School by host L. E. Keizer, Mission Educational Secretary.

Sarawak Newspapers Feature Adventist Education

TWO leading Sarawak newspapers recently devoted four pages to stories and pictures of Adventist schools in Sarawak. The reporters had been invited to an Adventist World Educational System Centenary Press Conference at mission headquarters in Kuching, at which they were briefed on the origin, history, goals, and scope of Adventist education. Following the briefing, they were taken by mission plane to three Adventist schools in Sarawak. Much impressed by what they saw at Sunny Hill and Ayer Manis Secondary Schools, and a village school in Simbo, they gave excellent coverage in their papers.

Public Relations Secretary Jonathan Ng reports that in the month of October alone the Sarawak papers devoted 272 column inches and 27 pictures to the work of Seventh-day Adventists, With imaginative methods such as these, God's message for these times could be widely published to the masses.

Sunny Hill Appoints Senior Assistant

WITH the opening of Form Six class in April 1972, the Board of Directors of Sunny Hill School decided to appoint a Senior Assistant to help in the operation of the school. Sunny Hill School now has classes from Primary 1 to Form 6, preparing students for four external examinations. No other school in Sarawak does this on one school campus under one head.

To meet the need, the Board appointed Mr. Gordon Chong, with an M.A. in Educational Administration, as the Senior Assistant of the school. Mr. Chong graduated from Philippine Union College in April 1970, but taught here for a few years prior to this. We know that he will make a significant contribution to the overall educational program at Sunny Hill.

-W. F. Choo, Principal Sunny Hill School



THAILAND



D. K. Smith
Becomes President
of Thailand Mission

D. K. Smith

PASTOR and Mrs. D. K. Smith arrived back in Thailand last September, he to become president of the Mission, and she to teach Bible at Ekamai Adventist School. No strangers to Thailand, the Smiths worked in that country from 1957 to 1970, where he was pastor in Chieng Mai and Ubol before going into departmental work in the Mission and becoming Chaplain of the Bangkok Sanitarium. In 1970, the Smiths returned to the States on a "permanent return" which, happily, proved not to be permanent. After earning his Master of Divinity degree at the S.D.A. Theological Seminary in 1971, Pastor Smith became pastor of the Santa Maria district in the Central California Conference.

Though the Smiths had planned to be near their sons during their college years, the Lord called them, through a series of providential leadings, back to their adopted country to fill the vacancy left by former president Palmer Wick. Two sons are studying at Pacific Union College, and two returned with them to the Far East. We wish God's blessings on the Smiths as they continue to serve the Lord in Thailand.

Sanitarium Week of Prayer Features "Our Wonderful Jesus"

BANGKOK Sanitarium and Hospital held its Week of Prayer from October 15 to 21, with Ralph E. Neall, Chairman of the Bible Department of Southeast Asia Union College, speaking on the theme, "Our Wonderful Jesus."

Pastor Neall tried to explain God's answer to man's problems in such a way that it would be clear to people from a Buddhist, as well as Christian, background. In addition to the regular morning and evening worships, special services on Righteousness by Faith were conducted for the English-speaking workers.



VIETNAM

Westfall Becomes Civilian Chaplain in Vietnam

PASTOR J. D. Westfall, with his wife Bette, arrived in Vietnam November 30 to become Civilian Chaplain and director of the Servicemen's Center in Saigon. He will also direct the work of SAWS (Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service) in that country.

Pastor Westfall has worked for many years with young people, serving as elementary teacher in Battle Creek, Michigan, dean of boys at Georgia-Cumberland Academy, and youth pastor at Hinsdale, Illinois. For the last five years he has been Civilian Chaplain in Lake Union. The Westfalls have one son, Ronald, at Loma Linda University, and two sons, David and Robert, at Far Eastern Academy. We wish them the Lord's blessings in their new assignment.



Le thi Bach, Vietnam Child Evangelism Secretary, leads a group of children in reciting memory verses at the Cho Dem Vacation Character Building School.



SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE



Dr. Jark Lau, of Singapore University, addresses the 1972 graduates of Southeast Asia Union College.

Graduation at SAUC

THE twenty-third graduation service of Southeast Asia Union College, held on the second weekend of December, was unique in the history of the college in that half of the twenty-four graduates received bachelor's degrees in theology. This was the result of a drive that began four years ago, to prepare more ministers and local leaders for the advancement of the gospel in this region. Four other four-year graduates received their degrees in education. The rest were awarded junior college diplomas in commerce, liberal arts, secretarial science, and science.

Pastor John Harris challenged the graduates to greater service at the Consecration service while Elder Bruce Johnston inspired them with the Baccalaureate Address. The Commencement Address on Saturday night was delivered by Professor Jark C. Lau, of the University of Singapore. Dr. Lau was the first layman ever to speak at Commencement in the history of the college.

Four students graduated with honors-Ivy Foo and Ong Meng Jip, cum laude; Pham Kow Seng and Yeang Kok Boon, magna cum laude. These graduates, together with eleven others have been called to mission service. The rest of the graduates will continue with further studies.

