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Christmas is here. May you all have wisdom to make it a precious season. . .As the 25th day of December is observed to commemorate the birth of Christ. . .(although) there is no divine sanctity resting upon (it and) as the children have been instructed by precept and example that this was indeed a day of gladness and rejoicing, you will find it a difficult matter to pass over this period without giving it some attention. It can be made to serve a very good purpose. Let the older church members unite, heart and soul, with their children in this innocent amusement and recreation, in devising ways and means to show true respect to Jesus by

bringing to Him gifts and offering. Jesus, the Majesty of Heaven, laid aside His royalty, left His throne of glory, His high command, and came into our world to bring to fallen man aid divine. He clothed His divinity with humanity, that He might reach to the very depths of human woe and misery, to lift fallen man. By taking upon Himself man's nature, He raised humanity in the scale of moral value with God.—Ellen Gould White, December 9, 1984 The Review & Herald.

**MAY THE SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS OF THIS HOLIDAY SEASON BE YOURS ALL THROUGH THE NEW YEAR FROM THE SAUM MESSENGER TO ALL OUR READERS!**

*NEWSSCOOP! World-renowned for their humanitarian deeds in the disaster areas of the world, Seventh-day Adventists are being rated as one of the finest medical teams in the acute refugee situation on the Thai-Kampuchean border. First SDAs on the scene early in November, and who are fully engaged in the relief work there, were Youngberg hospital's Dr. Al Parchment [Singapore] and a former SAUM worker Dick Hall [US]. Also, on the spot were Dick O'Fill, SDA World Service [Washington, D. C.]; Dr. Russell Standish and John Lee; [Bangkok Adventist Hospital]; Pastors Robert Grady, [Far Eastern Division]; Sunti Sorajakool [Thailand Mission]; and Pastor Mun and Clifton Maberly [Ubon]. Later, a BAH team of doctors and nurses joined medical teams from all over the world who are giving vital life-sustaining aid to these refugees. Loma Linda University [California] has also sent a top medical team to render immediate assistance to the suffering. Southeast Asia appreciated deeply all aid to its refugees and prays the time will come when there won't be any. More news and views of this vast area of human need in the next SAUM MESSENGER.*



*Small children, with bodies ravaged by severe malnutrition, malaria and worms, are among the most pitiful sights at the Thai-Kampuchean refugee camps.*

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## Be Not Forgetful

by  
Pastor Marion Simmons

Bangkok Adventist Hospital Church



As Brother Ulangca was teaching a Sabbath school class in the Ekamai Church, Bangkok, a city of five million people, a lady from Europe slipped into his class. He had never seen her before. She was not a church member—then how did she know about Seventh-day Adventists? Here lies a tale that is true, and almost fantastic.

Irma, was born in Germany but had lived and worked in Glendale, California, where she became acquainted with the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In fact, she bought a home on a mountain overlooking the city and lived there for some years. After her only son, an aircraft mechanic, was killed in an auto accident, she sold her home and returned to Germany, buying a home there and also one in Spain.

One day while she was in Paris, France, she met a Thai lady doctor and her friend. They could not speak French and were having a difficult time getting people to speak English with them. So she offered to help them and later showed them the sights of Paris. Then she took them to Spain and before they parted, the Thai doctor had invited her new found German friend to visit her in Thailand.

And so Irma came! The doctor has a lovely home not far from the city where her European friend was soon settled. The doctor lived in the city with her father, and planned to visit Irma, her German friend, over the weekend. When Saturday arrived, Irma asked the Thai doctor to take her to an Adventist Church. They found the address of the Ekamai Church in the telephone directory and this is how she happened to be in Brother Ulangca's Sabbath school class.

When the class period was over he and his wife went the second mile by inviting Irma to their home for dinner. She gladly accepted the invitation and because of their kindness and hospitality, she stayed with the Ulangcas for a month, enjoying every minute of the time. This dedicated Filipino couple live on the Ekamai school compound and have taught there for 16 years.

