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OUR COVER: A mother holds her baby girl, who lost a foot and three fingers when a rocket exploded outside her home in An Loc. See article on page 3.

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One Woman's War on Poverty

WHEN Ellen White arrived in Australia before the turn of the century, she found that a financial depression had roared through the land like a tornado, sucking up the possessions of a once prosperous people. She hadn't lived in her plain frame "Sunnyside" house very long before she became aware of case after case of desperate need. And right away, she and her workers set out to wage war on poverty.

If you could have put your ear to a knothole in her parlor wall one night in 1897, you would have heard animated conversation and laughing, enlivened by the snipping of shears and the whirring of sewing machines, as five young women and one seventy-year-old made pants for the children of a poor fisherman. It wasn't until the old grandfather clock struck midnight that Mrs. White's Dorcas meeting, made up of her secretaries, cook, seamstress, and nurse, came to an end. "I think there was never a happier set of workers than were these girls last evening," she wrote the next morning.

So many were in need that Sister White had to exercise the closest economy to be able to help them all. "We make over and over our clothing, patching and enlarging garments in order to make them wear a little longer, so that we can supply with clothing those who are more needy," she explained. An expert on fabrics, she would visit factories to buy up remnants or flawed pieces, and go to year-end sales, in order to purchase cloth at the best possible prices. She often bought whole bolts of cloth, giving pieces to mothers of needy families. If the mothers did not know how to cut and sew the cloth, she would send her helpers to teach them how. So, by wearing her own clothes until they were beyond repair, she could supply large families with durable clothing they would not have been able to purchase for themselves.

Mrs. White believed in helping the poor to help themselves. "The Lord has shown me that the poverty which existed about Cooranbong need not be; for with industry



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the soil could be cultivated and made to yield its treasure," she wrote. When the foundations of her own home were barely laid, she had her land cleared for fruit orchards and gardens. It wasn't long before she had large stores of food from her own land which she generously divided with the poor. But she did more than this. "We taught them how to prepare the soil, what to plant, and how to take care of the growing produce," she wrote. With her encouragement, one man put in 12 acres of sweetcorn, which proved a fine cash crop. Mrs. White was delighted to see the boys of the family "working with their father like little farmers. They are so earnest and full of zeal that it is amusing to look at them and see how happy they are in their work."

Mrs. White gave employment to many who were needy. "Men who were trying to serve the Lord and keep His commandments . . . begged us to give them something to do. We

employed them, and they ate at our table. We gave them suitable wages until their families were fed and comfortably clothed. Then we let them go to find work somewhere else." She often gave financial help, once paying interest on a man's mortgage so that his family would not be thrown out on the street.

The nearest doctor for the Cooranbong area was 25 miles away, and charged \$25 a call. Few could afford his services. So Mrs. White and her helpers went to war on sickness. She brought the sick right into her own home, so that Sunnyside became a little hospital. "We would bring to our house cases that

A BROADER PERSPECTIVE

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

had been given up by the physicians to die," she wrote. "When we knew not what to do for them, we would pray to God most earnestly, and He always sent His blessing. He is the mighty Healer, and He worked with us. We never had time or opportunity to take a medical course, but we had success as we moved out in the fear of God. . . . We used the simple water treatments, and then tried to fasten the eyes of the patients on to the great Healer." Sara McEnterfer, a registered nurse and helper to Sister White, also acted as a visiting nurse, making calls for miles around to give treatments, with wonderful success. It wasn't long before prejudice against Seventh-day Adventists melted away in that area.

Amazingly enough, Mrs. White's war on poverty was only a sideline. During her nine years in Australia, she wrote at least nine books, including that great masterpiece, **The Desire of Ages**. She helped to found Avondale College, plus the medical, publishing, and evangelistic work. "He who loves Christ the most will do the greatest amount of good," she wrote during those years. "There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God." DA 250, 251. Certainly those words describe her own life.

What about yours?

—B.S.N.

Disaster Victims Need Your Help

BECAUSE of increasing disasters around the world, the General Conference has set a goal of one million dollars for the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering to be taken on Sabbath, May 12, 1973. In the past this offering has largely come from the churches of North America, but this year the General Conference is inviting the overseas divisions to play a larger role in helping to raise the needed funds.