Another graduation service is planned in March next year for the rest of the 51-member senior class.

> -Wong Yew Chong, Dean of Students Southeast Asia Union College

Chair Presents Christmas Cantata

ON Saturday night, December 2, the Southeast Asia Union College Choir, directed by Beryl Mamanua, presented John Peterson's Christmas Cantata, "A Song Unending" to an enthusiastic audience at the college auditorium. The cantata, based on St. Luke's account of the birth of Christ, contains snatches of familiar Christmas carols as well a theme song repeated throughout. Jane Hutapea at the piano and Rena Ku at the organ provided a dramatic accompaniment to a very fine performance that featured Charlotte Dennis, Nancy Greve, Nelton Bingku, and Jerry Hutapea as soloists. The only criticism of the "Song Unending" was that it ended-too soon!



Charlotte Dennis and Jerry Hutapea sing the parts of the angel and Mary, as Beryl Mamanua directs the choir.

Wilcox Conducts College Week of Prayer



"That's what the world is looking for - Christ-centered preaching-bringing individuals to Christ!" "It helped to strengthen the spiritual program in the college." "His emphasis was for the non-Seventh-day Adventists, appealing to the intellectual mind to accept Christ Wendell L. Wilcox as God personally." These are but some of the responses from

the students of Southeast Asia Union College to Pastor Wendell L. Wilcox's Week of Prayer on the theme, "The Incomparable Christ," from October 23-28, 1972. Prayer bands followed each morning's presentation. As a result of these meetings, one student took her stand for Christ, while the others rededicated their lives to the Lord.

Some of the topics presented were "Jesus, Our Great God and Creator," "Jesus, the Lover of Men," "Jesus, the Changer of Men." and "Jesus, the Glorifier of Men." Pastor Wilcox climaxed his Week of Prayer on the Sabbath morning of October 28 with the sermon "Jesus, the Giver of Power to Men."

January-February, 1973

Pastor Wilcox is presently the President of the Sabah Mission of Seventh-day Adventists. Ever since the work was restricted last year by the government, he could go back to Sabah only once a month; but recently an arrangement has been made for him to meet the Chief Minister of Sabah, to negotiate the possibilities of certain of our missionaries securing visas to work in Sabah.

-Alfred Low

News Notes

by Maggie Tan

* JOSHUA GOH MENG NGEE returned from the Philip-pines on October 21 after completing his course in Medical Technology. He is now connected with Youngberg Memorial

* MAY CHIN and YUEN KAM LIN returned home for a vacation after completing their 3-year nursing course at the London Jewish Hospital. They will continue with the mid-wifery course after a vacation with their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Chin Too Min and Mr. & Mrs. Yuen Peng Kong.

* HANNAH LIEM received her M.S., in Maternal and Child Care at Loma Linda University. She has been appointed supervisor in maternal and child care at Youngberg Memorial Hospital's new maternity unit.

* DANIEL INJO arrived from Indonesia on November 7 to join the faculty of Southeast Asia Union College. He will teach in both the secondary and college sections.

* KELLY HO was born to John and Lucy (Tan) Ho on November 7, a welcome brother to sister Michelle.

* CHAI TECK SIN left for Spicer Memorial College on November 12 to earn his degree in Business Administration. MAY CHIN and YUEN KAM LIN returned home for

* YEO CHAI YEN has been accepted into the University of the Philippines where she will major in Chemistry. She was a science teacher at the Seventh-day Adventist Secondary School

the past two years.

* KOH SIEW ENG completed her B.S.F.N. at Philippine
Union College and is now back in answer to the call of Penang
Adventist Hospital where she will serve as the dictitian.

* TAN HO PENG married HELEN LAI on December
to at the College Auditorium. Ho Peng is a secondary teacher
of the Seventh-day Adventist School.

* MICHAEL LIM recently married YEO KOOY HUA.
Michael taught in the secondary school for many years after his
return from Australia.

* RIFTHE CHAN mergind DWAM CHAND.

return from Australia.

* BIRTHE CHAN married DINAH QUIJADA on December 17 in Cebu, Philippines. Both are working at Youngberg Memorial Hospital, he in the store and she in the lab.

* DR. ERNEST NGO will marry TAN TJOEN HOAY on January 7, 1973, in California. Ernie is interning at the White Memorial Hospital.

White Memorial Hospital.

* BETTY (TAN) KHOO & daughter GILLIAN are taking a 1½-month vacation with her parents and brothers in the States. She visited brother Vincent in England enroute to the States.

* DR. CHU PEK LENG and his doctor-wife, the former PHEN CHIN SHU, arrived from India after completing their studies there. Pek Leng completed his degree in Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry while his wife has an M.B.S. specializing in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

* HEMAN HUTAPEA and CHRISTINA LEONG exchanged marriage vows on December 24 at the Kuching Adventist Church. Both are alumni of Southeast Asia Union College and Philippine Union College. They are now teaching at Sunny Hill School in Kuching.

* LAURENA MADGE TAN has been accepted by Loma

* LAURENA MADGE TAN has been accepted by Loma Linda University to study Secretarial Administration leading towards a Master's degree in this field. She left for Loma Linda on December 20 accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Maggie Tan.