Dr. Roda, president of Philippine Union College, came to visit the Ulangcas while Irma was staying with them. He wanted Brother Ulangca to upgrade, get a doctorate and return to PUC as a professor. But where was the money coming from for upgrading?

Their visiting friend heard some of the conversation and said, "Can I help?" Knowing that it had cost a neighbor US\$8,000 for a deposit to go to Andrews University in Michigan to be upgraded, they quoted this amount and wondered how she could help. Besides, it would be more expensive now and Brother Ulangca also would be attending Loma Linda University in California. Undaunted, Irma told them she would

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## From Witchcraft To Christ

Rampaian Lahis is an old woman of 73. She lives in a village called Rungs, which is about 11 miles from the Mission Headquarters in Tamparuli. Rampaian was born into a famous witch doctor family, her mother being a well known witch doctor in her village. At the early age of 7, she began to learn witch craft from her mother and by the time she was 12, she was so good at it that she began to practice on her own and became a very successful witch doctor. By the time she was 14 years old, she was well known to all the people in her village. They called upon her whenever they needed someone to perform witchcraft.

Every year just before the villagers started to clear the jungle to plant their rice padi or any other kind of crops, they would first call her to perform a certain rite to drive the devil away from that place and instead ask their god to bless the land so a bountiful harvest would result.

When the padi was about to bear grain, the farmers again called her to the padi fields to ask their god to protect the grain from all destruction and harm until the harvest was over. Then after the harvest the farmers would call Rampaian for the last time in the year to perform a ritual. She would invoke the "Bambarayon - spirit" to take care of the padi and the people would gather together and have a big feast. They would offer pigs or chickens and strong drinks to the "Bambarayon," asking the evil spirit to look after the padi that was kept in the store.

Often she was called to heal a sick

person in her village and most of the time she could heal them. She could even sometimes cure a person who was at the point of death and was paid for her services according to the generosity of the people.

Her witchcraft paraphernalia included the following:- 1. A stick shaped like a knife which she used to tell fortunes. Whenever she would like to know a certain answer from the evil spirit, she would take out the stick and run her fingers along the sharp surface of the stick. If the answer was positive, her fingers would run smoothly down toward the end of the stick. However, if the answer was negative, her fingers would not move at all no matter how hard she would try.



*Rampaian surrenders her witchcraft to Pastor Lajanin.*

2. The tusk of a leopard acted as a soldier or guard. It protected the witch doctor and her family from harm and evil spirits. They believed the tusk had the power to fight against the enemies or evil spirits which would come to make her sick. As long as the tusk was not broken or cracked, it was believed that it had the power to fight against enemies. But if it *were* cracked, it would lose its power to fight against enemies and would be considered defeated. Then it would be useless. The tusk which Rampaian possessed belonged to her departed witch doctor friend. She took it as a remembrance after her friend died.

3. The fruit of a wild plant was what the witch doctor believed was the dwelling place of the spirit which she worshiped. When ever she



*Rampaian holds stronger power than witchcraft charms.*

needed its help, she would call it from this resting place. After that, it would return to its place again until she called for help again. When Rampaian started to attend our church at Rungus last year, a very strange thing happened to her one night while she was fast asleep. The evil spirit possessed her and she began to talk as if she were performing the witchcraft ritual. The devil told her that he felt very sad because she was trying to go away from him to join the Adventist Church. The devil said he would prefer to have her join her second daughter and attend the Basel Church where he could still make use of her. When the people who lived with her told her in the morning what had happened, Rampaian said she remembered nothing.

So the more Rampaian learned about God's truth, the more interested she became till she decided to quit her witchcraft and follow *Jesus all the way*. She realized now that she had been serving a false god and had wasted all her fruitful years. Though advanced in age, she would give her remaining years to the Lord. So after attending a series of meetings conducted by Pastor Sambuling Lajanin, she was Baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in June, 1979. She is happier now than when she was a witch doctor because she now has the hope of eternal life when our Lord Jesus comes the second time! —*Pastor Sambuling Lajanin*



## The Littlest Big Evangelist

Standing 4 feet 8½ inches tall Jaulin Galung is one of Sarawak's outstanding evangelists. Planting the church in new areas is the constant goal of the mission and most of the Sarawak pastors have developed "church planting eyes" and ideas!