The needs here in our own Union are great. Elder Robert Grady, Union Lay Activities Secretary,

tells how SAWS (Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service, financed by the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering) is helping to care for thousands in war-torn South Vietnam, who have been fortunate enough to escape death:

"Young people and older ones alike from our Saigon Adventist churches had already spent hours before my arrival taking apart the 125-pound bales of clothing that had been shipped to them from SAWS headquarters in the United States. A small amount of men's, women's, and children's clothing was carefully tucked into each plastic bag, ready for distribution. Before long a truckload of happy youth and their leaders arrived at a newly-constructed refugee camp just 25 kilometers outside the city of Saigon.

"As we drove into camp, the noisy cacophony of some 12,000 people living in crowded dormitories and large army tents struck our ears. They were victims of war from An Loc, Quang Tri, and Hue.

"The camp was well organized. A thousand of the refugees had been given a slip of paper entitling them to a gift of clothing. Soon men, women and children, some scantily clad in tattered rags, began converging on the distribution center.

"As I looked out over the sea of people, it was not difficult to see evidences of the suffering they had borne. Many still carried shrapnel from rockets in their bodies, but they were the 'fortunate' ones. The others were dead.

"One mother came over to me carrying her crying, year-and-a-half-old baby. The little girl had lost three fingers and a foot when a Communist rocket had exploded in front of their home in An Loc last April. Her brother who had been carrying her, along with twelve other children, was killed immediately. Little sister was 'lucky'; she only lost a foot and three fingers.

"When many of these refugees were fleeing An Loc for safer areas in the South, Communist troops lay in wait along Highway 13. As children, women, and old men passed by the ambush points they were mowed down in cold blood by the hundreds. But these 'fortunate' ones I saw at the refugee camp had miraculously escaped with their lives. I thought of the million or more other refugees now



Church members preparing clothes for distribution at refugee camps near Saigon.



OUCHI This Adventist army doctor spends his day off giving inoculations to refugees. Medicines are provided by SAWS.

living in South Vietnam in temporary quarters made of bomb crates or whatever materials they can find.

Because of your generous contributions to the Disaster and Famine Relief Offerings in the past, SAWS has been able to send huge amounts of medicine, vitamin pills, food, and clothing to be distributed in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos, as well as other troubled spots of the world.

On May 12, when this offering will again be taken, let us remember the words of Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." We are the "fortunate" ones when we give to help others, for experience has taught us that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

First Union-Wide Colporteur Institute Held in Bangkok

JANUARY 16-20 is a date long to be remembered by the publishing family of Southeast Asia Union Mission. For some years leaders and literature evangelists have expressed their desire to have a joint institute. After many months of planning, the first Union-wide institute in the history of our Union became a reality. It was held in the beautiful setting of the Rose Garden Country Resort near Bangkok, Thailand.

Pastors D. A. Roth, P.R. Secretary; M. R. Lyon, Publishing Secretary; and S. D. Pangborn, Assistant Publishing Secretary; represented the Far Eastern Division, and their wise counsel was greatly appreciated. All nine countries of our Union were represented by administrators, publishing leaders, or literature evangelists. Only three leaders were able to secure travel permission from Vietnam, but they brought good reports of courage and progress, despite daily hardships, from the 80 literature evangelists there. Delegates to the institute stood in silent tribute, honoring the courage of South Vietnam's literature evangelists.

Union President R. S. Watts gave a dynamic keynote address on the eve of the convention. All

caught a renewed vision of the literature evangelist's role in God's plan of salvation. Inspiration and relaxation was enjoyed in the four following busy days with such things as lectures, reports, films, devotionals, tours, and shared experiences.

Pastor Giao of Vietnam shared the progress of the new literature launch program recently started in the delta area of South Vietnam. One 8-by-42-foot launch donated by Mrs. Ethel O'Cain, the "C. L. Paddock, Jr.," has just begun its work. The first three days of operation saw 73,000 piasters' worth of literature sold. A second launch, the "Roger Dee," donated by Roger Altman, is scheduled to be completed this March. These locally-built launches, complete with engines, can be constructed for US\$2,500 to US\$3,000. Pastor Giao reported on the need of a number of additional launches for reaching the multiplied millions living in the delta.

Sixteen of the literature evangelists received service pins. Malaya Mission's Hilda Chin, with 25 years of service, has the highest number of years of any active literature evangelists. Special trophies were awarded to Chiau Fong Ming of Malaya Mission, Haijon Alip of Sabah Mission, G. V. Yoong of Thailand Mission, and Tran Lang of Vietnam Mission for leading their respective missions in sales.

