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May the angels' song of long ago
Ring in our hearts again
And bring a new awareness
That the fate of every nation
Is sealed securely in the hand
Of the MAKER of CREATION . . .
For man with all his knowledge,
His wisdom and his skill,
Is powerless to go beyond
The Holy Father's Will . . .

And when we fully recognize
The helplessness of man
And seek the Father's guidance
In our every thought and plan,
Then only can we build a world
Of peace, good will and love,
And only then can man achieve
The life he's dreaming of.

Helen Steiner Rice



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WHAT IS TARGET 85?

Target 85 is an earnest prayerful attempt to:

1. Encourage each member to come to the Lord Jesus Christ personally for a finished work of grace upon his heart. How important for each member to put away sin and to find power in Christ for victory over sin and growth in righteousness.
2. Train those who love the Lord for His service in seeking men and women for Christ.
3. Prepare materials and plans that may be used throughout our territory in an explosion of evangelism.
4. Encourage local planning, financing and implementation of evangelism in every one of the over 5,000 churches and companies of the Division.

FIRST PRIORITY -- A GENUINE CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

To understand Target 85 is to begin to realize that the work of God will not be finished by human plans or human power. Man can do nothing for the salvation of the lost without the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit. It is the genuine Christian who is an effective witness for Jesus Christ. "Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary. He who drinks of the living water becomes a fountain of life. The receiver becomes a giver. The grace of Christ in the soul is like a spring in the desert, welling up to refresh all, and making those who are ready to perish eager to drink of the water of life." DA 195

Target 85 is first of all deeply concerned that each of the over 400,000 members of the church are filled with this Living Water. Each pastor, leader and member must make this work the highest priority. To go out to work for Jesus without being filled with Him and controlled by His Spirit is to start in defeat. WE DESPERATELY NEED A NEW AND DEEPER EXPERIENCE IN THE THINGS OF GOD.

Let there be a new interest in personal Bible study. Let each one bring his sinful heart to Jesus for cleansing and infilling with the Holy Spirit. Let there be earnest prayer to God for revival and reformation. May the spirit of repentance dominate each heart. Looking to Jesus in faith for the reception of His righteousness let each also accept His power, His mighty power, for victorious living by His Spirit. And may each of our members then enter into Christ's profound concern for lost men and women. It is time for us to earnestly pray for the lost people of Asia. Eternity stretches before us. Sooner than any of us expect, great cataclysmic events will take place in our world and it will become very difficult to do the work. Looking to Jesus, seeing Him in Gethsemane and hanging on the cross, may all of us begin to see as never before the depths of Christ's concern for lost men and women. THIS IS THE HEART OF THE TARGET 85 EFFORT. We would have the entire church look to Jesus and then cry out, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

DANGER IN HUMAN WISDOM AND POWER

Target 85 is concerned that we understand and follow Jesus' methods of work. Gospel Workers gives the following precious promise, "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people." GW 363 "He (Jesus) made full provision for the prosecution of the work, and took upon Himself the responsibility for its success. So long as they (the disciples) obeyed His word, and worked in connection with Him, they could not fail. Go to all nations, He bade them. Go to the farthest part of the habitable globe, but know that My presence will be there. Labor in faith and confidence, for the time will never come when I will forsake you." DA 822 We must always remember the cautions of DA 370, "In our work for God there is danger of relying too largely upon what man with his talents and ability can do. Thus we lose sight of the one Master Worker. Too often the worker for Christ fails to realize his personal responsibility. He is in danger of shifting his burden upon organizations, instead of relying upon Him who is the source of all strength. It is a great mistake to trust in human wisdom or numbers in the work of God. Successful work for Christ depends not so much on numbers or talent as upon pureness of purpose, the true simplicity of earnest, dependent faith. Personal responsibilities must be borne, personal duties must be taken up, personal efforts must be made for those who do not know Christ. In the place of shifting your responsibility upon someone whom you think more richly endowed than you are, work according to your ability."