Jaulin, a veteran worker, has a special gift for opening new work. Not that he always conducts the evangelistic meetings but he prepares the way for them. Last year he



*Mighty worker Jaulin Galung.*

kept talking about a place called Bijat until finally an evangelistic team was sent in for meetings. The response was so tremendous that now after three more crusades, a double-size jungle chapel, a lambshelter and pastor's quarters are being built there.

Next Jaulin turned his attention to a palm oil scheme at Marindun. Two evangelistic meetings have already been conducted there and many persons are preparing for baptism. —  
*Paul Dixon*



*Jaulin with friends.*



*T. E. E. students Joebenny Keli [with guitar] with Matt and Jenny Bandan provide sweet gospel music for Iban Longhouse children.*

## TEE Students Report

Matthew and Jennie Bandan-third year TEE Students, stationed at Kapit Center report: "There are 96 students who are taking the Voice of Prophecy Lessons regularly. About half of them come to Friday night meetings and about fifteen of them attend church services. Aside from enrolling students and the public in taking the VOP Lessons a Pathfinder Club was organized and a Pathfinder Camp for the youth at Pulau Wun, Balleh."

Pastor Joebenny Keli, resident pastor of Luau and also a third year TEE student reports: "The good news of salvation was preached in Julau district for only three years. Since then, there is much progress in the work. There are two churches built, five branch sabbath schools and a Pathfinder Club organized. The secret of success in doing God's work is careful planning and organized projects, seasoned with blessing from God." — *Bill Cochran*



*Pastor Bill Cochran, Joyce and little Tracy & Andrew.*

## Carried With Christ

"But how can I walk with Christ? Look at my legs sir." My eyes looked from the handsome face set upon a thick strong neck down to his strong arms and torso, and stopped short as I struggled to hold back a gasp, at two pitifully withered legs and feet.

Pastor Banyie had just given a rousing invitation to walk in the newness of Christ's life at the conclusion of his Friday night sermon. Sinyau was tapping me on the shoulder and was asking this question.

This was the beginning of our week-end Star Association meeting in Sejjag village in the Tebadu district. Our objective for the week-end was to strengthen and encourage the church in their Adventist heritage and encourage them to have a closer walk with Christ each day so as to be effective soul winners.

At the close of the meeting, Sinyau grabbed onto me before I could rise from my seat and asked, "Will You please baptize me tomorrow?" He had a pleading look on his face. "I can't walk like you, but I love the Lord just as much and I want to be baptized."

Sinyau went on to tell of his early years. As a young boy he ran and played with the other boys in the kampong. He was "happy-go-lucky" and didn't have a care in the world. He started school and proved to be a brilliant student. During his second year of primary school however, he was struck down with polio. This left him paralyzed from his waist down. He explained how his father or friends have to carry him everywhere he goes now.

"So you see", he added "I don't walk with my father and friends, but I am carried by them. Without their

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## Two Tribal Churches— A Triumph For Christianity

The Mae Sariang church and the Ban Mai Pattana church were organized as the 15th and 16th official churches of the Thailand Mission on the first two Sabbaths of July with Pastor Sunti Sorajjakool, Thailand Mission President, leading out on that happy occasion of Christianity's triumph.

The Mae Sariang church is the center for the Sgaw Karen work in that area. It was organized with 80 charter members and Pastor Aw Gaw Paul is their church pastor.

At the same time the just-completed Mae Sariang Church building was also dedicated and can seat as many as 200 people. It will not only serve its own members, but will also be a place for larger meetings to include all the Karen members in the mountains.

Exactly one week later on July 14, the members at Ban Mai Pattana were organized into the first Maew church in Thailand. It has 45 members, most of whom are relatives, a fact which points out the importance of working through family units in fostering church growth.



