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## TARGET 80



**TELL SOUTHEAST ASIA . . . . NOW!**

# It's All Part Of THE GREAT



Peter



Florence



Mark



Marlin

## Selamat Datang (Welcome)

### PETER WONG

A couple of months ago a vacancy arose in the Union office when our auditor, Edmund Ho, was asked to transfer to the Division Treasury Department. The Southeast Asia Union recommended the name of Peter Wong to fill this vacancy.

Peter has had a number of years experience in both teaching and administrative work. He started his ministry by teaching in Sabah for four years. From Sabah he was called to be business-manager of Ayer Manis School in Sarawak. Peter was then appointed secretary-treasurer for the Sarawak Mission, a post he held for two years. It was back to Sabah again for Peter where he served for the past six years as treasurer and secretary-treasurer.

Peter and his wife, Florence have two sons, Mark (9), Marlin (7), and a daughter, Mae Lynn (7 months). We want to welcome them to Singapore and to the Southeast Asia Union Mission. We pray for the Lord's blessing upon them as a family and upon Peter as he begins his new work as union auditor.—*Marshall Chase*



Mae Lyn



Jonathan Ng family

### JONATHAN NG

Speculation and name-guessing as to who would take Bernie Donato's place as SAUM youth, Sabbath school, and temperance director was the "theme" everyday in the union office. After waiting two and a half months for an answer, it finally came on July 15—Jonathan Ng!

Jonathan entered denominational work in 1966, holding various posts in the West Malaysia-Singapore and Sarawak missions. He has a wide range of experience from mission departmental director to dean of men, teacher, and church pastor. He graduated from Philippine Union College with a Masters in theology in 1977. Just prior to this appointment, he served as dean of men at Southeast Asia Union College.

Jonathan and his wife, Doreen, have a son, Joseph (10). Doreen is presently the acting dean of women at the College.

We are glad to have the Ngs as part of the Union family and wish them the Lord's guidance and blessings as they join us in His service.—*Lucy Ho*



# ADVENT MOVEMENT



Bernie



Esther



Miven



Eden

## Selamat Jalan (Farewell)



Sharon

### B. U. DONATO

On Wednesday, April 23, 1980, Pastor B. U. Donato was elected Youth Director of the Far Eastern Division at the fifty-third session of the General Conference in Dallas, Texas. Among the present union officers and departmental directors, Pastor Donato holds the distinction of having the longest service in our union. Prior to his call as youth director of our Union, he was Sabbath School director of the South Philippines Union Mission. Arriving in Singapore in May 1971, Pastor Donato has since worked with three union presidents, three union secretaries, and three union treasurers.

Soon after he arrived in Singapore, Pastor Donato was appointed also director of the temperance and public relations (communication) departments. In the middle of 1978, when Pastor Robert Heisler, then the union Sabbath school and lay activities, was appointed president of the union, Pastor Donato was requested to take over the Sabbath school department.

Musically talented, always cheerful and wearing a smile, Pastor Donato is well liked by the young people around our union. He has also received frequent requests for services from the field. While we shall miss him in our union office, we pray that God will continue to guide and bless Pastor Donato and his family as he is called to a wider field of service for the Lord. — C. Y. Wu

### THE DIXONS

After a stay of six and a half years in Sarawak, Paul Dixon and family left on permanent return to the United States. His wife, Becky, and daughters, Kim (10), and Dori (7) have been constant sources of missionary zeal in the Sarawak Mission for years.

Paul arrived in Sarawak on January 9, 1975 as mission pilot. Barely six months after his arrival, he was "appointed" temperance director, dentist, doctor, and a host of others. In May 1976, he was made acting president, and a year later when it was confirmed that Bruce Johnston could not re-enter Sarawak, Paul was appointed president.

Paul was instrumental in initiating the Theological Education by Extension (for district pastors to earn extension credits) and the Health Education programs.

Sarawak may have lost its president and leader but has gained the inspiration and the "never-give-up" attitude of Paul Dixon. It will be a long time before Sarawak has a president who flies a plane, drives, rides in buses and boats, and walks the jungle trails. — Geoffrey Pauner



Dixon family





## THAILAND

### Festival of Faith



*Pastor R. E. Bartolome, Youth Director of Thailand SDA Mission, welcoming all delegates at the opening night*

"I'll share my faith with others on life's way." The theme song of the first Festival of Faith held in the Far Eastern Division after Baguio rang through the beautiful teakwood church at Chiangmai Academy, Mae Tang, Thailand, which was organized by Pastor R. E. Bartolome, Youth Director of Thailand Mission. Two hundred seventy delegates from all over Thailand gathered March 21—25 to learn various ways of sharing their faith. "Make Him Known—Ye are My Witnesses" was the theme of the Festival. Academy students doubled up to make room for guests and classrooms were turned into bedrooms.