Jesus did not have a specific plan or organization for the work. A study of Matt. 10. Mark 6:7-11, Luke 9:1-6, Desire of Ages, chapters 30 and 37, and Evangelism, p. 115 brings to light the following methods of Jesus:

Step 1. He selected a group of twelve men. They were to be united with Him in a very close fellowship in preparation for their work.

NOTE: EV 115 says, "The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort is a plan that has been presented before me by One who cannot err.... If there is a large number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members, but for unbelievers also."

Step 2. A blending of training, demonstration and practice was followed. The twelve watched Jesus in action. They listened to His words. They watched Him at work. This is one of the best ways to learn. A very important part of this preparation was His leading them into a personal saving relationship with Himself as their Messiah. They were first to receive before they could give. Christ must first be living within them before they could uplift Him before lost men and women.

Step 3. They assisted Him in His work. They mingled among the people. They spoke words of comfort. They made arrangements for needy folk in the crowd to have an opportunity to speak with Jesus.

Step 4. Jesus then sent them out to work on their own.

- a. They were to work among the Jews (starting at home in their own communities)
- b. They were to work from house to house and village to village
- c. They were given power to cast out spirits, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers
- d. Their message -- preach that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand; preach a message of repentance
- e. They were to receive the hospitality of the people
- f. They were to be tactful
- g. They were to be prepared for persecution and use it as an opportunity for witnessing. In some cases they were to move on to the next town
- h. Witnessing was related to cross bearing and confessing Christ

Step 5. They were to go ahead of Christ (house to house and town to town) into the areas in which He would later come. They were to prepare for His public preaching and ministry. This phase is particularly spoken about the disciples. There was a thorough preparation of the field in personal ministry before Christ entered the area.

Step 6. After their work they returned to Jesus for reporting, evaluation and additional training.

Step 7. Then they were sent out again.

WE MUST FIND WAYS TO FOLLOW CHRIST'S METHODS

Target 85 has endeavored to follow these principles.

The first priority must be a new and precious personal experience with Jesus Christ for every church member. Target 85 begins with Christ and leads to a fuller richer personal experience with Christ for neighbors and friends, for strangers far and near.

The principles of territorial assignment with its bands and specific areas to be prepared for evangelism, its concern for working two by two is all patterned after the method of Jesus.

The four step evangelism cycle is also an attempt to follow the methods of Jesus. The explosion of evangelism for which we are praying is an attempt to share Christ's concern that every disciple be a true missionary. God has given to each man his work.

MOST SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE FROM TARGET 80

The most significant change as we leave Target 80 and move into Target 85 is that the emphasis and responsibility for evangelism should shift from the administrative levels to the local church. The Division, unions, and missions do not wish to be arbitrary or dictatorial. There is not one master plan that all must follow. Each local congregation must gather together in earnest prayer and after studying scripture and guidelines of Target 85 make its own local plans. God is near to each one. He knows each area. He has specialized ways of using the local church membership to do mighty works of salvation in each community. LOCAL CHURCH PLANNING IS A MUST. Our main objective is to have 5,000 local congregations who have a new and deeper experience with Jesus Christ and commit themselves to make any sacrifice to share that precious experience with their neighbors and friends.

Please do not wait for mission, union, or Division officers to prepare every detail for the work. The angels of God are with your local church. The Holy Spirit has been given to each one. We have the counsels of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. Christ commands each of our congregations and each one of the entire Division membership to go to work in the vineyard of the Lord.


THAILAND

LAY CONGRESS



Pastor Sunti with the Thai flag leading the parade at the opening of the Lay Congress.

A lively music of "Onward Christian Soldiers" started a parade of the historic Lay Congress organized by Pastor R. E. Bartolome, Lay Activities Director of Thailand S. D. A. Mission. The parade was led by the Union officers, Mission officers and followed by the sixteen delegates bearing their churches' flags to the front of the meeting hall on the opening night held at the Baptist Camp at Pattaya, Thailand, 7:30, October 21. After Pastor Sunti Sorajjakool, president of the Thailand Mission, prayed for the presence of the Holy Spirit, the theme song, "By His Spirit" was sung.