Pastor Sunti cuts the ribbon assisted by Pastors Pu Thanu and Aw Gaw Paul.

Pastor Srijan Saeyang is currently the pastor of this church. Let us remember these two "infant" churches in our daily requests for Divine blessings.—*Dennis Tidwell*

## Visting SDA Refugees

Twilight dimmed to darkness as I sat talking with Pastor Seng on the floor of his home beside the Mekong River. A few kerosene lamps flickered across the water from the opposite shore, desperately trying to drive back the blackness that had settled over the small Laotian town of Huay Sai. Suddenly, automatic rifle fire cracked the stillness as someone not more than 100 meters downstream dashed off several rounds. The echo snapped quickly back from the hills on the Lao side. My host calmly told me that it was probably just a Thai border guard firing off a few warning shots to discourage would-be refugees from

fleeing Laos into Thailand under cover of darkness.

But many do succeed in eluding border patrols and crossing over into Thailand, as our visit to the Refugee Camp the following Sabbath afternoon revealed. There, thousands of refugees from several tribal groups subsist while waiting and hoping to be permitted to emigrate to the United States or some other benevolent nation. Some have been waiting for nearly four years.

Our Adventist believers quickly gathered in their newly built church as word of our arrival spread. The service that followed was one of the first in the new structure that the members had built only days before. Thailand Mission had allowed them to use the lumber from a nearby church that had fallen into disuse. With little to occupy themselves in the camp, a group of them razed the old church, transported it to the camp, and had it rebuilt in record time. The old bamboo and grass-thatch structure they had been worshipping in now serves as a Lamb Shelter for the children's meetings.

The church elder proudly showed us the church roll. There were 57 baptized members and 144 Sabbath School members. The majority of these came from the Maew village of Nam Yawn in Laos, while the rest have been baptized since coming

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New Mae Sariang church.



New Ban Mai Pattan church

# FIRST KOREN CAMPMEETING IN 30 YEARS

The last weekend in October was a most memorable event for many peace-loving tribal people on the western border between Thailand and Burma. The "brain-child" of such Christian stalwarts as Pastor Pu Thamu (of Eric B. Hare's Burma tales) and Aw Hsa, this first joyous Karen Campmeeting in over 30 years indeed rekindled the warm glow of Christian fellowship for all. Since World War 2 and its resultant political upheaval in Burma, our Burma and Thailand-border believers had lost touch with fellow Adventists around the world and this was the opportune occasion to regain that wonderful contact of spiritual fellowship and encouragement.

Acting as the liaison agent between the tribal Adventists and the Southeast Asia Union Mission was Pastor Dennis Tidwell and his wife Lila, based in Thailand's former northern capital of Chiang Mai. Representing SAUM was its President, Robert Heisler, from Singapore; the Thailand Mission President, Sunti Sorajjakool from Bangkok, and two Landrovers full of supplies and eager visitors and participants in the 4-day spiritual festivities. Drs. Steve and Nancy Bassham and dorm. deans, Wayne Hamra and Sabrina James came from Chiang Mai Adventist Academy. Student missionary

Peggy King hailed from Haadyai English Language School and Dr. Alwin Parchment and wife Jill from Youngberg Adventist Hospital in Singapore. Faithful Karen believers of all ages converged on the area by bus, boat and on foot, and exhilarating were their testimonies and talented musical renditions. It was a perfect spot too, for a campmeeting, a verdant plateau cradled by saw-toothed hills with a rushing mountain river below. The campers are indebted to the Karen general and his border patrols for their protection and use of their high-built spacious



*Loading up the Landrovers.*



*Motor trouble again?*



*A leading Karen, Aw Hsu*



*Burmese leader, Sandy Dee (right), wife, Bro. Pu Thamu and Lila*



*Speeding to meetings.*



*Accommodations*



*Enjoying campmeeting are (from right,) Wayne Hamra; Pas. Sunti, Jill Parchment, Pas. Bob Heisler, Drs. Steve & Nancy Bassham, Peggy King, Sabrina James, Lila & Dennis Tidwell and sons.*



*Faithfull Burmese believers.*



*The Aw Gaw Paul family & father.*



chapel, living quarters and meals. Over 400 Christians (Adventists and Baptists) many more than were expected, kept our esteemed Bur-

mese leaders, Pu Thamu and Aw Hsa foraging the whole area for more rice, fruit, and vegetables to feed everyone.

