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## DAYS OF REAPING



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# ADVENTIST EDUCATION . . .



**YOU CAN JOIN  
THE WORLD  
CHURCH IN  
PRAYING AND  
WORKING FOR  
1,000 BAPTISMS  
PER DAY FOR 1,000 DAYS**

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**"But ye shall receive power . . ."  
Acts 1:8 KJV.**

## Education And The 1000 Days Of Reaping

The Seventh-day Adventist church has become aroused with the challenge given it by its world leader, Elder Neal C. Wilson, to launch into a program of winning to Christ 1000 souls each day during the 1000 days before the next General Conference session in June 1985.

Throughout the world the members have accepted this challenged to evangelism and are working in many ways to bring souls to Christ. The call upon God's people everywhere is to unite together in an enlarged dimension of commitment to prayer, repentance, Bible study, and witness that all workers and lay members may receive the promised blessing of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The call to leadership in this program is not only upon ministers of the Word of God, but also ministers of teaching. In response the Adventist teachers throughout Southeast Asia Union Mission are stressing the winning of the students in the classrooms to Christ.

With the large mission schools in this union teachers realize that they have an unusual opportunity for soul-winning. These students are sitting before Christian teachers five days each week and learning from them. Adventist teachers are not only teaching the students science, language, and mathematics but also a knowledge of Jesus Christ.

In the great prayer of Jesus, just before he left the upper room where he gave His parting counsel to his disciples, he prayed, "This is life eternal that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou has sent." John 17:3. This focuses upon the first and most important work of the Adventist teacher--that of teaching the students to know Jesus as a personal Saviour and to know God the Father as a loving God who is trying every way to save us in His kingdom.

Teachers' Conventions, workshops, and faculty meetings are all emphasizing this evangelistic thrust of Adventist Education. It is the main purpose of our schools.

Although the 1000 days of reaping is not to be officially launched until Sabbath, September 18, 1982, schools are already planning, and working toward this great program.

This emphasis will not in any way detract from the academic work in the classroom. In fact it will enhance it. When there is a dedication to Christ the scholastic achievement is helped. "True education is the *harmonious* development of the physical, mental and spiritual powers" and when one phase is strengthened it also strengthens the other parts.

Let us all, teachers, administrators, parents, students, friends of students--one and all take seriously this emphasis and unite our prayers and efforts to bring within the circle of the church one million new souls by June 15, 1985. — *Boyd E. Olson*,



TERRITORY:  
West Malaysia & Singapore



*Seventh-day Adventist Church  
of  
West Malaysia & Singapore*

**Old Members Also Active In Evangelistic  
Cycle in Penang**

Old Members and young people of the Penang Chinese Church, under the leadership of Pastor Issac Foo, have been continually involved in the friendly, personal delivery of VOP lessons in specified areas of the city. The concerted door-to-door effort is then followed regularly by a crusade.

One key to success, in addition to the witnessing class and prayer before the group outreach on Sabbath afternoon, is the evening fellowship meal that is prepared by Mrs. Foo for all those returning from work on Sabbath evening. The meal is followed by the Adventist Youth meeting.

The older members deliver envelopes which they received at the Sabbath School classes to interested people. The first envelope contains Pathway to Health lesson one, and a letter from the pastor. It is addressed to the church member and a stamp is affixed. When the interest posts the answer sheet to the church it is graded and the next lesson is enclosed. The envelope is then returned to the member at the Sabbath School class, who delivers it to the interest. Twenty-five adult members are currently participating in this outreach program and they have fifty active students.

The young people make friendly visits and deliver new lessons each week to some 100 active students. They have been doing a thorough



*Members joyfully leave for united action.*

evangelistic work in Rifles Range for two years and now these "evangelists" have shifted their work to the Sungei Nibong area, taking with them six newly converted members and adding them to their evangelistic team. Six "evangelists" are staying behind in Rifles Range to give continuous care to the interests and to conduct Friday night meetings.



*Sabbath School teacher, Mr. Yap Ying Chung, hands new envelope to Mr. Lee Kok Cheng who is working with 5 interests.*

Sungei Nibong, about 20 Kilometers from George Town, has not yet been touched by Adventists although it is well developed and has a dense population. In addition to the door-to-door delivery of lessons, there is a mass VOP enrollment program conducted once a quarter.