Pastor Sunti gave the keynote address to 315 delegates, the burden of which was "Go, tell what great things the Lord has done for thee."

Morning devotionals were given by Pastors Sopon Jaigur, Chalaw Artampadung, and R. E. Bartolome. Classes in various types of witnessing were held from 9:45 to 11:45. Each person took six of the nine classes. Further explanation of Target 85 was given by Elder Heisler, President of SAUM, Elder Calvin Smith, Lay Activities Director, Pastor

Jonathan Ng, Youth Director and Elder Roy Ryan, Educational Director of Southeast Asia Union Mission. Afternoons were for fellowship and fun, as well as voluntary classes in Revelation and Music. Wednesday evening the Chiangmai Academy gave an inspiring program including choir numbers, slides and movies. Thursday evening, after talks by Jonathan Ng and Pastor R. Heisler, each church gathered with its own pastor to lay plans for witnessing for the next five years. These plans were reported to the delegates on Friday evening. The churches have been inspired to try new methods to reach souls.

Sabbath was a happy day with a model Sabbath School and church service followed by a baptism of twelve in the ocean, witnessing and soul winning stories in the afternoon.

Evening vespers on the beach was followed by programs from Chiangmai and Ubol districts. Last of all was the Modern 70 Award to seventeen lay members, with the commitment of each delegates to work for a certain number of hours



Elder R. Heisler, President of SAUM gave an inspiring message on Sabbath Day.



Chiangmai S. D. A. Church choir giving special numbers at the congress.

Lay Congress. . . .



Pastor R. E. Bartolome, Lay Activity Director welcomes the delegates from all over Thailand weekly, or to win a certain number of souls.

And time fails me to tell of the morning and evening worships, the special music--songs in Thai, English, Karen, Mong, Lahu, instrumental music including a Thai band with typical Thai instruments--xylophone, drum, flute, cymbals, wood blocks, rattles, guitars, and others that don't seem to have an English name, some of them handmade; the good meals, the inspiration of three hundred fifteen delegates from sixteen churches and several companies worshipping and studying together, and the games. May thanks to each who helped make the Lay Congress a success, especially to Pastor Bartolome, who was the key man in planning it.

May the slogan of Target 85 "Win one in 81 and 5 by 85" be carried out by every church member throughout the world and may our lovely Jesus come soon! -- *Myrtle Fitzgerald*



Giving special blessings to 12 persons baptized at the Lay Congress.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, HELEN

A "baby" has started to grow and develop in northern Thailand. I received an excellent start around four years ago when Mrs. Mary Fisher began nourishing it in her own home and it grew healthily. One and one half years ago the Fisher family was sent to a new post of duty. Immediately the "baby" began regressing, but it has been kept from



Dr. Helen Morton, a retired pediatrician, is training the tribal people of Northern Thailand the simple procedures of health and preventive medicine.

regression by faithful Mrs. Kaw Po, a Karen nurse who was sent to help. Though the "baby" is long overdue to be walking steadily on its own two feet, it has now begun to make progress. The "baby"??--Mae Taeng Mission Clinic-Hospital! It was thought that if the clinic was separated from the Tribal Center, it might grow even faster. This has been done.

The clinic serves the surrounding villages, the mountain tribespeople, as well as the students of both the Chiangmai Academy and the Hilltribe Training School. The Bangkok Adventist Hospital is sponsoring the Clinic-Hospital with Helen L. Morton, MD as the medical director. Our medical facility boasts the only registered physician from here to the far northern borders of Thailand.



A Hmong Tribe baby . . . Isn't she cute?