Gratitude also is due the local villages which donated over 15,000 Baht (S\$1,500) towards food and fuel (boats) expenses for the 4-day campmeeting. The good Lord is



*Karen chapels are built higher than homes.*



*The Karen general (center) and his cabinet ministers.*



*Karen cuisine was enjoyed by Steve Bassham and others.*



*Sage P. P. Emma enjoys people.*



*Most musical of Southeast Asia's singers are the Karens.*

greatly to be praised for watching over our Burmese and Karen believers who often face border situations that threaten life and limb. It was providential also that the last car to leave the camp with Pastor Sunti, the 4 Tidwells, Dr. Parchment and Peggy King narrowly missed by 5 minutes, a gang of plundering border bandits who had just stripped

four carloads of other people that had preceded them, of everything of value on the road back to Chiang Mai.

The Karen Campmeeting brought such spiritual and social enrichment to everyone that many asked if further sessions could be planned for *within the next couple of years*. We trust SAUM will not let another 30 years slip by before the tribal Adventists can meet again. Says the wiseman, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings . . . that publisheth salvation." (Isa. 52:7)—*J. W. P.*



*Guitars and a piano-accordion provided the musical background.*



*A great team, Aw Gaw Paul interprets for Pastor Sunti.*



*Among the speakers were: Awlin & Jill Parchment,*



*Bob Heisler,*



*and Steve Bassham.*



*Medical/Dental clinics were run by Dr. Parchment and Dennis Tidwell.*

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into the refugee camp. The membership was likely to drop in a few weeks, though, as 15 members expected to receive permission to leave for the United States. Five SDA families had already left.

I had brought along bread and grape juice so that the refugees could share the Lord's Supper together. It had been years since most of them had last celebrated this event. For those who had been baptized in the camp it was their first opportunity. (It was also my first time to lead out in the ordinances.) The anticipation and enthusiasm with which they entered into the service was thrilling to watch.



Communion Service foot-washing—Maew style.

They washed each other's feet right up to the knees!

Never before had I heard such a large congregation of Maew people singing hymns together. A few hymnbooks were scattered around the room, but it was obvious they all knew the words by heart as they sang verse after verse. Singing in unison they sang slowly but with certainty and confidence. What



Karen refugees on Thailand's western border.

experiences had they been through that could give them such assurance and hope in God?

As I talked with these refugees who own little more than the clothes they were wearing and who have no country to call home, I was struck with the thought that I also was a refugee. Christians throughout the world are refugees. Though we may not be "stateless" or live behind barbed wire, or continually wonder where we will find food for tomorrow, we are refugees. Like our spiritual father Abraham, we are living on "foreign soil" while we look forward to inhabiting a better land "whose builder and maker is God".—*Dennis Tidwell*

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help, I can do nothing." I smiled as I thought of the spiritual implications of this message. Then with a huge smile spreading across his face, Sinyau exclaimed, "I can't walk with Christ, but I can be carried by Him!"

Sabbath afternoon the riverbank was crowded with the village people, both Christian and non-Christian. Word had spread that Sinyau, the cripple, was to be buried with Christ in baptism and would rise up in newness of life to be carried by Christ.