Our publishing leaders are men of vision and strong faith. They have set high goals for the year 1973. T. M. Giang, Publishing Secretary of Malaya Mission, has set a goal of M\$200,000 in sales and 20 new literature evangelists recruited. The same goal has been set by L. Pandjaitan, Publishing Secretary for Sabah and Sarawak Missions. Sales of 100,000 baht and 15 new literature evangelists is the goal set by D. O. Corpus, Thailand Mission's Publishing Secretary, while Tran Ngoc De, Publishing Secretary of Vietnam Mission, is looking in faith for sales of 40 million piasters and 20 new literature evangelists. Under the blessings of God, and with the fine group of leaders and literature evangelists we have in the Southeast Asia Union Mission, these goals can easily be reached and surpassed. We believe that 1973 will be the greatest year in the history of the publishing program of this Union.

—Richard McKee, Publishing Secretary
Southeast Asia Union Mission



Elder Ralph Watts presents trophy to Madam Chiau, top colporteur in the Union, as Elder McKee looks on



NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS



MALAYA

MV's of North Malaya Launch Evangelistic Thrust

ON December 29 the M.V. Association of North Malaya held its final rally of the year at the mission bungalow in Alor Star. This was the first evangelistic thrust by the Association.

Wong Kai Cheng, the Association's music director, led a rousing song service. Yeoh Khia Ghee, the vice-president, welcomed the people.

The program included special music by the Penang Chinese Church, a touching skit about Jesus' second coming by the singspiration group of the Penang English Church, and an inspiring sermon by Pastor Wong Yew Seng, Malay Mission youth leader.

At the appeal, several indicated their desire to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Six of those who attended Elder Grady's Bible class later on in Alor Star were from this meeting.

We wish to express our gratitude to all the Association officers and all those who helped in one way or another, especially the young people of Penang, Pastors Wong Yew Seng and Dayton Chong, and Brothers Raymond Poey, Peter Lim, Stephen Soong, and Wong Kai Cheng, for their "second mile" help.

One boy cycled five miles to attend the meeting. What does this mean? We must face the challenge of Alor Star by our "Reach Out '73" program.

—Edward A. Poey, P.R. Secretary
North Malaya M.V. Association



Five young men were baptized recently as a result of the VOP Club in Muar. Pastor K. T. Chin is on the right.

Muar VOP Club Members Baptized

MUAR is a town on the western seacoast of West Malaysia. The first Seventh-day Adventists to enter Muar were colporteurs. Later a series of evangelistic meetings was held there and, as a result, a group of believers was baptized in 1958 and began meeting in a rented house. Most of them were young people who took a very active part in sharing their faith with others. Many came to Southeast Asia Union College, where they were trained to be teachers and went out to serve in the various missions. Some went to the medical college in India and returned to work in our mission hospitals. One of these is Dr. Lim Boon Shwo of Penang Adventist Hospital.

Pastors and church members have always encouraged the young people to attend Adventist schools where they can be trained as mission workers. At the end of 1971, however, when over ten young people left Muar for upgrading in India and Singapore, only a handful were left to worship God each Sabbath in Muar. They knew the only way to increase their membership was to spend much time in earnest prayer and hard work.

On the evening of April 15, 1972, all VOP students in Muar were invited to a VOP Rally at Chiang Chuan Association Hall. At the close of the rally three students stayed behind to ask questions about the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They were invited to attend church and continued to come every Sabbath. The idea of forming a VOP Club and drawing many students into attendance was discussed. Plans were laid and carried out. The three young men helped the pastor visit many students and enroll them as members of the club. This is said to be the first VOP Club ever formed in Malaysia, and it is a real success in winning souls for God. To strengthen fellowship with the students a Bible camp was conducted, and other activities were planned to interest them in attending church. After going through a series of Bible studies, the first group of five was baptized in Malacca on December 30, 1972. Following the baptism, Chan Kuan Hong and M. Arivalagan gave inspiring testimonies of the working of the Spirit of God on their hearts that changed them into new men.

Many years ago the mission purchased a piece of land located in the center of Muar. Funds were collected and in July, 1972, work was started on a new church building. This year, with a new church in an ideal location, the work in Muar is entering a new phase in winning souls for God.

