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ADVENTIST EDUCATION . . .



A LIFE OR DEATH MATTER

As your acting Union Director of Education has had opportunity to visit the missions and their schools in the Southeast Asia Union Mission he is impressed that the greatest need for strengthening Adventist Education is making the parents, ministers and all church members aware that our Adventist schools are established to save the children and youth for the Kingdom of God.

There have been many studies made as to the effectiveness of our schools in winning the students to the Lord and in holding them in the church. All of these conclude that the majority of students who attend the government schools are so influenced by secular education that they lose their way and leave the church.

The most detailed study made concluded that seven out of ten students from Adventist homes are no longer members of the church when they have finished their education if they attend only the government schools. But for every year they attend an Adventist school there is a better chance that they will remain in the church. If a student attends only Adventist schools during his elementary, secondary and college education nine out of ten students remain in the church.

Other studies show similar results of Adventist Education in holding our children and youth within the church. We, therefore, conclude that Adventist Education is a life or death matter.

If a young person had a serious

disease which after an examination the physician stated that by using a certain treatment there are nine chances out of ten that the youth would live, but if the treatment were not given there are only three chances out of ten that he would survive, the church would rally around the family and would help to get him this treatment, for his life is at stake.

The eternal lives of our children and youth are now at stake. Satan has attacked them with a sickness which leads to death. The influences of Christian homes and the church is effective in helping three out of ten to survive the sickness. But with Adventist Education nine of ten will recover from the illness. This is the great purpose of Adventist Education. This is the reason our schools were established. They are institutions given of God for the salvation of our children and youth.

When our Lord returns, we will all have to give an account before God. (Matt. 25:19) The question will be asked, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" (Jer. 13:20) What a joy it will be to say, "Lord, we have dedicated our children to you. Their education, the books they have read, the music they have listened to, their activities have been by your order. Here they are, Lord, they have waited for your coming and are ready to meet you."

— Boyd E. Olson

SAUM Education Director

CHOOSE THE SCHOOL

WHERE GOD IS THE
FOUNDATION --

In planning for the education of their children outside the home, parents should realize that it is no longer safe to send them to the public school, and should endeavor to send them to schools where they will obtain an education based on a Scriptural foundation. Upon every Christian parent there rests the solemn obligation of giving to his children an education that will lead them to gain a knowledge of the Lord and to become partakers of the divine nature through obedience to God's will and way.

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MASEHI ADVENT HARI KETUJUH SARAWAK

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MISSION



Time Out For Our Forerunners Of Sabah & Sarawak

The forerunners of Sabah and Sarawak laid aside all homes and offices visitations, sales of books and magazines, and handling of receipt pads, from September 27 to October 1, 1981 for a special time out together at Sematan Beach, Sarawak.

On the day of departure, all the literature evangelists from Sabah and Sarawak together with their leaders and guests from the Southeast Asia Publishing House and Southeast Asia Union Mission, boarded in one bus for the two-and-a-half hour ride to Sematan Beach Resort from Kuching.

Upon arrival, the forerunners were ushered to the fresh-air cottages. Everything about Sematan evoked images of richness—the magnificent view of mountains, rolling hills swathed in green, the beautiful seashore, the beautiful sun rise and cool, calm and clear nights.

The spiritual feast began with a keynote message from Elder Choo Wee Fong, President of Sarawak Mission. The devotional messages were given by Miss J. S. Elorta, Elder Bill Cochran, Elder Choo Wee Fong, Pastor Harapan Liklikwatil, Mr. Randy Horning, Mr. Colin Choo, Mr. Francis Lajanin, and Miss Elizabeth



Lee. All the messages were uplifting and soul-enriching. Especially inspiring and substantial were the different lectures on "How to Value Your Customer", "Personality Development", "The Importance of Close", and "Salesmanship", given by Miss J. S. Elorta. Elder Choo Wee Fong spoke on the topic, "Managing Your Time"; Pastor H. Liklikwatil - "How to be a Soul Winner"; Pastor Geoffrey Pauner - "Your Attitude towards Your Work"; Colin Choo - "Group Discussion", and Mr. Lim San Hoe - "Working Policy".