Pastor Bernie Donato set the tone for the Festival in his keynote address Friday evening by discussing how to make friends. Sabbath morning in the Divine Service he told how Daniel developed his talents and met the various crises in his life. Dr. Steve Bassham baptized eight in the beautiful cross-shaped baptismal pool filled by a man-made waterfall. In the afternoon after branch Sabbath Schools, one Master Guide, one Guide, one Explorer, and three Friends were invested. Marching, games and songs filled Saturday evening.

The Sunday morning devotional talk of Dr. Steve Bassham illustrated how far reaching a person's influence can be and challenged us to make our influence count for good.

Each morning from 9:30 to 11:30 the delegates divided into eight groups for the various classes that were held as follows:

1. Pastor Bernie Donato—Temperance Outreach
2. Pastor R. E. Bartolome—Voice of Youth Evangelism
3. Pastor Chalaw Artamapadung—Christian Music
4. Dr. Steve Bassham—School and Church Witnessing
5. Pastor Somsak Songput—Branch Sabbath School Evangelism.
6. Dr. Nancy Bassham—Family Life
7. Mrs. Amporn—How To Give Bible Studies
8. Pastor Rayburn Smith—Literature Evangelism

Sunday evening Pastor Chalaw gave us examples from the Bible of how people stood true to Jesus amid persecution and challenged the delegates to do likewise.

Pastor Donato took the Monday morning devotional showing how God can use humble people to do great things. Dr. Steve Bassham told us how to be successful on Monday evening with four simple rules:

1. Dream. 2. Stick to it. 3. Be diligent.
4. Ask for Divine help.



*Pastor Steve Bassham baptized eight during the Festival of Faith.*

Pastor Rayburn Smith told the story of the first colporteur and how he himself entered the colporteur work.

In the last meeting Pastor Bartolome challenged us to let our light shine, to Make Him Known, since we are His Witnesses. The church glowed in the lighted candles.

Sunday and Monday afternoons the delegates spread out to nearby villages, putting into practice what they had learned. One hundred ten portions of the Bible were sold to non-Christians, and many people enrolled in the Way of Life Course. Tuesday afternoon was another fun-filled game time.

Each church planned beautiful music, inspiring personal testimonies, and memorized Bible texts.

Many thanks to the Chiangmai Academy and Tribal Center for housing and feeding the delegates so admirably, and to the leaders who planned so carefully to make the Festival a success. May the work in Thailand progress rapidly as a result.  
—Myrtle Fitzgerald



*270 delegates who attended the first Festival of Faith.*





## SABAH



*One-to-one-witnessing*

### "Step to Eternal Life Crusade"

It was a grand day for the Tawau church when seven precious souls were baptized at the end of a twenty-night "Step to Eternal Life Crusade." We praise the Lord for divine power and the efforts of our six literature evangelists and Pastor Tommy Golotoh. We had the church filled every night with people hungry for the truth. One of the seven has even signed up to join the literature ministry.

Again, we want to say "Praise the Lord!" — *Tommy Golotoh, Tawau Church Pastor*



*Pastor Tommy Golotoh (center) with the seven baptismal candidates*

### Witnessing Pays

On April 7, 1980, the Mosolog Church had its first witnessing program and Mrs. Mianis Mojinau and the others in the church were anxious to get started. They visited a family who was very pleased that they came. They had been longing to hear more about the second coming of Jesus and were even planning to attend Sabbath School. The wife, Mainag then related her husband's dream which he had one week before their visit. In the dream her husband, Benson, heard a voice from above, saying, "Oh, Benson, you must get ready for the coming of the Lord which is very near." As these words were spoken, there was a bright light surrounding the area, and suddenly he saw a ladder being lowered. With it came a piece of white cloth and a Bible which landed at the bottom of the ladder.

Benson awoke suddenly and related his dream to Mainag. They both felt convinced that God had given him the message and they are attending church now and proclaiming the good news. — *Mianis Mojinau*



### Youth Leadership Seminar

One hundred and thirty six leaders representing some hundred churches and companies in Sabah attended the first Sabah-wide Youth Leadership Seminar at Camp Belia Dantai led by Joseph Thia, Mission Youth Director.

Unlike the leader craft course that is regularly conducted as part of the Master Guide requirements, this seminar took on a new perspective with greater emphasis towards the needs of the youth in Sabah. In view of this, three vital topics were presented during the three-day seminar: The Concept of Youth Ministry; The-dimensional Youth Leadership; and Youth Evangelism.

The youth leaders were divided into eight different groups with its own group leaders, who would direct the group in discussions, problem-solving, decision-making, plannings, and brain-storming. This helped keep the group members active and personally involved as they saw problems and opportunities related to their own local church setting.