—K. T. Chin, Pastor
Melaka and Seremban



REACH OUT

Recently your editor interviewed three Southeast Asia Union leaders—Ralph S. Watts, Chester Damron, Ministerial Secretary; and Bernard Donato, M.V. Secretary—to gather REACH OUT FOR LIFE '73. Following is a report.



QUESTION: We've been hearing a lot about REACH OUT FOR LIFE '73. What is it, anyway—a set of new evangelistic materials?

WATTS: No. We have enough materials to swamp the churches. But REACH OUT FOR LIFE is more than that—it's a dynamic plan for organizing the churches in soul-winning activities.

QUESTION: Aren't most church members already involved in soul-winning work?

WATTS: Unfortunately, no. A recent survey in our Union reveals that only 10 to 15% of our people are active.

QUESTION: What kind of activities are included in REACH OUT FOR LIFE?

WATTS: You name it. Giving Bible studies, conducting Branch Sabbath Schools and Character-Building Schools, establishing Better Living Centers, distributing literature . . .

DAMRON: You know what Damron's going to say—getting Voice of Prophecy enrollments and following up VOP interests . . .

DONATO: And conducting Voice of Youth efforts.

WATTS: We also want to plant new congregations in receptive areas. The least desirable thing we can do is to build up large congregations in existing churches. We envision our people opening up their homes to start branch churches in outlying areas.

QUESTION: That's a big order. How will these plans be implemented?

WATTS: It all starts with the CHURCH EVANGELISM PLANNING COMMITTEE. The pastor meets with his elders, Lay Activities and M.V. and Sabbath School Division leaders, and Sabbath School teachers. They plan the total activities of the church, both long-range and week to week.

QUESTION: How do you get the average church member to become active in the plans?

DAMRON: The Lord's servant has told us to organize the churches "into small bands." A person can get lost in a large church, but not in a small group. Also, he may be afraid to go out alone, but not if his friends go with him.

DONATO: We already have small groups in our churches—the Sabbath School classes. What we propose to do is to make every class an ACTION UNIT, with the teacher as the ACTION LEADER.

WATTS: The Sabbath School teacher is the key person in carrying out the plan. That's why it's so important for the teachers to have a part in the Evangelism Planning Committee. They can help plan work that their members feel comfortable in doing.

QUESTION: Can you explain in a little more detail how the plans are put into operation?

WATTS: All right, let's say that the Evangelism Planning Committee decides to follow up 200 VOP interests. The way we used to do it, the Lay Activities Leader would make an appeal during his 10-minute service, and get a few faithful saints to respond. But now . . .

DAMRON: There's been a revolution in the Lay Activities Department. The 10-minute Lay Activities period is dead. Instead there will be a feature called LAYMEN IN ACTION during the Sabbath School program when the plans for the week will be presented.



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WATTS: So the Lay Activities Leader explains to the whole Sabbath School the plan to visit 200 VOP interests. Then the classes divide, and the teacher tells his class, "We've been assigned to visit 20 people over in such-and-such area. How many of you can come?" Then he works out with them the details of time, meeting place, and transportation.

DONATO: We believe that with this kind of organization, there will be a tremendous upsurge of participation.

QUESTION: Does this take time from the 30-minute lesson period?

WATTS: No, the class period has been extended to 45 minutes to give time for planning and reporting.

QUESTION: Is there any segment of the population you are especially anxious to appeal to in the REACH OUT program?

DONATO: We want to concentrate on the young people. Most of our converts in this Union come from the 15- to 25-year-old group. We especially want to reach young people in secondary schools, college campuses . . .

WATTS: And in the factories, where thousands come pouring out every afternoon.

QUESTION: Do you have any new materials for reaching the youth?

DAMRON: I'll say we do! The WAYOUT literature, designed by the Voice of Prophecy in the United States, has proved very effective in reaching today's youth. We have tested these materials in Singapore and Kuching, and find that they have tremendous impact. The colorful art work and language of the day appeal to them. Our Union has bought \$24,000 worth of this literature to be used in our field. The large color magazine will be sold to our churches for \$8.50 a copy, to be sold or distributed as the church wishes.

DONATO: They sell like hotcakes.

DAMRON: Each magazine will contain a card, inviting the buyer to send in for more WAYOUT literature, free of charge. After the reader has received the six fold-out brochures that are available, he will be invited to continue with the new Light of the World Course on the life of Christ, just now coming off our presses.