Towards the last night, the group had a unique commitment service. We all went down to the seashore. There, as we looked at the vast sea, we tried to behold God's power and at the same time think of the million of people who do not know the Gospel. The challenge was given to us by Mr. Randy Horning, new Publishing Director of Southeast Asia Union Mission. Then and there,

we were assigned a team partner to be on our prayer list every day.

The Sematan Experience renewed our dedication to be better workers for our Heavenly Father. But most of all, for being a part of a special group of people - doing a special work under God's special supervision.

— Winnie Elorta

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Be a Literature Evangelist.



Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Thailand

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Thailand Mission's Heralds For Christ Met At Samilasongkla, Haadyai

October 7 to 10, 1981 was indeed a great day for our literature evangelists and leaders of the Thailand Mission.

They departed for a while from the busy cities and gathered at a quiet place, Songkla, to contemplate their spiritual development and gave in-depth attention to ways and means of finishing the work in Thailand.

During his opening address, SAUM's new Publishing Director, Mr. Randy Horning, challenged our literature evangelists to become great in God's eyes, that is, to be the servants of God. The new Publishing Director of Thailand Mission, Mr. Jerry Potter, and Acting Publishing Director, Pastor R. E. Bartolome, served as lecturers and speakers for this institute. Pastor Somsak Songput worked hard as the only

The Vientiane Church Is Growing

When I received a letter from Brother Boonsri of the Vientiane Church, requesting me to conduct a baptism in Lao, my heart was filled with joy and gratitude to the Lord for this opportunity. Our church there was dedicated in 1975 and was only officially recognized by the government in 1979.

On September 3, Pastor Sapon and I left by train heading for Nongkai Province. We were met by Brother Suthijet, son of our church elder, Brother Xoua Sing, who accompanied us across the river. That night we preached to fifteen people who attended the meeting. On Sabbath morning, we had twenty-four adults and seven children in church. After the service I had the privilege of baptizing three young men, all children of our faithful laymembers. I made an altar call and four more adults are now preparing

for baptism. We are very thankful that God has led these faithful laymembers who have kept the church going for six years without a pastor.

Brother Xoua Sing takes care of the church activities and up-keeps it. He also pays a teacher to teach seven Adventist children at the back of the church. It is free of charge and a 100 percent church school! Translations

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200 Young People Attend Youth Ministry Seminar

For the first time in the history of the Thailand Mission Youth Department, a nation-wide youth ministry seminar was held at the beautiful setting of Chiangmai Academy and Tribal Educational Center in Mae Teng, Chiangmai, Thailand, on October 21-25, 1981. Young people and youth leaders from all over Thailand came to attend the seminar.

came to attend the seminar. Instructors, ministers, and leaders from several institutions, the mission, and the Far Eastern Division were in attendance to give lectures and to lead in the seminar.

To start the youth ministry seminar, right after the delegates from the different churches had registered, Pastor B. U. Donato, youth director of the Far Eastern Division, gave the keynote address. Pastor R. E. Bartolome, youth director of Thailand Mission, then introduced the different personnel who would be giving instructions during the seminar.

Many aspects in the field of youth leadership were presented so as to train the young people leading their fellow youth in their respective churches. Throughout the seminar when the instructors presented their subjects, many special songs and instrumental numbers livened the periods in-between. Another attraction of the seminar was the marching-drill-and-flag-ceremony presentation that Danaï and Harold showed so that leaders of the different churches anticipating to organize pathfinder clubs and socials might be better oriented. The seminar was not all meetings either because at the end of the many instructions each day, when young people seemed to be so full of lectures, several workers led in the games and recreation.

The climax of the seminar was on Friday night, when the "agape feast" took place. But just before the feast, a foot-washing ceremony preceded. The sumptuous supper was partaken and the Lord's supper followed. While there was time, a short testimony meeting was called where several workers, teachers, and young people testified of the goodness of God to each of them.

On Sabbath morning nine Sabbath School classes of different languages met at various "salas" and rooms with their respective Sabbath School teachers. For the hour of worship, Pastor Donato expounded on the truths that Seventh-day Adventists hold so dear. He admonished and



appealed to the young people and the rest of the congregation to cherish the truths of the church. In the afternoon Pastors Donato and Bartolome handed the certificates to those who completed the hours of attendance in the seminar. To close the seminar, Pastor Bartolome gave the charge to the delegates and challenged them to take what they learned to their respective churches and to practice those precious principles. A prayer of commitment closed the seminar.