On Sabbath morning, Pastor James Thurmon, mission president, gave the keynote address—"Youth—Our Priceless Investment". The challenge came home to the hearts of the youth leaders as each saw the potential of the youth in his own church and how much there is to be accomplished through them.

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## W. MALAYSIA- SINGAPORE

### For Such Is The Kingdom Of Heaven . . .



*Fifty-six precious jewels for Jesus from Queenstown*

Fifty-six children from the Queenstown neighborhood in Singapore attended the graduation program which climaxed the seven-day Vacation Bible School during the June holidays. Out of these fifty-six boys and girls of different racial backgrounds, thirty-two graduated with certificates showing that they have attended at least four of the seven morning meetings. The meetings were conducted in the five-year old bungalow-house church in the high-rise community of Queenstown.

This program was carefully planned by the church leaders in consultation with Mrs. Anita Heisler, SAUM Child Evangelism director. It was a first time experience for many of the leaders as they planned the songs, stories, and crafts.

The leaders prepared materials for about sixty children and it was a disappointment to them when only twelve children came on the first day. However, they were not disheartened. They believed the best advertisement for the VBS would be these twelve enthusiastic children who were encouraged to invite their friends. The "twelve little disciples" did not fail them. On the second day,



*"I'm here even though I got up late!" says a little boy from Kopistan.*

there were twenty-three eager and happy children—almost double the amount! The number grew and by the fourth day, they had thirty-eight. The usual weekly SS attendance of the Queenstown Cradle Roll/Kindergarten and Primary/Junior division is six and four respectively, so these teachers were overwhelmed.

On the fifth day, the attendance dropped to twenty-nine and the teachers were concerned about the missing nine. They visited the children and encouraged them to return. It was a joy to see forty the next day! But the greatest joy came on Sabbath morning when fifty-six came bright and early. Some even

"I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back!" What joy it brings to our hearts when we hear the children sing this song every Sabbath morning! How angels of heaven must have rejoiced to see these young and tender hearts respond to the Saviour's voice.

Yes, this is the result of the Vacation Bible School that was conducted in Kopistan. Kopistan is a quiet settlement in Ipoh surrounded by green vegetable farms, lakes, and lofty hills.

There was an average attendance of thirty children with some mothers and grandmothers who came out of curiosity. Now there are twenty-five children attending the Branch Sabbath School each Sabbath morning, promising brighter days for the gospel evangelism in Kopistan.—  
*Meena Govindasamy*



*Pastor T. K. Chong presenting the certificates to Queenstown VBS candidates*

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## Progress Of Mission Building



The construction of the Multi-purpose Evangelistic Building cum 'Mission Office & Workers' Quarters is progressing well and according to schedule. Since work started in December 1979, the whole concrete structure of the building, including the roof, has been completed.

The workers are presently doing the bricklaying. This will be followed by wall plastering, electrical wiring, sanitary installation, cement and tarrazzo flooring, window framing, drainlaying, and painting of the whole building. According to the contractor, if everything moves on smoothly, the building can be completed by the end of October, 1980.

We appreciate your interest shown in the work and progress of this Mission. We solicit your prayers and generous donations for the successful completion of the Mission building project. — *T. K. Chong, President*





## The Pulse Of SAUM



This picture shows the first part of the construction work on the out-patient department wing of Bangkok Adventist Hospital. The total project will cost  $\text{฿} 12,000,000$  (US\$600,000) and is partly financed by a grant from USAID and donations from friends of the hospital. The building is expected to be completed in May 1981.—*John K. Lee, BAH Chaplain*



*The Governor of Phuket, Saneh Vadanathorn, cutting the ribbon pronouncing the dental clinic officially opened. From left to right: Dr. Nantje Twijnstra, DDS., Dr. Russell Standish, Mr. Roy Ryan, Dr. Georgeson, acting medical director of Phuket Mission Hospital, and Elder R. L. Heisler.*

### Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital



#### Program

The Phuket Dental Clinic was officially opened on June 10, 1980 by the Governor of Phuket, Saneh Vadanathorn. In his opening speech, he stressed on the prevention of dental diseases as an important part of the task of a dentist, and was sure that our clinic will be an asset in this area. Welcomed from Singapore were Elder R. L. Heisler, who gave the dedication address, and C. Y. Wu, and from Bangkok, Dr. Russell Standish and Pastor John Lee. The clinic was designed by Dr. Milford Anholm from Loma Linda School of Dentistry.—*Nantje Twijnstra, DDS*

### Ten Day Stress Control Clinic

Stress kills. The latest research indicates stress as the catalyst in many of the most dramatic killers of our day. The Stress Clinic will: \*Enable you to evaluate your life, identifying personal sources of destructive stress \*Make you more effective in coping with your daily stressors and thus more capable of a long, full life \*Introduce the dynamics for resolving your deepest sources of stress at their mental, physical or spiritual origins.\*Outline a program of life style alterations which will allow you to live longer and better. Join with other TEN DAY STRESS CONTROL CLINIC participants who are getting their lives back in shape. Live longer and better. **NOW!**

#### Dates:

Every Tuesday for 10 weeks, starting July 15, '80, 7:30 p.m.