WATTS: We want to blanket our Union with these materials, and we fully expect our three offices in Singapore, Bangkok, and Saigon, to be swamped with requests from the unreached youth of Southeast Asia.

QUESTION: Is this REACH OUT program a one-year plan?

WATTS: No, REACH OUT FOR LIFE is here to stay. Our goal is the **total involvement** of the church. When God's people rise to action, fired by the power of the Holy Spirit, His work on earth will soon be finished.



Malaya Mission Session

THE Twelfth Session of the Malaya Mission was held at Port Dickson from February 14-17 at the lovely, breezy Golden Sands retreat overlooking the blue Malacca Straits. As one attended the meetings, a feeling of hope for the soon coming of Jesus could be felt among the 93 delegates present.

There were a number of plans made and actions taken to involve every member of the Malaya Mission in some type of evangelism "Reach Out" during the coming triennium. The members will be hearing more about this in their churches in the coming weeks.

There were three changes in the departmental leadership of the mission. Pastor T. M. Giang was reelected as the Publishing Secretary and Pastor Y. F. Chong as Educational Secretary. Pastor H. P. Lian was elected as the Lay Activities and Sabbath School Secretary and a call was placed for Jonathan Ng to be Missionary Volunteer, Temperance, and Public Relations Secretary. Dr. R. Gan, a dentist at Youngberg Memorial Hospital, was elected as the Medical Secretary.

On Friday evening, three men were ordained to the Gospel ministry: H. P. Lian, newly elected departmental secretary; P. Benjamin, pastor of the Bagan Datoh District; and H. C. Wang, Principal of San Yu High School.

The workers and laymen returned to their homes with a determination that each would do more than ever before to help hasten the soon coming of Christ.

—R. I. Gainer, Treasurer
Southeast Asia Union

H. P. Lian, P. Benjamin, and H. C. Wang, shown with their wives, were ordained to the ministry. Back row: S. F. Chu, T. K. Chong, R. S. Watts, C. H. Damron, Y. F. Chong, and T. M. Giang.



Entering New Territory of Sibü



Pastor Mah Chee Ping

With the coming of Pastor and Mrs. Mah Chee Ping, the dream of entering the new territory of Sibü has at last come to pass. Sibü, the second largest town in the State of Sarawak, is about 150 miles due east of Kuching, where the headquarters of the Mission is located.

Pastor Mah recently graduated from South China Adventist College, Hong Kong, with a Bachelor of Theology degree, and is now doing ground work in Sibü following up the interests of the Voice of Prophecy students in preparation for the "Reach Out For Life" Crusade to be conducted in April by Pastor R. S. Watts, assisted by Pastor Jonathan Ng and Dr. Roger Heald.

With more than 1,000 Voice of Prophecy students in Sibü, the work is very challenging and the outcome is certain to be rewarding. We are thankful that the Lord is blessing the new work in the metropolitan areas of Sarawak Mission. We solicit your prayers for this evangelistic outreach.

—Jonathan Ng, P.R. Secretary
Sarawak Mission

Sowing and Reaping

THREE young men publicly confessed their love of the Lord by baptism on December 9, 1972, at the Kuching S.D.A. Church. They were Lee Ah Sin, Chin Fook Chiung, and Simon Siaw.

Ah Sin and Fook Chiung were greatly influenced by their devoted Christian teachers in their five years of study at Sunny Hill School. Both of them decided to follow the Lord after the Week of Prayer held by Mr. Wong Yew Chong in September.

Simon comes from a Catholic family. He was influenced by dedicated Christians at Ayer Manis School. One of those who spent time planting the seeds of truth in Simon's heart was Brother Leong Shee Kheng, who is now taking a medical course at the University of the Philippines.

The servant of the Lord says: "The seed sowing is (our) work. The propagation of the seed is the Lord's divine work." *Evangelism*, p. 178.

"Many are in the valley of decision, where special, close, and pointed appeals are necessary to move them to lay down the weapons of their warfare and take their position on the Lord's side." *Testimonies*, Vol. I, p. 646.

Let us continue sowing seeds of truth and love until Jesus comes to take us home with Him.

—Phoon Chek Yat



Seated in the front row are Pastor and Mrs. Jonathan Ng, Pastor and Mrs. Paul Nyungga, and Pastor and Mrs. Joseph Sapok.