Orchids go to the Basshams and Wayre Hamra for the preparation of the place in accommodating all the delegates and instructors; to Pastor Bartolome who spent many hours preparing the program, speakers, etc.; to the instructors who gave down-to-earth presentations of their respective topics, and to the delegates who provided good music all the time. The last but not the least is the kitchen crew under the leadership of Mrs. Sriboot, who provide the group with nourishing food.

—Ofelia Pangan



Sabah Temperance Outreach

"First" 5-Day Plan to Stop Smoking in Sabah ever initiated and conducted by Malaysians was held at Kota Kinabalu Adventist Youth Centre in October, 1981 in conjunction with Sabah Expo 81 where some 25,000 people visited Adventist Health Education Exhibition.

This temperance outreach program became materialized when Sabah Mission President Geoffrey Pauner attended a State Council Meeting on Sabah Expo 81 where the Adventist Mission was given an exhibition booth free of charge plus a



Dr. H. K. Liaw (right) speaking at KK 5-Day Plan while David Chung translates.

budget of M\$2,000.00 for materials. Upon the recommendation of SAUM Temperance Department, West Malaysia & Singapore Mission Temperance Director, David Leah, was invited to Sabah to help set up the exhibition booth and train volunteers to man the center.)

Kota Kinabalu Chinese Church Elder David Chung did an excellent job in co-ordinating the 5-Day Plan while SAUM Temperance Director, Jonathan Ng, and Sabah Mission Temperance Director, Dr. H. K. Liaw, served as speakers.

During a courtesy call, Dr. Mechiel Chan, Director of Sabah Medical Services, expressed his appreciation to and rendered his support for what the team is doing for the people of Sabah. The next 5-Day Plan in Sabah is being scheduled for Sandakan in April, 1982.

— Jonathan Ng
SAUM Temperance Director



Pictures shows Leong Lai Kuan directing the attention of her fellow students to a leadership poster.

Youth Leadership Training Course

FED Youth Director Bernie Donato assisted by SAUM Youth Director Jonathan Ng conducted a Youth Leadership Training Course for a group of 20 students from Southeast Asia Union College, during the month of September & October, 1981.

Master-Guide Leong Lai Kuan did an excellent job in planning and coordinating the program with the help of Pathfinder Sponsor Phoon Chek Yat.

This course was conducted to help students fulfill part of their requirements for Master-guide which is a "must" for students majoring in theology and education at Southeast Asia Union College.

— Jonathan Ng
SAUM Youth Director



Jonathan Ng with Dr. Mechiel Chan (right) at Sabah State Medical Office.



SAUM's "pride and joy" pictured here with Mr. Jonathan Kong during his visit to CMC.

SAUM Students In India

Last October I had the opportunity of visiting our students studying at Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore and Spicer Memorial College (SMC), Poona, India. I also attended the CMC Annual Council on October 8 and 9. Presently we have six boys and one girl at CMC. One of the requests from the boys was "that we send more girls over there!" Calvin Tean, the one on the extreme right in the picture, is graduating this December. He will have one year of housemanship before returning. We will have at least one student graduating each year starting from next year. There are also three boys from Hong Kong studying at CMC. Two of them are married. One of them is graduating next year. All the students are doing well in their Studies and very active in church work. Dr. Charles Bowyer, a radiologist from Loma Linda, is a faculty member of CMC. The Bowyers are doing an excellent job of

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Hong Kong's doctors-to-be with Mr. Kong at CMC with their families.

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looking after the spiritual and social welfare of our students, for which we are very thankful.

My next stop was Poona. While at Poona I visited Spicer Memorial College which has a large and beautiful campus with a number of industries where many students are gainfully employed. We also have six boys and one girl studying at SMC. I



We are thinking and praying for you at Spicer Memorial College!

had a good visit with them. The boy standing on my right in the picture is from Hong Kong. He graduated from SMC and is presently studying for a Master's degree in History at the University of Poona. He hopes to graduate next year and return to Hong Kong to work for our denomination.