Gently, Pastor Banyie and I lowered Sinyau into the cool mountain stream. As we lifted Sinyau out of the water and sat him on the river bank, tears were streaming down his face. He grabbed my hand and in a voice full of emotion said, "Thank you. I'm safe and secure because I'm leaning on Jesus. He carries me through temptation and trouble"—*Bill Cochran*

## BE NOT ← 2

give up to US\$10,000! But the story doesn't end here. When the Ulangcas enquired from the Far Eastern Division Department of Education about the cost, they were told it would be US\$14,000!! Before Irma



With Mr. & Mrs. Ulangca are son Ramon, Jr., Lila and little Rodney.

left for Germany, she knew how much money would be required.

Arriving home in July she wrote a letter to her Filipino friends at Eka-mai, stating she had sent the Far Eastern Division in Singapore a deposit of over US\$14,000. Later, a telephone call from Dr. Edwards, in the Department of Education F.E.D., Singapore assured Brother Ulangca the money had been received. Both he and his wife know this is just an answer to prayer that they might be of greater service to God and His work.

How true is the statement, "God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform." And true too are the words of Paul,— "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Hebrews 13:2)



A foremost founder of the Malay Dunman Road SDA Church was the late Mr. Chew Ten Chee.

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# SAUM HOSPITAL NEWS



Dr. Lim Chong Eu

## Thailand Chaplains Meet

Adventist Hospital chaplains in Thailand met in September for their 5th annual workshop at Bangkok Adventist Hospital. Six chaplains attended the workshop; four from BAH and, one each from Phuket & Haadyai Mission Hospitals.

Workshop topics included "Objective of Hospital Chaplaincy", "Problems of Grief", "The Hospital Chaplain's Use of Time" and "Ministering to Surgical Patients". Over the weekend the participants went to a seaside camp for the study of the Bible. The book of Job, together with other passages from the Bible, was studied under the heading "The Problem of Pain and Suffering" and how hospital chaplains can help bring comfort and relief at such times.

Since its beginning five years ago, these workshops have served their purpose in providing professional training and dynamic interaction among fellow chaplains in Thailand. Hence the quality of spiritual care and genuine concern in the three hospitals has markedly improved. — *John K. Lee, Chaplain, BAH*



Pastor Peterson speaks to PAH's Susie Mong.

Dr. Teresa L. Ajuilar from Bacolod Sanitarium & Hospital spent a month in PAH observing Dr. Effie Jean Ketting, head of the Obstetrics & Gynecology Department perform laparoscopic cases. Dr. Teresa re-



Dr. Teresa

ceived her medical training at the Manila Central University and has worked in Bacolod Sanitarium & Hospital for 10 years where she is chief of staff. Bacolod will soon acquire a laparoscopy set which Dr. Teresa will then put to good use.



Dr. Effie Jean

Communications director Pastor A. M. Peterson of the Southern Asia Division visited Penang Adventist Hospital recently. *Radio Malaysia's* director personally conducted Pastor Peterson and staff of PAH on a guided tour of the studio's broadcasting facilities. Pastor Peterson has his own radio program and broadcasts each week in Poona, for the Southern Asia Division.

## PAH Praised By Government

Penang Adventist Hospital was highly praised by the Penang State Government for its voluntary service activities carried out in the interests of the public.

In praising the hospital for setting up a Health Education Department, the Chief Minister, Dr. Lim Chong Eu said, "The Services were extended to public institutions, such as schools, clubs, and associations, on a voluntary basis. *This is a very noble thing for a private hospital to do*".

The Chief Minister's speech was read out by the State Senior Executive Councillor Mr. T. Subbiah, at the official opening of "KNOWING YOUR CHILD" exhibition jointly organised by the Penang Adventist Hospital's Health Education Department and the Penang Pearl Jaycees in July.

Dr. Lim Chong Eu reaffirmed that the Government on its part will continue to implement programmes of socio-economic development as envisaged by the National Economic Policy of Malaysia. — *S. Vellu*



T. Subbiah center with Dr. Sam Ketting.



Penang Adventist Hospital personnel are rewarded for their community services by obeying their Lord's example of "doing good and healing . . ."