Ordination in Sarawak Mission

THREE workers were ordained to the gospel ministry on January 5, during the Sarawak Mission Annual Session in Kuching. Officers in attendance were Pastor W. T. Clark, Secretary of the Far Eastern Division; Pastors R. S. Watts, K. T. Kong, R. I. Gainer, and Chester Damron of the Union; and Pastors R. C. Hall, L. E. Keizer, James Maung, and Elam Sinaga of the Mission.

The three candidates were: Pastor Paul Nyungga, Mission Sabbath School, Lay Activities, and M.V. Secretary; Pastor Joseph Sapok, pastor-evangelist of Putah district; and Pastor Jonathan Ng, Pastor of Kuching Church, Mission Evangelist, and Temperance, Public Relations, and Stewardship Secretary.



Simon Siaw, Chin Fook Chiung, and Lee Ah Sin were baptized in Kuching recently.



Bob Jacobs and Paul Nyungga inspect the Pathfinders at the Serian District Rally.

Sarawak Youth Inspired to Action

A YOUTH rally for Adventist young people from seven villages in the Serian District was held on January 30 and 31 at Ayer Manis School. Paul Nyungga, Sarawak Mission M.V. Secretary, led out in the rally, assisted by Union and Division leaders Bernie Donato and Bob Jacobs. Mission pilot Hugh Johnson and Treasurer Peter Wong also gave valuable help.

In memory's album, those who attended have vivid pictures of Pathfinders standing at attention for inspection, Pastor Jacobs challenging the youth to action, and Pastor Donato passing on the flame from his single candle until the whole auditorium was lighted. A spirit of determination to light the corners of Sarawak and to Reach Out For Life was caught by the great army of youth who attended this rally.

From a report by Gloria E. Keizer



Ayer Manis Gets New Principal

PASTOR Clarence Goertzen arrived in Ayer Manis last October to take over the principalship of the school there. He replaced Clifford Ortnor, who spent 8½ years in that position. Pastor Goertzen was joined by his wife in late December.

The Goertzens are natives of Saskatchewan, Canada. Pastor Goertzen graduated from Canadian Union College and took further work at Andrews University. Before coming to Ayer Manis, he taught Bible at Andrews University Junior Academy. Previously, the Goertzens spent over seven years in mission service in Ceylon.

Pastor and Mrs. Goertzen have three daughters. Treva is a freshman at Far Eastern Academy, Lois is a senior at Andrews University, and a married daughter, Lila Tidwell, is living in the United States.

We are happy to welcome this fine family to our field, and we ask God's blessings on their work.



Sabah Advances Under God's Blessings

THE Sabah Mission held its annual committee on January 7 and 8, 1973. Some of the sessions were held in Kota Kinabalu, and others at the mission office in Tamparuli. Due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, the Mission President was unable to attend these meetings. However, Pastor M. Gaban, who has been appointed by the Union to be Acting Chairman of the Sabah Mission Executive Committee and General Secretary of the Sabah Mission, chaired the annual meetings. Besides the regular members of the Sabah Mission Executive Committee, those in attendance were Elder W. T. Clark, Secretary of the Far Eastern Division, and Pastors Watts, Gainer and Kong, President, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, of the Southeast Asia Union Mission.

Though the reports on baptisms are still incomplete, yet already 358 have been reported as baptized during 1972. For the first time in the history of the work in Sabah, the baptized membership went over the 6000 figure during the last quarter of 1972. During this same time the Sabbath School membership went over 8000. There are now 55 organized churches in Sabah, with another 45 companies, making a total of 100 congregations. About 20 companies were organized into churches during 1972. This means that there is about 1 Sabbath School member to every 87½ persons making up the entire population of Sabah, and about 1 out of every 100 of the population is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church today!

Elder Gaban, who for many years has been the Sabbath School and Lay Activities Secretary of the Sabah Mission, reports that during 1972 twenty lamb shelters were built, four jungle chapels, three jungle classrooms, and two church buildings. The estimated value of these buildings would be \$74,000.00. However, with donated labor from our church members, and our own supervision of the construction, the cost actually amounted to only \$23,000.00.



The Puhus-Kapa Church was built and dedicated in 1972 at a cost of \$2750. Half the money was raised by the Mission and half by the church members.