I spent a couple of days in Bombay sight-seeing before returning home. I enjoyed my trip to India, particularly for the time spent visiting with our students and discussing some of their problems and requests. They are very interested in receiving news from home and to know what is happening with our work around the Union. We wish and pray for God's blessings to be upon them in their studies. We also look forward to their return after they have completed their studies to help finish God's work and hasten Christ's return.

— Jonathan H. H. Kong
SAUM Assistant Treasurer



Elder Perry Pedersen, GC's expert in community services.

Emphasis On Community Services

On September 9, 1981, GC Associate Lay Activities Director Perry Pedersen accompanied by FED Lay Activities Director M. T. Bascom visited the Union office where a special meeting on community services was called for the benefit of our church leaders in the Singapore district.

The meeting was geared to creating an awareness among our workers of the role Seventh-day Adventists must play in meeting today's basic human needs as well as church relationship to and involvement in community development.

According to Elder Pedersen, community services may be defined as "building bridges to people" and "temporary emergency services". Under the umbrella of community services, there are at least 165 different activities that the Church can perform in reaching the people in the community. Some of these are: Five Day Plan, Nutrition Classes, Weight Control Classed, First Aids, Home Care, Sewing Classes, Child Care Classes and many others. He also emphasized the importance of "Crisis Ministry" which is a great need in modern society today.

Elder Pederson is on a two-month visit to the Far Eastern Division promoting community services and development.

by: Jonathan Ng, SAUM Acting Lay Activities Director

Marriage Encounter Weekend In Port Dickson

A total of 24 couples met in Port Dickson for Marriage Encounter Weekend on October 23 to 25, 1981. Al and Betty Brendel, Tom & Delci Kuhlman came all the way from the United States together with Maurice & Dottie Bascom served as Team Couples during the weekend.

The highlight of the weekend was a communion service held at the closing session where couples reaffirmed their marriage vows and their dedication to God and His Church.



Picture shows Marriage Encounter Team Couples Al & Betty Brendel (right) and Tom & Delcy Kuhlman.



Marriage Encounter Couples at Si-Rusa Inn, Port Dickson.

Participants express their heartfelt gratitude to the Team Couples for their love in sharing their personal experiences and to the Division and Union for financial subsidies in making that ME Weekend a success.

— Jonathan Ng
SAUM Coordinator
Marriage Encounter

It is amazing to find how much prominence and publicity most trading and manufacturing concerns, the multinational corporations and all business that contribute to the economy of Singapore receive, for never a day passes without attention being directed to them through either their advertisements or special write-ups on their activities.

In contrast, Southeast Asia Publishing House (SAPH), tucked away at 251 Upper Serangoon Road, Singapore 1334, is a name that is not known to many people outside the circle of Adventist Believers. Only in the past decade or so, we are known to the Government, for the purposes of statistics, as one of the many printing establishments that make up the printing industry of Singapore. To the few who know us through the purchase of our literature we are Importers and Exporters of Health and Religious literature for the up-lift of the community or society.

Be that as it is, SAPH has been in business for 62 years—it was established in 1919—though not always known by this business name. For six long decades, in good times as in hard times, through the books

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produced and imported, and the handbills that extend invitations to hear the preaching of the Word, it has stood like the lighthouse of the Lord which sheds its beams of Truth and Light to dispell the darkness of night that envelops the surrounding areas. We serve the churches and literature evangelists in Singapore, West Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.

We are not in business looking after the interests of a multinational corporation nor that of a business tycoon; we are in business for the God of Heaven who had ordained that we are to proclaim through the printed pages the Third Angels' Message calling men everywhere to "Fear God and worship Him for the hour of the His Judgement is come." (Rev. 14:7). To be worthy of this high calling the products of the House must be second to none and of the best quality.

To set this as our standard means we have to keep up with the rapidly advancing technology of the printing business. When printers in Singapore switched to "offset" printing the management of the House at that time kept abreast of the times.

The present management has on its hands a few

Cutting of



Elder W. T. Clark, President, FED — Shoen Star Folder.



Elder R. L. Heisler, President, SAUM — Ishida Sewing Machine.