#### Location:

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\$20.00

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## SAUM Tidbits

- \* Word has just been received of the death of Fordyce Detamore in Florida on May 15, 1980 at the age of 72. He will long be remembered as an outstanding evangelist, and a pioneer organizer of Bible correspondence schools. He received his education at the Malayan Seminary in Singapore from 1915 to 1921 and held several departmental posts in the Malayan union until 1935. Since then he had been a full-time evangelist for the Voice of Prophecy.
- \* Pastor and Mrs. Ralph S. Watts, Jr. were in Singapore for a few days after a two and a half week "vacation" working among the Kampuchean refugees in Thailand. Pastor Watts was the former president of SAUM and his visit to Southeast Asia, especially to Phnom Penh was "nostalgic" since he was one of the last to evacuate before it fell.
- \* V. N. Joseph, a pastor in the Tamil section of Selangor, West Malaysia, was recently conferred the title of P. J. K. (a public service award) by His Royal Highness, the Sultan of Selangor for outstanding community service.
- \* Mr. Choo Wee Fong has been appointed acting president of the Sarawak Mission. Prior to this, he was the principal of Sunny Hill School, and for the past five months, mission secretary-treasurer.
- \* If any of our readers know the whereabouts of Mr. Law Lee Thian formerly of Bintulu, Sarawak, kindly contact his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Law Hong Chiaw. They have not heard from him since 1974 and are anxious to contact him. Their address: P. O. Box 23, Bintulu, Sarawak, East Malaysia.
- \* The Adventist Book Center (ABC) is now located on the college campus at 251 Upper Serangoon Road, Singapore 1334. Ms. Hazel Ong, assistant HHES manager, is handing all the sales as well as supplying books to our literature evangelists in and around Singapore. Interested in knowing what they stock? . . . . call 2854208.
- \* Jonathan Earl Anchant, a veteran worker in Singapore Adventist Hospital, passed peacefully to his rest on August 2, 1980, after a prolonged illness bravely and cheerfully borne. He was 47 and is survived by his wife, Mary, three sisters and three brothers.

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### TELL THAILAND . . . . .

Thailand, with its forty-four million people, presents a tremendous challenge. Through the Bible correspondence and health courses, our literature evangelists, and health evangelism, we are beginning to touch lost humanity with the Good News of the gospel. We know God will bless our plans for evangelism, and as workers, we pledge to make Target 80—Final Thrust Outreach, a real harvest of souls.

—*Suntí Sorajjakool, President*

### TELL WEST MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE . . . . .

Target 80—Final Thrust, with its emphasis on total involvement, challenges every worker and layman in West Malaysia and Singapore to a deeper dedication and firmer commitment to spread the Good News and finish the task that is before each of us. Time is running out and in the final analysis, may we not be weighed and found wanting. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the 4,628 workers and members of our mission accept this challenge to be involved in soul winning that many may be ushered into God's Kingdom. —*T. K. Chong, President*



### TELL SABAH . . . . .

Sabah Mission has accepted the challenge of total involvement of its membership in "finishing the work" God has called us through the Target 80—Final Thrust Outreach. We have seen a steady increase in yearly baptisms. Our evangelists, pastors, laymen, and youth are actively involved in witnessing programs, and every effort is being put forth to bring our missing members back into the fold. By the end of this year we will have fifteen jungle chapels and eleven lamb shelters in our newly entered areas.

New churches are being built in unentered areas. Sabah still has that pioneering spirit that makes it strong. We will persevere to the very end of time with God's help and guidance.

—*James E. Thurmon, President*

### TELL SARAWAK . . . . .

Target 80 has reminded us that God blesses well-laid plans faithfully implemented. Worthy statements of the churches' objectives must be carried out in the committees, the budget, and the workers' personal itineraries. This has been the aim of the Sarawak Mission but reflection reveals much more that should have been accomplished.

Target 80 has meant thinking and praying about what should be done and then paying the price to do it. Undeniably miracles have been seen by pastors and laymen who have expected something from God. Greater expectations and greater energy in His work will yield increasingly greater harvests in the ripened field of Sarawak. —*Paull E. Dixon, President*