The old "silk worm house" has been completely remodeled into a modern examining room. It is now a very suitable place in which good quality medicine can be practiced. The four room hospital building has not been touched as yet, but the other clinic building now houses the doctor's office and a quite modern laboratory (with no electricity). It is amazing how much can be done without this 20th century miracle! --

Helen L. Morton, MD



Mothers and children find a sympathetic doctor in Pediatrician Helen Morton.



SABAH

SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT . . .



Sabah Pathfinder Club of the year with officers.



Datuk James Ongkili inspecting the Pathfinders.

Datuk James Ongkili, Deputy Chief Minister of Sabah, donated M\$10,000.00 to the Pathfinders when he declared open the 10th Pathfinder Fair at Tamparuli, Sabah on September 27, 1980.

In his speech, Datuk Ongkili praised the pathfinders for their civic consciousness and good works done for the communities in Sabah and further admonished them to remain loyal to the government while promoting good will among her people.

Mission Youth Director Joseph Thia who worked very hard for months to prepare for this fair



Jonathan Ng presenting awards

encouraged the pathfinders to continue their good work and be prepared to attend Union-wide Pathfinder Camporee in Phuket, Thailand in April, 1981.

Union Youth Director Jonathan Ng, who presented the various medals, awards and trophy to the pathfinders further praise the Sabah pathfinders for her strength of 700 strong which is the largest in the Union.

The Orion Pathfinder Club of Tamparuli received the trophy for being the best club of the year 1980.



Fire building at Sabah Pathfinder Fair



Gift of appreciation to Datuk James Ongkili

A MOUNTAINTOP EXPERIENCE



Literature evangelists from Sabah and Sarawak and delegates in their mountain retreat.



Teresa Chin receiving an award for highest in sales for ladies.

A mountaintop experience it was as thirty-eight literature evangelists and delegates from Sabah and Sarawak assembled together from September 10-14, 1980 for the Annual Literature Evangelist Institute at Mt. Kinabalu National Park in Sabah.

At the 5,100 foot elevation, the air was fresh and invigorating. During the entire Institute, the weather was superb.

Along with the literature evangelists were other delegates who participated in the program. Some of whom were: Mr. Lim San Hoe, mangager of Southeast Asia Publishing House; Pastor Liang Ah Onn, editor (SAPH); Pastor H. Liklikwatil, Malay editor and shipping department (SAPH); Mr. Ray Ammon, publishing director of SAUM, Miss Winnie Elorta, Assistant publishing director of SAUM; Pastor James Thurmon, President of Sabah Mission; Geoffrey Pauner, Secretary-Treasurer of Sabah Mission; Joseph Thia, MV director of Sabah Mission; Peter Ching, publishing director of



Even Joy Joy Thia enjoyed this year's LE Institute!



Literature evangelists Elizabeth Ginagil and Leah Abin visiting one of their customers.

Sabah Mission; Anton Tobi, assistant publishing director of Sabah Mission and newly appointed Elizabeth Ginajil.

The theme song for this memorable event was an indication of the spirit that prevailed throughout the entire convocation.

Hover o'er me, Holy Spirit,
Bathe my trembling heart and brow;
Fill me with Thy hallowed presence,
Come, O come and fill me now.

Chorus: Fill me now, fill me now,
Jesus, come and fill me now.
Fill me with Thy hallowed presence,
Come, O come and fill me now.

The Institute reached its climax on the final Sunday morning as Ray Ammon appealed to all those present to recommit themselves to the finishing of the work. As the messages and songs lingered in the minds of all, each returned to their fields of labour. Truly, this was "A Mountaintop Experience."—Ray A. Ammon, P. D., SAUM



SARAWAK



Simanggang SDA Church built at a cost of \$18,000.00

Simanggang SDA Church

In 1976 the Land and Surveys Department in Simanggang gave the Sarawak Mission a one-fourth acre of land. The condition was that work on the building of a place of worship would begin in 18 months. Because of inadequate funds the mission postponed the building twice with the permission of the Land and Surveys Department.