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pieces of worn-out equipment that slow down production and impair the quality of our products. It has also to meet the increased demands of the field as well as the changed conditions in the supply of labour. We, therefore, had to opt for the decision to install equipment that incorporate the latest advances in printing gadgets. We added a high speed, suction-fed sewing machine, an electronically-controlled high-speed folder, an automatic strapping machine and a strong wire stitching machine to our list of equipment as a first step to modernize the plant. From now on, with the blessings of the Lord, we are taking the Road to Modernization.

Sunday, November 8, 1981, became a land-mark in the history of SAPH; the most important date in the calendar of events for the year. We had a dedication service for the new equipment that were purchased. It was a day to remember for a long time to come. There was a real transformation of the factory area from what it used to be, into a miniature Disneyland of colour and the potted flowers made it look like a garden within the publishing house. The expensive pieces of equipment

were within gaily decorated enclosures of red ribbons. More than a hundred of our friends and our entire staff were present.

The distinguished guests were Elder and Mrs. W. T. Clark, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Sergovia, Elder and Mrs. R. I. Gainer, Elder and Mrs. R. L. Heisler, Elder and Mrs. R. L. McKee, Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Olsen, Mr. & Mrs. Wu Chook Ying, Elder and Mrs. M. L. Chase, Elder J. N. Hunt, Elder K.J. Holland, Mr. Randy Horning, the managers of our publishing houses and other delegates to the Publishing Council.

Elder K. J. Holland had the opening prayer and the Ladies—Winnie, Fely and Leonor accompanied on the organ by Mrs. C. Auber rendered two inspirational numbers; "Nothing but Leaves" and "Working O Christ with Thee".

Elder J. N. Hunt brought a message which assures us that the Lord's hand is over His work and He directs and oversees what is happening around us. In his address, Elder R. L. Heisler brought words of appreciation to our hard working staff and spoke of his vision of a

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Ribbons by



Elder R. L. McKee, Director, Publishing Department, FED — Wire Stitching Machine.



Mr. A. J. Olsen, Associate Director, Publishing Department, FED — Strapping Machine

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progressive publishing house which will expand in a strong way.

The moment in time, which became central in our thoughts that evening, was the prayer of dedication offered by Elder W. T. Clark. He touched our souls with the words of his prayer when he said that with the dedication of the pieces of equipment we also dedicate our hearts for the work.

The ribbons that enclosed the equipment were cut by Elders W. T. Clark, R. L. Heisler and R. L. McKee and Mr. A. J. Olsen. They were attended by Susan McKee.

We demonstrated to the managers of our sister publishing houses in the Far Eastern Division the operations of the new equipment. Gifts of books were also presented to a number of guests from the Division and Union, after which Elder M. L. Chase gave the Benediction. Lim San Hoe, than expressed his appreciation for so much that has been done to make this a very happy occasion, and refreshments were served.

This account is given not so much to record the events of the evening as to (1) remind our believers of the work we are doing and our willingness to serve them through the Adventist Book Centres, (2) to acknowledge with gratitude the blessings of God upon His work, (3) to give encouragement to the field that we have their best interests at heart, (4) to inspire and be inspired so that we may re-dedicate ourselves for a finished work (5) and, lest we forget, to remind ourselves and our many friends once again that we are the printers and publishers of the Church in this corner of Southeast Asia.

—Lim San Hoe
Manager, SAPH

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"United we stand to finish the work in WMSMI"

We Are Proud Of Our Pontian Graduates!

It was a great day for the Pontian Adventist Kindergarten as they held their first graduation on November 13 in the Pontian Adventist Church.

West Malaysia-Singapore Mission Education Director, Pastor Sim Chor Kiat was the guest speaker. Pastor Joshua Mok, the new mission president, was the guest of honor, presenting certificates to the twenty-two graduates. Pastor John Lee was the chairman for the program.

Students of the graduation class presented special music and items for their parents. The theme for the graduation was "This little light of mine, let it shine." It is our hope and prayer that these graduates, who now have an idea of "Who the Saviour Is?", will return and join our Sabbath School. May they be the fruits of our harvest in the days to come.