Youngberg Adventist Hospital recently feted several medical staff in the form of Dr. Jack Hay, the new Administrator/Medical Director and Dr. Carlos Turner, a urologist. The wives, Gertrude Hay and Betty Turner, both nurses, are giving of their charming selves, Trudy at the hospital and Betty at the Voice of Prophecy office. The Hays have spent 20 years in the wilds of the African continent where their four children, now grown, were born. The Turners have eight grown children, seven of whom are adoptions from various ethnic groups. We wish both families the Lord's abundant blessings in all their selfless endeavors for Him.



YAH's Albert Khor promotes a recent Five-day Plan to stop smoking with the aid of Youngberg doctors.



Top from right Trudy and Jack Hay, Jack and Betty Turner. Below SAUC's Samuel Teo, MPH, lectured on the evils of intemperance at several institutions before leaving SAUM.



YAH's Dr. Margaret Biggs is esteemed and loved by all. Right, Mrs. Irene McEachren, Pastor Calvin and Virginia Smith with her sister Dr. JoAnn Hoffer who visited SAUM this year.

## "Faith For A Finished Work"

September 1979, was a special in the lives of the literature evangelists in the Southeast Asia Union Mission. They came from the four Missions, Sabah, Sarawak, West Malaysia-Singapore and Thailand to attend the Union-wide Literature Evangelists Institute held in Port Dickson, West Malaysia.

It was a time of spiritual refreshment. Each had been faithfully obeying the Master's commission, "Go ye into all the world", Mark 16:15. But now, the Master was calling again, "Come apart and rest" (Mark 6:31).

At the opening meeting, the literature evangelists were welcomed by a taped message from Elder Neal Wilson, president of the General Conference. He challenged the literature evangelists to greater dedication and said, "We can never be satisfied with the achievements of the past. God's plan is that we shall march forward and with increasing success, meet the heavenly design of a finished work."

Elder Wilson also counseled the delegates to "Begin each new day with the assurance that if there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting God's truth-filled literature before the people."

Among the 77 individuals attending the Institute were: Ray Ammon, Publishing Director of SAUM; E. A. Brodeur, Publishing Director of the Far Eastern Division; T. K. Chong, President of WMSM; Winnie Elorta, Assistant Publishing Director of





SAUM's Literature Evangelists meet and greet at a retreat.



Joe Hunt



Chian Fong Ying



Lim San Hoe

SAUM; R. L. Heisler, President of SAUM; Joe Hunt, Associate Publishing Director of the General Conference; Lim San Hoe, Manager of Southeast Asia Publishing House; Calvin Smith, Lay Activities Director, SAUM; James Thurmon, President of the Sabah Mission; Edwin Timple, Manager of Thailand Publishing House; M. H. Wauran, Assistant Publishing Director of the FED; and Wu Chook Ying, Secretary of SAUM.

Another reason this Institute was special was the fact that Elder Joe Hunt, Associate Publishing Director of the General Conference, was able to attend. His inspiring devotional message, combined with his enthusiastic sales instruction was appreciated by all.

Madam Chian Fong Ying, literature evangelist of Singapore commented: "I was happy to meet my old friends at the Institute and share our testimonies with each other. My faith was strengthened when I listened to the experiences of other fellow literature evangelists. When I saw new colporteurs attending the

Institute, my heart was warmed that there were others who would take my place as I was growing old. Elder Joe Hunt's sales instructions were very inspiring and I enjoyed the experiences he told which I never had heard before."

Gan Giap Lee of Singapore related how through the Institute, he was convicted to give himself wholly to God:

"During the second night, my heart seemed to be pierced by a needle as I realized that I did not do my work as it should be done. I have been holding onto two types of jobs: a literature evangelist by day and a taxi driver by night. I prayed, seeking God's forgiveness and for the power of God to enable me to do God's work faithfully. I determined by the grace of God to stop working as a taxi driver and to spend more time during the night in studying God's words and reading the Spirit of Prophecy books."

Among the numerous highlights, were the award presentations.