The original plan was to build a jungle chapel type of building because of a shortage of funds. After much prayer and study it was finally felt that this will not be representative of the mission in a town situation. It was felt that the local businesses would donate cash and kind as soon as we started building. Paul Dixon, Bill Cochran, Wung Wei Kong and myself did our best to solicit materials and funds for this building and within one day we got all the timber we needed. Then we went to see the cement factory in Kuching and they donated 70 bags. Plywood was donated by the biggest manufacturer of plywood in Sarawak.

Saul Nyungga, principal of Ayer Manis was our builder cum engineer and he led crews of church members from some churches in the Serian District who voluntarily donated time or worked for very low wages to build the church.

We also received a \$1,000 donation from a former Sarawak Mission worker who still remembered our needs. We praise the Lord for the wonderful support we received locally as well as overseas. The Lord led us to the right time to build and we know that the work in Simanggang will be blessed as we work together to spread the three angels' message in the towns and cities in Sarawak — Choo Wee Fong, President, Seventh-day Adventist Mission, Sarawak

Sunny Hill Kindergarten Creates Impact In Kuching

Started in 1975, Sunny Hill Kindergarten at Kuching, Sarawak continues to grow from an enrollment of 13 students to the present 65 students.

In his welcome speech during a graduation exercise held in November, 1980, School Principal Gordon Chong thanked the teachers for their hard work and the parents for their support of the kindergarten. At the same ceremony, speeches, songs



Mr. Gordon Chong, Principal, Sunny Hill School



A graduate giving her "thank you" speech

and cultural dances were presented by students.

With over 80% of students coming from non-Christian homes, the kindergarten has indeed created a strong impact in the community.

As disclosed by Mr. Chong, among the future plans of the kindergarten are; improvement of the playground, purchasing of a school van and employment of a new assistant teacher.



Mrs. G. Chong presenting certificates to a graduate

Kuching Adventist Songsters Present 'Music Galore'



The Kuching Adventist Songsters, directed by Miss Yap Chiew Phin, raised more than five thousand dollars for the church last August when they presented a concert entitled 'MUSIC GALORE' at Sunny Hill Auditorium.

Datuk Amar Sim, who is the Deputy Chief Minister of Sarawak, was the patron of the concert. He donated a thousand dollars to the church.

On the night of August 7, over five hundred people packed the hall for the one-and-three-quarter hour programme. Among some outstanding numbers that were rendered were Beaumont's "Big Story", Handel's "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" (which was a two-piano duet) and Schubert's "Heiden Roslein".

Our two Missionaries, Bill Cochran and Maitland DiPinto, entertained the audience as Masters of ceremony and added much 'savour'

and enlightenment with their 'clowning' and hilarious quips.

The response of the public was very encouraging. In the words of a guest: "The beauty of the 'Show'," he said, "was that Children's Choir and the Songsters were able to sing from memory and to do so with tremendous zeal and enthusiasm." Another music enthusiast remarked that the Church "has many musical talents" and that he thoroughly enjoyed the evening with us.

For the Children's Choir, whose ages range from six to thirteen, it was their second public appearance. Their numbers drew loud applause from the audience.

The concert had succeeded in 'projecting' a good public image of the Adventist Church in Kuching and it was covered by Radio Malaysia (Sarawak) and Television Malaysia.
— Gordon Chong

Praise The Lord!

Praise the Lord for the enthusiasm of our laymen in the Serian district! I have been really busy with the baptisms of our new converts.

On October 11, sixteen precious souls were baptized in the Tebakang Secondary School and the following Sabbath, seventeen in Riih Church. Our SDA teachers have been active in witnessing to the students in the government schools.

We plan to involve more SDA teachers in our witnessing program next year.

We solicit your prayers for our witnessing program in the Serian district.—Saul Nyungga, Principal, Ayer Manis School



In a river in Serian Pastors Nyungga and Smith baptize two converts won through witnessing.



Pastor Saul Nyungga baptizing the sixteen converts in Tebakang Secondary School.



The faithful church members of Krangan Village.