Eunice Lee, Principal

The Frontlines Of W. M. S. M. Meet

The frontlines, no other than the literature evangelists of West Malaysia-Singapore Mission, with their Mission President, Publishing Director, Assistant Publishing Directors, A.B.C. Manager, and some mission staff, met at the majestic place of Mimaland Resort in Malaysia for three days, October 12 - 15, 1981.

Those that led out in the institute were: Elder Richard McKee, FED Publishing Director; Mr. Randy Horning, SAUM new Publishing Director; Pastor Jonathan Ng, SAUM Temperance, MV and Sabbath School Director; Miss J. S. Elorta, Assistant Publishing Director, SAUM; and last but not least, we were indeed very happy to have Mr. Lim San Hoe and Pastor Liang Ah Onn, Manager and Editor of South-east Asia Publishing House, respectively.

The Institute served as a refresher as well as an evaluation of fulfillment of the objectives of Literature Evangelism - an immediate need to spend time with our God was urged.

Mr. Lim Cheng Beng gave the keynote address. He emphasized that the frontlines need to seek God in a quiet place. Elder McKee expounded more on the secrets of being successful frontliners. Pastor Jonathan Ng presented a very im-

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Our little light-bearing graduates of Pontian Adventist Kindergarten.

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MASEHI ADVENT HARI KETUJUH SABAH SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MISSION OF SABAH



Mission Campmeeting

Sabah Mission Campmeeting ended with the baptism of 44 precious souls in the Tuaran River.

One day before campmeeting in August, pastors and teachers of Sabah Mission gathered at Tamparuli to set the Mission headquarters in order. We were privileged to have Elder Palmer Wick, associate secretary of the Far Eastern Division, with us and his topic "Politics and SDAs" was an honest, bold, heart-to-heart talk with our workers and members.

Pastor and Mrs. Helton Fisher also took various sessions during the meeting and on Sabbath, Pastor Marshall Chase spoke to an audience of 2,000 believers. It was very encouraging to note the enthusiasm of our members.



"I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back" even if we have to sit on low wooden benches each week.

Branch Sabbath School Evangelism

There are four Branch Sabbath Schools conducted at 3:30 p.m. each Sabbath afternoon in different areas of Sandakan. When we started in May 1981, we had only a handful of children but they were true witnesses and soon the group grew larger. We now have an average of 20 to 30 children in each Branch Sabbath School. These young children love to sing and listen to the Bible stories. The pre-schoolers just feel great, mumbling memory verses along with the older ones and teachers.

The children are especially happy and excited on 13th Sabbath because they know there is always a "tea-party" planned for them. Gifts are given to those who are regular in attendance and memory verses.

The cross at Calvary is also meant for these little lovely and innocent ones. What a thrill to hear them singing—"I have decided to follow Jesus."

—Adwen Yap

Sandakan's Love Gift

The Pathfinder Club of Sandakan Seventh-day Adventist Church recently organized a fund-raising cum community service project. This project was to get sponsors from the public and to clean the compound of the Sandakan Home of the Aged.

The response from the Pathfinders and church members in carrying out this project was indeed encouraging. The result of two months' hard work, with God's blessings, came to slightly more than \$11,000.00.

Then on September 6, about 40 church members, young and old, helped to clean the compound in the



It is indeed "more blessed to give than to receive" judging from the faces of these beaming Pathfinders from Sandakan.

Home of the Aged. The members also shared their faith with these old folks. Gifts worth \$1,100 were distributed to these folks. The local newspaper reported a column the next day.

In conjunction with the International Year of the Disabled, the church also donated a sum of \$1,000.00 each to the local Spastics Home and the Sandakan Society for the Blind. The balance of the collections will be used for the Dorcas Society and Pathfinder activities.

We thank God that the project was

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Ordained during the campmeeting were Geoffrey Pauner, Mahani Gindol, and Saiking Omar with their wives.

Music, especially singing, was one feature that is always present in such an affair as this. We had a one and a half hour of songs on Friday night, and another hour on Saturday afternoon. It was obvious that the audience and participants enjoyed the programs.

One of the highlights of the campmeeting was the ordination of three workers. They are Geoffrey Pauner, president of the mission, Mahani Gindol, a teacher in Danai, and Saiking Omar, a district pastor in Rangelau District.