The highlight of the work in Penang comes every 13th Sabbath when the new interests are welcomed to the church and the graduates come for their certificates. The old people from the Old Folks' Home are also ushered to the church, for a delightfully interesting program of fellowship with God's people, which includes a devotional and fellowship dinner.

Following the thorough ground work throughout the year, it is expected that the Lord will bless us with a great harvest of souls during our evangelistic crusade at the end of this year.

Such love and enthusiasm have been generated by the program that many participants have given sacrificially to purchase a van to make the work more efficient. Only two weeks after the decision was made to purchase a van, we successfully bought a Datsun E20. Many members donated their pocket money, and some, a half month's or full month's salary, providing us with \$12,000 in cash.—*Calvin Smith and Vincent Choo*





## Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Thailand

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### 15th Triennial Session

Over 100 delegates from churches from every part of Thailand gathered in Bangkok from March 22-27 for Thailand Mission's 15th triennial session. Two full days were given to the triennial meetings followed by three days of Target 85 emphasis.

In his report to the delegates Elder Sunti Sorajjakool, Mission President, noted that baptisms were up (1,688) during the past three years as compared to the previous triennial report, (1,043). This increase is directly attributable to the great responsiveness to the gospel by the Indo-Chinese refugees in Thailand. Refugees accounted for 789 of those baptized in the past three years.

Elder Sunti also gave details of his recent trip to Vientaine, Laos to visit our members there. (Laos is still part of the Thailand Mission territory.) He found 20 members faithfully meeting in the S.D.A. church there despite government attempts to use it for

other purposes. They even maintained a regular choir for their worship services each Sabbath. Elder Sunti was very encouraged to discover that these dedicated laymen had completed translating *Steps to Christ* into the Lao Language and were proceeding to translate *The Desire of Ages* as well!

A major task of each triennial session is to vote the Mission departmental directors for the next three years. The Mission's services to the local churches were divided up as follows: Ministerial Association, Public Affairs--Elder Sunti Sorajjakool (in addition to being Mission President); Adventist Youth, Communication, Health & Temperance--Elder Chalaw Artamapadung; Lay Activities, Sabbath School, Stewardship--Dr. Steve Bassham; Publishing--Pastor Jerry Potter; Education--Dr. Nongnut Bassham; Child Evangelism, Home & Family--

Mrs. Srirat Sorajjakool. Mr. H.I. Lukman continues on as Mission Secretary/Treasurer as previously appointed by the Southeast Asia Union Mission.

The Target 85 meetings which followed produced several benefits for church growth in Thailand in the next three years. The delegates were instructed in forming and utilizing Action Teams for evangelizing their neighborhoods. They were also shown how to use the recently translated *Bible Speaks* study guides in soul winning. A landmark action was to divide the complete country of Thailand into sections with definite responsibility for evangelizing each section given to specific churches and groups. Finally, the delegates from each church or company consulted together to make specific goals and plans for evangelism in their designated area for the next three years.

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Freshmen Departmental Directors: Dr. Nongnut Bassham promotes Adventist education while Elder Chalaw Artamapadung and Dr. Steve Bassham wait their turn.



Strategy Session: Chiang Mai Church delegates plan evangelism.



## Hmong Adventist Youth Camp



*Hmong Camp was enjoyed by the young and the very young.*

Ever since the first Hmong youth camp was held last year the Hmong youth had been asking when we would hold the next camp. They were not disappointed when the Second Hmong Adventist Youth Camp was held April 27-May 2 at a christian camp at scenic Mt. Doi Suthep National Park which overlooks the city of Chiang Mai. Nearly 60 Hmong youth came from four provinces in northern Thailand to spend five days together in the cool, pine-scented mountain air.

During camp the young people received daily instruction in Christian Storytelling to better enable them to tell the Bible story to their friends and neighbors. The campers also completed most of the requirements for the Adventist Youth *Friend Class* by learning knot tying, memorizing Bible texts, passing physical fitness tests, et cetera. It is planned that they will complete the requirements in their home churches and that these AY classes will form the basis of a more active youth program in the Hmong churches.