Strong emphasis was placed on increasing the tithe income for the Sabah Mission during 1972. At the beginning of last year, Elder Ginduk Laung was elected as the Stewardship Secretary of the Sabah Mission. The Lord has richly blessed this program. For the first time in the history of the Sabah Mission the tithe went over \$200,000. The actual figure was \$217,735.49. This was a \$42,267.10 increase over the tithe of 1971. Of this figure, it will be interesting to note, \$31,300.89 was an increase from local church tithe, and not from donated or special tithe. Just two examples will show what happened to the tithe income when the stewardship program was initiated in these two churches:

	October	November	December	
Goshen Church	\$594.69	\$808.25	\$1,539.37	(3 Sabbaths)
Kiulu Church	452.25	637.11	1,077.68	

With the establishment of another school in Telupid, the Sabah Mission is now operating 14 church schools, one junior academy at Goshen, and one senior boarding academy at Tamparuli. The enrollment at the senior academy has increased this year to a total of 330 students. The boys' dormitory is full to capacity, with 101 male students. The girls' dormitory could house about 8 more female scholars.

Recently the results of the Form 3 examinations were received. There were 67 students from the senior academy that took the test, with only two failures. This means 97% passed, which is a very fine record, showing the diligence and faithfulness of our dedicated teachers. A large percentage of the baptisms in Sabah come from the church school program of the mission.

The publishing work prospered greatly last year under God's blessing. There were, on the average, but 9 colporteurs reporting each month during 1971. However, in 1972 this number almost trebled, to 25. While a year ago there were about 12 colporteurs, today in Sabah we find more than 40. During 1971 the total sales were about \$90,000. The past 12 months saw \$130,000 in sales. There was also a great increase in missionary activity, with at least six souls reported baptized through contacts made by the literature evangelists in Sabah. The leaders and colporteurs of Sabah are on fire for God. This was revealed when they set their sales' goal for 1973 at \$200,000.

A recent report from Tawau indicates an unusual interest in the truth of God among the Tamil-speaking people of that city. Brother Tommy Golotoh wrote that through contacting one Voice of Prophecy student more than 20 people are now taking studies in Tawau, and in another village there are five more studying each week with him. Surely God has His people scattered everywhere, and we must search them out.

—Wendell L. Wilcox, Former President
Sabah Mission



THAILAND

Thailand Holds First Senior M.V. Camp

NINETY-three happy young people from Thailand and Laos attended the first mission-wide Senior M.V. Camp held at the beautiful Pattaya Baptist Camp, December 4-10.

Under the leadership of Pastors Bernie Donato and Abel Pangan, Union and Mission M.V. Secretaries, the campers were grouped into eight separate units, treating the campers as Pathfinders. Because they were not grouped according to the church or area they came from, the campers at first were a little aloof from each other. However, after they got acquainted with each other at the social program the first evening, warm friendships and close Christian fellowship quickly developed among all of the campers.

Assisting in the camp leadership were Pastor R. E. Bartolome, of the Phuket Church, and Miss R. D. Cavin, of the Ekamai Adventist School, who served as Boys' and Girls' Deputy Directors, respectively.

Pastors Chalaw Artamapadung and Herbert C. Sormin, camp pastors, provided the spiritual food for the campers. Pastor Sormin presented a daily, hour-long Bible study entitled, "Real Happiness Is." Toward the close of his series, he made an altar call in which six young people responded, indicating a desire to be baptized. Two of them were led into an impressive and solemn relationship with Jesus, through baptism by Pastor Donato. The other four decided to be baptized in their respective churches.

Believing in the theory that campers with satisfied stomachs are happy and cooperative campers, Mr. Roger Kopitzki, Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital dietician and camp food service director, saw to it that sufficient wholesome and palatable food was provided for each meal.

Classes in Pathfinder Leadership and Organization were conducted by Pastors Donato, Bartolome, and Pangan. Pastor Boonsong Chinda, of the Ekamai



Pastor B. U. Donato prays with Misses Suthiporn and Adaporn after their baptism.

Church, taught radio to a large class of 30. Mr. Kopitzki had a class in semaphore and Morse code. Pastor Bartolome led in teaching the craft of sawdust figurines.

The spiritual impact on the lives of the campers was strong, as manifested in the absence of disciplinary problems. It was even more strongly felt when Steve Marshall and David Meeker, of the Coon Evangelistic Team, arrived to testify of the wonderful way in which the Lord had led them. They spoke to the campers, giving their stirring message, on Friday night and Sabbath morning.