—Geoffrey Pauner, President
Sabah Mission



Dr. Helen Morton

Obituary Of Dr. Helen Morton

God's people in Southeast Asia were shocked and dismayed to learn of the murder of Dr. Helen Morton on November 11, 1981, at the Maetaeng Clinic, 30 miles north of Chiangmai in Northern Thailand. Helen, who was aged 68 years, had spent almost three years in Thailand on a voluntary basis, attending the medical needs of the poor Thai villagers and the tribal people of that area. In addition she herself financed the presence of a registered nurse in the Clinic. She had dedicated the remainder of her life to this work and this pledge she fully kept. At the United States Consulate in Chiangmai Helen had indicated on her registration form that she intended to spend another twenty-five years in Thailand. This indeed was a lifelong commitment.

About 6:30 p.m. on November 11, Helen was approached by two armed bandits, one of whom shot her dead in the doorway of her home. Helen was fully aware of the risks she faced. Only two weeks earlier she had been assaulted and injured by two robbers in front of our dental clinic in Chiangmai. Eleven days prior to her murder she had spoken to over 100 physicians and dentists from the Far Eastern Division concerning the dangers faced and the protection of the holy angels. The little church compound where Helen worked has been the subject of 8 felonies over the past 6 years alone. In addition to Helen's murder, there have been 5 armed robberies and two attempts at extortion. This year to date in the Maetaeng District, which has a relatively small rural population, there have been 55 murders, only one of which has been solved. Yet Helen faced these dangers cheerfully, for she loved her God with all her heart and her neighbor as herself. She was an intrepid worker whose concern for the sick took her into the jungle, sometimes using elephant transportation.

The hundreds of poor people for whom Helen, a highly qualified pediatrician, gave of her tender care and unstinting love, mourn her passing. To them she was the gospel in action, the love of Christ in demonstration.

From her care many caught their first glimpse of the Saviour, and some learned to trust Him as their friend and redeemer.

Helen's funeral was held on November 14 in the Chapel situated less than 100 meters from the site of the murder. It was full and overflowing as Helen's fellow believers, her friends, her patients and village heads, gathered to pay homage to her memory. Dr. Steven Bassham, Ministerial Director of the Thailand Mission, led out in the funeral service, assisted by Pastor Robert Heisler, Southeast Asia Union President, Pastor Dennis Tidwell, Director of Tribal Ministry in Thailand, and the writer. Helen was buried on the crest of the hillock upon which the clinic in which she served is situated. The site of her burial bears unspoken testimony to Helen's resolve to tend to the needs of the rural community until she died. In the resurrection day there seems little doubt that she will pause to view the beautiful fields framed by mountains which have been her vista for the past three years.

I would like to pay a personal tribute to a colleague with whom I have worked, traveled, fellowshiped and worked for souls. It is the blessed hope which Helen so sincerely cherished, which encourages all her friends at this time of sorrow. We too have been comforted by the courage of her only sister, Gladys (Bo), the head teacher of our Bangkok Overseas Church School. We have lost a dear friend, one who was a real source of inspiration to us, a dedicated and highly competent colleague, and most of all a loved sister in the precious faith of Jesus. We solicit the prayers of God's people for our workers who have covenanted to continue to work in this difficult area, trusting in God for His guidance as they seek to bring the light of the gospel to a needy people.

—*Russell R. Standish*
Medical Director, Bangkok Adventist Hospital

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pressive aspect of building human bridges. According to him, frontline soldiers are people who break the eyes of prejudice.

Aside from these mind stimulating lectures being presented every day, the institute sets enough time for the frontliners to relax. Recreational activities were bountiful for everyone to enjoy!

Towards the end of the meeting, Mr. Randy Horning made an appeal to all the members of the publishing force to renew their commitment to God. There was a moving response to his appeal as everyone stood up to demonstrate their desire to commit themselves to the Lord's service.

Another good opportunity that this institute provided was the ample time we have had to get to know each other very well. Everyone went back to their own destination with a renewed friendship among their fellow literature evangelists.