Other camp activities included group games, a nature hike to the King's Winter Palace higher up in the mountains, and rousing campfires at night.

Living as they do in isolated villages scattered throughout the

northern mountains, the camp provided a unique opportunity for these young Hmong Adventist men and women to become acquainted and enjoy fellowship together. In keeping with this aim of camp a debate was held on Friday night. The question debated was, "Should Adventist youth choose their mate from among Adventist youth?" Both teams as well as the audience participated enthusiastically and good points were raised by both sides. But all agreed that ultimately a marriage will be happy only when both partners love Christ, so even if one does court a non-Adventist it is desirable to lead him or her to Christ before marriage.



*Whose Pulling The Strings? : Hmong youth learn knot tying.*

Pastor Hu was assisted by Pastors Rungsit and Prasert in directing the camp. Elder Chalaw, Thailand's AY Director was in attendance and contributed much to the success of the camp.

The benefits of this second camp to our Hmong youth and to the total program of evangelism among this tribe are many. It was certainly worth the expense, time and planning that went into camp this year. And we expect very soon to have the Hmong youth coming again to ask, "When are we going to have another camp?"—*Dennis Tidwell*

## Thailand Layman Of The Year

At an age of 50, Mr. Sa-Nga-Suwantawee had two loves—drinking and dancing. As a security guard in a small town of Dat-Udom, 45 Kilometers south of Ubol, he always hangs a long hunting knife on his belt. Because of this and his age, he made a sight when dancing.

One day the inebriated Mr. Sa-Nga was taunted by another younger man who was also drunk. When the young man saw Sa-Nga dancing, he shouted, "Stop! stop! You look very ugly," but Sa-Nga just ignored his remarks. The young man became very angry and hit Sa-Nga knocking him to the floor and then kicking him several times. Sa-Nga, to protect his own life, suddenly pulled out his long hunting knife and thrust it into the chest of the young man twice. He fell to the floor, dead.

Sa-Nga went to the police station with his knife and confessed that he killed the young man to protect his life. He was charged and imprisoned for six years.

While in prison, he received a VOP enrollment card. He filled it out and six months later he completed the course. By the grace and love of God, this man's life was changed. He claimed to be a Christian even

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*Mr. Sa-Nga-Suwantawee with his family.*





## MASEHI ADVENT HARI KETUJUH SARAWAK SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MISSION

### Can A Leopard Change Its Spots?

Rabong was born and raised in a culture that is full of superstitions and involvement in evil spirits. His home was along the Tatau River where the Youngbergs worked in the 1930's. So deep was Rabong's faith in the things of the spirits that he and all his brothers became witch doctors. Together they resisted the Adventist message that was brought to their longhouse.

Rabong and his brother, Limbai became famous witch doctor along the Tatau River because of the special prowess bestowed upon them by the evil spirits. These two brothers were given the names Manang Remaung and Manang Lampu Terang which meant Witch Doctor Leopard and Witch Doctor Bright Light respectively. These described their professions and characters accurately.

The work of our church showed very little progress in this longhouse because of the resistance put up by these two witch doctor brothers for very few accepted the message. But God's Spirit was working silently, nevertheless, for Limbai started attending our Branch Sabbath School in 1965. He gave up his practice as a witch doctor and was baptised in the same year. He surrendered all his devilish charms and powers and in its place he acquired a new power from the Living Father above. Equipped with this new power that can never fail, he



*Witch Doctor Rabong surrendered his "medicines" to the pastor.*

began working for the sin sick soul of his brother, Rabong.

Then last June, Witch Doctor Leopard, at the age of 80 became seriously ill and everyone thought he would die. Limbai told him bluntly, "You must stop becoming a witch doctor, and become a Christian. Your charms and 'medicines' cannot heal you. But I know my God can heal you if only you will become His follower."