* TAN SENG TIEW, a dental surgeon, is home for a two-week vacation. He graduated from London University four months ago. He is currently attached to a hospital in London.

* LIM CHEOW TEIK is home on a 3-week vacation from Scotland where he completed his nursing course. He will return to Scotland to take up a course in psychiatric nursing.



Roger Peden leads the Choraliers of Far Eastern Academy in some rousing music during the Soul-winning Spectacular.

Highlights of the SAUM Sixteenth Session

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Bradley, Vietnam Mission president, and Elder Grady Ha Brell and his young wife left their home to pioneer among the Montagnards of Zulu. Today there is not only a church and lamb shelter in Zulu, but in several of the surrounding villages new lamb shelters have been built and new groups are meeting each Sabbath

Special music was provided by the Far Eastern Academy Choir, the Dunman Road Church Choir and the Sunrise Singers. In conclusion, Elder Ralph Watts, SAUM President, presented a stirring challenge to share our faith with others. Following the benediction, the Sunrise Singers sang "Make Me a Blessing".

It has been said-

No church has faced so great a challenge To offer so vital a message To reach so great a population In so little time.

The leadership of the Southeast Asia Union urges the entire constituency to unite time, talents and means, so that with the power of God's Spirit, His work can be finished in Southeast Asia in this generation!

-Ralph S. Watts, President Southeast Asia Union Mission

Sabah Developments (Continued from page 7.)

We are thankful, too, for the 400 souls baptized in the Sabah Mission during the year 1972.

The Dorcas Welfare program is growing rapidly in Sabah Mission. Beginning with one Dorcas Society, organized by Mrs. Payar Juman in Kitabu, the work has spread to other churches so that now there are ten societies.

In spite of the many problems faced in this land, we rejoice as we witness the progress of God's work in Sabah.

> -Wendell L. Wilcox, President Sabah Mission

Highlights of the SAUM Sixteenth Session

REACH OUT FOR LIFE was the theme of the 16th session of the Southeast Asia Union Mission held at the college auditorium in Singapore December 13 to 16, 1972. The Union Session was followed by the Quadrennial Sessions of the Southeast Asia Union, the Union medical institutions and publishing houses December 17 to 21.

Eighty-two delegates representing the five missions and institutions were in attendance for the opening session at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 13. Dispensing with the traditional president's report, Pastor Ralph Watts and the Union staff presented the top priority item of the business session, REACH OUT FOR LIFE '73. This carefully-prepared program represents a continuous plan of action for united, coordinated evangelism throughout Southeast Asia Union for the following quadrennium. The purpose of REACH OUT FOR LIFE '73 is to involve every member in some type of personal or public evangelism during the months ahead.

In addition to the re-election of the Union department staff and mission officers, other significant highlights of the meetings were the ordination service and the Soul-winning Spectacular.



Five men (center row) were ordained on December 15: Wong Yew Chong, Romie Gainer, Ng Sui Koon, John Lai, and Phang Teck Soon. Their wives are seated on the front row.

On Friday evening five workers—Pastors John Lai, Ng Sui Koon, R. I. Gainer, T. S. Phang, and Wong Yew Chong—were ordained to the gospel ministry. The sermon was delivered by the Far Eastern Division evangelist, Pastor Bruce Johnston, The prayer was offered by the Far Eastern Division president, P. H. Eldridge. Pastor C. H. Damron presented the charge and Pastor R. S. Watts extended the welcome. Also participating in this impressive service were Pastors K. T. Kong and T. K. Chong.



Presiding over the Quadrennial Session of the Southeast Asia Union Mission are Romie Gainer, Treasurer; Ralph Watts, President; K. T. Kong, Secretary; and W. Y. Chen, Assistant Treasurer.

The meetings were brought to an inspirational climax on Sabbath afternoon with the Soul-winning Spectacular under the direction of R. B. Grady. Thrilling personal and public evangelistic exploits were enacted, screened, and narrated, portraying particularly the involvement of Southeast Asia Union laity in the recent "100 for Christ" evangelistic thrust.

Mrs. C. P. Lau of Singapore's Thompson Road Church, told how she began to work for her family after she accepted the truth. Now a number of them are also church members. Several of those who have been baptized through her efforts were present.

As SAUC student Harold Dawat narrated, Bayu Bayang showed how he started four new churches this year, in spite of physical danger. In his lifetime, Brother Bayang has been responsible for bringing over 400 people to Christ.

Dressed in colorful Meo garb, Pairut Kamchanagaew of Haad Yai, Thailand, showed how the typical witch doctor attempts to cure the ill. Pairut, a faithful worker at Haad Yai Clinic, has been active in many areas of evangelism. Pastor Ginduk of Sabah interviewed Bandarang, who has won 40 people to the Lord since he was baptized last year.

Though Ha Brell, of Vietnam, was unable to attend the session, his story was told by Elder Clyde

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Mrs. C. P. Lau (behind pulpit) stands with some of the many souls she has won to Christ.