— Winnie Elorta

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a success. Above all, we are thankful for the privilege of being able to witness for Jesus, whose name we give the honor and glory. — Adwen

— Adwen Yap

DID YOU KNOW?

DID YOU KNOW that December 1980 figures reveal that there are now 4,124,431 Sabbath school members in the world field, meeting in 41,984 Sabbath schools?

Did you know the total Sabbath school offerings for the year 1980 totalled \$US33,944,180? This is an average of \$US652,772 per Sabbath.

Did you know that the first million dollars in Sabbath school offerings took twenty-five years to raise, while the last million dollars was raised in only nine days? ##



John Lee Returns After 20 Years To Be PAH's Manager

Pastor John K. Lee and his family arrived in Penang on August 27 to take up his duty as Business Manager of Penang Adventist Hospital.

Malaysia is home to Pastor Lee, who was born in Pontian, Johore. However, for his wife, Mrs. Sumithra Lee and two children, Anthony and Angelia, this is the first time for them to stay in Malaysia. Mrs. Lee and Angelia calls Bangkok home, while Anthony was born in the United States of America.

Prior to coming to Penang, Pastor Lee has served at Taiwan Adventist College and Bangkok Adventist Hospital. He has a Master of Arts degree from Philippines Union College and Master of Public Health degree from Loma Linda University. He is also a Certified Chaplain holding the title Fellow, College of Chaplains. Last year he was elected member of the Delta Omega Public Health Honorary Society. Mrs. Lee is a trained Secretary, with a Bachelor in Secretarial Science degree. She has served for many years as Administrative Secretary in Bangkok. She will soon join PAH to work as Secretary to the Medical Director.

Anthony and Angelia are continuing their studies at the Dalat School Tanjung Bungah.

— S. Vellu

This Happened in 1980

The doctors said Emily would never walk. She was born paralyzed from the waist down. But they didn't know Emily. She is now an outgoing, pretty 8-year-old, and she has determination.

With her leg and body braces, and unwavering concentration on moving with her crutches, Emily "walked" into the primary Sabbath School in her town. The leader placed a chair to one side for Emily. The class teachers were hesitant to invite Emily to their class, so she sat by herself in the corner. Emily begged her mother to take her back to her Sunday-keeping church.

Would Emily be welcomed in your Sabbath School?—Thomas M. Ashlock

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of "Steps to Christ," "Planet in Rebellion," and "Desire of Ages" are now being done on two Laotian typewriters and a mimeographing machine. They pray that God will open a way for them to evangelize to the people with these books.

We praise and thank God for such dedicated lay members as these in the Vientiane Church and solicit your prayers on their behalf that God will continue to guide and protect our faithful members there.

— *Sunti Sorajjakool, President
Thailand Mission*

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translator. In attendance from the Thailand Publishing House, we were happy to have the presence of Mr. Ewin Timple, Manager, and Mr. Johnny Rueh, Treasurer.

What an impact of know how. Our new Physiotherapists, Mr. & Mrs. Byron Reynolds, gave the demonstration on how to apply water treatment. I believed through these valuable knowledge that they have imparted, we will make our ministry more productive.

As a final act of dedication to the cause of Christ, Heralds for Christ pledged themselves to renewed efforts in 1981 to attain their target 85 sales and sould winning objectives.

— *Winnie Elorta*

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For unto us was born that day,
The Christ Child, Christ the Lord,
Of royal birth a King came forth,
God's gift to all the world.

The blest Redeemer lay asleep,
In swaddling cloth adorned,
While angels sang of peace on earth,
And joy to all the world.

The slumbering babe became a man,
As prophets had foretold,
His destiny — a cruel tree,
He died for all the world.

The Son of God could never stay,
In death's captivity,
Triumphant Day — our Lord arose,
And conquered death for all the world.

Our King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
Almighty Lamb divine,
Great Prince of Peace — eternal King,
Come rule o'er all the world.

For unto us was born that day,
The Christ child, Christ the Lord,
Of royal birth a King came forth,
God's gift to all the world.

—Sharon Birdwell Harris

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen!

—Robert Louis Stevenson

TO ALL OUR READERS . . .

MAY THE SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS OF THIS HOLIDAY SEASON BE
YOURS ALL THROUGH THE NEW YEAR!

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