Rabong thought for a long time about what Limbai has said. And realising that his sickness was growing steadily worse, he finally requested his brother to get the Adventist pastor to come right away and pray for him. And so Brother Limbai came that very night to Bukit

Nyala, where Pastor Anyau Kinchang was stationed, and brought him to pray for Rabong. That night, God's light came into the heart of Rabong and for the first time, he saw the wretchedness of his condition. He realised his total hopelessness and made a surrender to God and accepted Jesus into his heart. He surrendered himself to the power of the Living God and all his "charms" and "lupong" (witch doctor's medicine bag) were surrendered to the pastor as a symbol of freedom from satanic powers. Witch Doctor Leopard (Rabong), the powerful tool of the devil for many years is now converted into a lamb of the Great Shepherd. Only the power of God could have made this possible.

God answered the prayers of the brethren for Rabong through the timely arrival of Dr. Ng Tat Low, a doctor from the Penang Adventist Hospital, who was visiting this area together with the family Planning team from the Mission. Dr Ng treated Rabong who recovered from his serious illness. But Rabong was not only healed of his physical sickness, but also his spiritual sickness. Presently, Rabong is taking Bible studies with laymen from Tekalit Adventist church, and preparing for baptism into the family of God.

So, can a leopard change its spots? The Bible says, "no". Witch Doctor Leopard may not be able to change his spots (he is covered with tattoos), but God's creative power can certainly change his heart into that of the "lamb" ½ Can you say "Amen" to that? — *Choo Wee Fong*

**Selamat Jalan .....**



*It was a sad day when the Chases announced his appointment as treasurer of the Minnesota Conference. Pastor Marshall Chase has served in our Union as treasurer for the past five years and has given very valuable counsel to all our institutions.*

*His wife, Shirley, has always taken a very active part in the SAUC Kindergarten Sabbath School Division.*

*We will miss the sunny and happy disposition of the Chase family around here! They can be contacted at:*

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Wayzata, Minnesota 55391  
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*Missing from the Southeast Asia Union College is the Bruce Kopitzke family.*

*Bruce came to the College on a two-year voluntary basis helping in the Science department. While here, his wife, Myrna graduated last year from SAUC.*

*The Kopitzkes have established themselves in Idaho where he teaches at Gemside Academy.*



*While others have crossed oceans, Nantoo Banejee, our Union accountant, has crossed over the fence wall to be attached to Southeast Asia Union College as their Financial Advisor.*

*Picture shows Nantoo receiving his farewell gift from Mr. Jonathan Kong.*





#### *Child Evangelism Training Course*

*A total of 100 participants from Singapore churches attended a two-day Child Evangelism Training Course held at Southeast Asia Union College Chapel on March 27 and April 3, 1982. Southeast Asia Union Mission Associate Sabbath School Director Anita Heisler did an excellent job in co-ordinating the program while Far Eastern Division Sabbath School Director Robert Grady and West Malaysia & Singapore Mission Sabbath School Director Sim Chor Kiat led out in devotional studies.*



*Elder F.M. Arrogante, General Field Secretary of the Far Eastern Division, met with the pastors of the West Malaysia-Singapore Mission to share with them his expertise of holding revival meetings, field workers' counselling and reclaiming backsliders and missing members. Our pastors have expressed their willingness to try our the program in their churches.*



*About ten percent of the students in Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, are from Southeast Asia. Picture shows a few of this year's graduating class with their professors and friends.*

## SOUTHEAST ASIA

OF SEVENTH

## SNAPS

## AND



#### *Bagan Datoh Church needs Help!*

*Bagan Datoh Indian Church needs major repairs as you can see from the picture. The church is sinking. Contractors were contacted and an estimated cost of about 15,000 dollars for the repair are needed. The church has raised over \$2,000 and the West Malaysia-Singapore Mission is matching the funds raised. Your generous donations to this repair are urgency solicited. Send your contributions to the WMSM Treasurer specify the project you want to help. Thank you.*

#### *Pathfinders At Boys' Scouts Grand Campfire*

*A group of 50 Pathfinders led by Eagles Pathfinder Director Leong Weng Kee of Singapore SDA School together with SAUM Youth Director Jonathan Ng attended the 75th Anniversary Boys' Scouts Grand Campfire held at Toa Payoh Sports Complex.*