The depth of the success of the camp could be measured, more or less, in the wishes of the campers that the camp could have been longer. A great number signified their desire to attend the mission-wide Pathfinder Camp at Kow Yai National Park.

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

Sabbath Exam Date Changed by Prayer

OUR new Haad Yai church school faced a crisis recently when the principal discovered from a high source that the dates for the government examinations would be announced for February 22 to 26, including Sabbath. Several times she had received assurances from the local school superintendent that the exams would not be scheduled for Sabbath; but when she asked him about it, he replied that the decision had been made and nothing could be done. The next day the school board met and, decided to go to the provincial capital of Songkhla, about 20 miles away, to talk to the Educational Superintendent for the province. Before they left, they had an earnest season of prayer that God would help them in this undertaking.

At the provincial office, our board members were received in a friendly manner and invited to explain their problem. The Educational Superintendent was very interested and asked many questions. "Are all these students in the tenth grade members of your church?" he asked. Our men were happy to say Yes. Then he revealed that he was the head of the committee for the five provinces that make the decision for the examination dates. He told them that the stencil had been cut and the announcements would be sent out the very next day. Then he went out to talk to one of his assistants and came back with the word, "We have changed the dates so they will not fall on Saturday."

So for eight Seventh-day Adventists, the examination dates were changed for all the schools in five provinces. When we think about it, our hearts overflow with gratitude. We are more than ever convinced that the Lord is interested in our Haad Yai church school.

From a letter by Marcia Van Arsdell

* On Sabbath, January 6, four more students of the Haad Yai church school were baptized by Mission President D. K. Smith.

Seventh-day Adventists Take Over Saigon Army Hospital

THE United States Army Hospital of Saigon (formerly Third Field Hospital) has been leased to the Saigon Seventh-day Adventist Hospital, according to a contract made here January 31 by officials of the hospital and the United States government.

A contract finalizing plans for the take-over was signed in Saigon by the local hospital and the United States government. The effective date is 60 days after the cease-fire agreement between the American and North Vietnamese governments.

The sprawling army complex is located near the Tan Son Nhut airbase and two blocks from a new hospital now under construction by the Adventist denomination.

The contract arranges for a one-year lease by the United States government to the Saigon Adventist Hospital of the property and equipment of the 325-bed army hospital, which will shut down within 60 days of cease-fire. The one-year contract arrangement will be renewable until the new hospital now under construction is completed.

Vernon Small, administrator of the Saigon hospital, says that they plan to begin operations at a 105-bed level at the new facility. He anticipates that in a short time the bed capacity could increase to 150-170. The new hospital now under construction two blocks away provides for 175 beds.

Small reports further that the hospital's School of Nursing will transfer to the new location, where the training program will be improved and the overall program expanded.

The United States government will provide complete maintenance of the hospital property. Also provided will be electricity, water, sewerage, and complete plant central air-conditioning. The estimated value of the services alone approaches a third of a million U.S. dollars.

The United States Army will leave more than one million U.S. dollars' worth of equipment in the hospital for the use of the Adventist hospital. The Adventist hospital will be a general care facility for the Vietnamese population of Saigon, in addition to providing medical care for Americans remaining in the city after the military pulls out. About 40 beds will be made available at all times for American personnel of the United States Embassy, USAID, and other American agencies remaining in Vietnam at the close of the war.

With the transfer of present facilities of the Adventist hospital in Saigon the administration anticipates an expanded medical staff. Some of the present employees of the army hospital will be hired for service in the new facility.

Present in Saigon for the final negotiations and the signing of the contract were officials of the church's regional and world headquarters offices, Loma Linda University School of Medicine, local hospital officers, and government officials.

—D. A. Roth, P.R. Secretary
Far Eastern Division



Vernon Small, right, and a military officer of the old Third Field Hospital look over part of the complex that the Adventist hospital will take over sometime in March.



The administration building of the new Saigon Adventist Hospital.

The old Saigon Hospital will be abandoned and patients and staff will transfer to the new facility sometime in March.



CONTRACT. On Wednesday night, January 31, a contract was signed in Saigon, South Vietnam, which leased the former major medical facility of the United States Army to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Ralph S. Watts, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Saigon Adventist Hospital, and Vernon Small, Administrator of the hospital, signed for the denomination.