W. MALAYSIA-SINGAPORE



Dr. Steed being interviewed by TV Malaysia news reporters.



WSM Annual LE Institute at Port Dickson.

Temperance Breakthrough In Malaysia

During the recent visit of Dr. Ernest H. J. Steed, Associate Director of G. C. Health and Temperance Department, successful contacts were made with the local Health Department Directors in the interest of temperance and health education. In his trip as accompanied by FED Health and Temperance Director Everet Witzel M. D., FED Youth Director Bernie Donato and SAUM Temperance Director Jonathan Ng, Dr. Steed met with Dr. Jaijet Singh, Deputy Health Service Director at Kuala Lumpur; Dr. Tan, Director of Health at Ipoh; and health

education officers at General Hospital, Kuching.

While in Kuching, Sarawak, Dr. Steed was the guest speaker at an Anti-drug Abuse Campaign sponsored by PERMADAM (Malaysia Anti-Narcotics Association). He also later spoke to a group of officers at the Drug Rehabilitation Centre, Kuching.

His visit has helped to create a better public image for our church and a closer relationship with the State Health Department. Praise the Lord for what temperance ministry can do in Target 85 outreach.

Annual LE Institute

A total of thirty eight literature evangelists from various parts of West Malaysia and Singapore attended the Annual LE Institute in Golden Sands Baptist Center, Port Dickson from October 20 to 24.

Various working problems were discussed and valuable counsel and guidance were given by our leaders as we face the coming year.

We were honored to have Ray Ammon, SAUM Publishing Director, Joshua Mok, Youth and Temperance Director of WSM, and David Leoh, Lay Activities and Education

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Picture shows from left to right: Dr. Witzel, Dr. Steed and Dr. Tan at Ipoh Health Dept.



Soul winners, Samuel Siew, Joan Lee, Goh Hwee Hia, Vani, Tan Chor Tee, and John Mani with their trophies.

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Director, give us counsel and guidance in the aspect of sales, spiritual welfare, and co-ordinated evangelism respectively during these meetings. We sincerely appreciated their strong support.

A big "thank you" to the mission president, Pastor T. K. Chong, Mr. Lim Cheng Beng, mission secretary-treasurer, Pastor Liang Ah Onn, SAPH Editor, Mr. Lim San Hoe, SAPH Manager, Mr. Gan Gum Chee, HHES Manager, and Mr. James Joseph, HHES accountant, fro their loyal attendance at the meetings.

With the guidance and counsel gained, we can move forward to acheive great things together for our Lord.—*Chay Fook Wing, WMSM Publishing Director*



Top sales winners of WMSM, *Lim Gim Chew and Madam Chian Fong Ying* with publishing director, *Chay Fook Wing* (left) and mission president, *Elder T. K. Chong* (right)



A gift of appreciation to Pastor and Mrs. T. K. Chong

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The World's Greatest Event

At Christmas time we are reminded of the greatest event in this world's history. The birth of Jesus, Saviour of mankind was unnoticed by the vast majority of this world's inhabitants. When we think of Jesus' birth in a manger, our hearts go out to the homeless, who have been separated from friends and family. Jesus knew how it felt to be rejected and alone. How grateful Joseph and Mary must have been for the few shepherds and wise men who recognized the significance of Jesus' birth.

Today, two thousand years later, Jesus is about to come again. This time he will come not as an unwelcome refugee, but as King of Kings and Lord of Lords in the fulness of His glory. He is coming to gather together His faithful, both living and resurrected dead to reign with Him eternally.

What a great message we have for the people of Southeast Asia! To share this message with the 60 million people of Southeast Asia is beyond our human capacity, but because of Jesus' birth there are no limits to the power of God through His people. How thankful we are at this Christmas season not only for Jesus, but for His followers all over the world who are dedicated to the preparation of people for the coming of Jesus. They are modern wise men and shepherds, through the power of Pentecost.

May God multiply our efforts in Southeast Asia while opportunities yet abound.

*R. L. Heisler
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