Madam Chian Fong Ying of WMSM for the highest literature

sales for ladies in 1978 of \$51,548.00; Lim Gim Chew also of WMSM for the highest literature sales for men in 1978 of \$51,975.00.

The West Malaysia-Singapore Mission had the highest literature sales for any mission in the SAUM, of \$609,693.00. The Sabah Mission had the highest percentage of gain in literature sales for one year, a 32.39% increase over the previous year.

Elder Wilson's closing words to the literature evangelists were, "Set a prayer objective for yourself. Set a prayer objective for the Union. Let us attempt some things where *faith* will be necessary. Let the Holy spirit and the satisfaction of *souls reached and saved*, be the incentive . . . this is what God would expect of those who have committed their lives to the literature ministry."

For those who are interested in this sacred ministry, write: Publishing Department, Southeast Asia Union Mission, 251, Upper Serangoon Road, Singapore 1334—Ray Ammon, SAUM Publishing Director

## Youth Baptism Day Totals 443

On Sabbath, September 22, I was at Ayer Manis School, Sarawak Mission, and praised God for the 77 precious souls who were baptized that morning, all young people except for 2 adults. 4 of us, Bill Cochran, Calvin Smith, David Ngali and I, performed the baptism at the lovely pool of the school witnessed by hundreds of our believers who



Youth Day Baptisms with Bernie Donato.

came from the surrounding churches.

That day, all over the Union, mass baptisms were being conducted. This is the result of the project that we approved at the start of the year. For some time before our Union President, Robert L. Heisler, was talking about the possibility of having a union-wide mass baptism day. Considering this possibility one morning, I decided to implement the idea. Knowing that every year there are two Sabbaths set aside for youth emphasis, one in March and the other in September, I thought these two dates could also be utilized as Union-wide youth mass baptism days.

Now we have seen part of the results, and I look forward to getting a fuller report from our mission youth directors soon. To date 443 accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and were baptized that day. Indeed, God be praised for what has been wrought.

May I thank all our mission leaders and youth directors, all our pastors, school administrators and teachers, young people and the Pathfinders, for making this project a success this year. Let us all pray that bigger results will be seen in the years ahead as we continue to implement this program. Let us look forward to having another youth mass baptism day during our Adventist Youth Day next March, 1980.—Bernie Donato, SAUM Youth Director



## SAUC Family Assists In Sarawak Village Crusade

For three years Doug and Sherry Anthes from Southeast Asia Union College had looked forward to seeing a little more of the primitive side of missionary life. In June they got their chance. Their whole family joined Paull and Becky Dixon's family for a week's evangelistic meetings in the village of Patag.

Doug Anthes conducted a village style "stop smoking" clinic and Sherry and Becky led out in a Vacation Bible School which was attended by more than 50 children.

The evangelistic meetings were the first opening that had ever come in this heathen village which has been resistant to the gospel for more than 50 years. There continues to be much prejudice on the part of those who feel that the village should hold to the old customs and spirit worship. June is the time of the Gawai, or harvest festival. The sound of gongs, drums, and old women chanting prayers to the devil contrasted sharply with the lively song service conducted by veteran worker Pastor Maung who translated for the meetings and is now doing the follow-up work.

Two families with four small



Doug's "Stop Smoking" clinic is "okay!"

children living in a one room house, cooking over an open hearth, visiting from home to home, treating the sick, preparing for meetings, and climbing up-up-up the steep hillside from the river took more than a little energy and adjustment. As the Antheses headed back to Singapore, Sherry, a nurse, expressed the feelings of all when she said, "I am glad to be going home, but these village people seemed to appreciate our coming so much, that I feel we have really accomplished something here!" God bless them and these endeavors for Him.



Sherry in Sarawak.



SAUM's visitors: Daniel & Maggie Tan with Dr. Mary Wong (right).



Advent Singers in concert. Missed now are Matthew Hutabarat [center], Helen Thia, Serena Gui & Londa Edwards (3rd, 5th, 6th from left).



SDA School's cultural show.