*Together with the Pathfinders were Red Cross Cadets, St. John's Ambulance members, Girl Guides and other uniformed youth groups making a total of 1,000 young people participating in this joyous occasion to be commemorate world-wide scouting activities. This occasion also helped to provide opportunities for our pathfinders to fellowship with other uniformed young people in Singapore and to create a better public image for our youth movement of the Church. Praise the Lord for the many VOP enrollments solicited by the pathfinders through this function.*





# UNION MISSION

DAY ADVENTISTS

## SNIPPETS



Pastor Calvin L. Smith, director of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School in Singapore, together with Pastor S. Money, visited almost all the churches in Peninsular Malaysia during a two week visit from May 21 to June 4, 1982. He met with the church pastors, in some places the church elders, and discussed with them the importance of personal ministry such as giving Bible Studies and visiting VOP interests.



A church elder at Sandakan SDA Church, Mr. Chow Mok Shing together with his wife and children expressed their gratitude to God for His blessings on his business during a recent opening ceremony for his number six boat officiated by SAUM Youth Director Jonathan Ng.

Mr. Chow, who has served as an elder of the local church for the past five years, recounted the blessings of the Lord as he kept his promise in being faithful in returning his tithes and offerings to the Lord.

He believed that one cannot outgive the Lord.



SAUM is happy to welcome into the family the first-ever set of twins! The proud parents are Pastor and Mrs. Sim Chor Kiat. Pastor Sim is the Education, Sabbath School and Stewardship director of the West Malaysia-Singapore mission and the first pastor to graduate from the Theological Seminary in Philippines under the Continuing Education program. His wife, Winnie, is an office secretary in the Union Secretariat. Picture shows the happy parents with twin girls, Ginny and Genny and their doting sister, Gillian.

### Recognition

Dr Charles Thomas, Ph. D., associate professor of health science, of the Loma Linda University School of HEALTH, received special appreciation and further request for technical assistance from the office of the United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees for his three week tour of Khmer, Lao and Hmong refugee camps in Thailand. He was requested by the organization for consultation, demonstration, and instruction in the area of rehabilitation and health education specifically in the area of preventive medicine.



### Sabbath School Workshop In Penang

A Sabbath School Teachers' Workshop was conducted by West Malaysia & Singapore Mission Sabbath School Director Sim Chor Kiat and SAUM Sabbath School Director Jonathan Ng at the hospital lecture hall on May 21 & 22, 1982 for the benefit of sabbath school teachers of Penang English and Chinese Churches.

Using a Home Study School course entitled, "Teaching in the Sabbath School" as the guide for the workshop, the participants were reminded of the Biblical concepts and methods of teaching a Sabbath School class. Four small discussion groups were formed to cover topics like: How to motivate class members for lesson study discussion, Methods of teaching and Qualities of a Christian teacher.

Through this workshop, sabbath school teachers were challenged to make sabbath school teaching more evangelistic in nature and all sabbath school classes as action teams in conjunction with Target 85 outreach.



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



### Persecuted For The Lord

Henry Jaafar Gitas, aged 14, comes from a big family of seven children. His parents were former members of the Seventh-day Adventist church. When he was quite young, his father passed away and his mother remarried a Catholic. In 1979, his mother and step-father embraced the Moslem religion.

In 1980, Jaafar went to stay with his cousin, Dinus, who is a Seventh-day Adventist. It was during this time that Jaafar was exposed to the morning and evening worships and church services. Initially he was a little timid to go into church but the words of the song "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour" caught his interest and inspired him to study the Bible. When Pastor Ginduk Laung conducted an evangelistic effort in November 1980, unknown to his parents, Jaafar attended the meetings every night. But Satan would not let one of his followers go without putting up a fight. Somehow his parents learned of his activity. That began for him a series of nightmare of beatings and locked-ins. Kindled with the light of truth that could never be put out, he sneaked out to attend church and was given Bible study by Pastor Nelver Sikul. Once again his parents' discovery resulted in more beatings and one Sabbath he was hung and left to die on a jackfruit tree. A friend came to his rescue just in time and brought him to an AY meeting instead. This time his parents' fury knew no bounds. His step-father beat him up more cruelly than even before and his mother hit him on the



*Henry bore it all bravely for Jesus.*

head with an axe, intending to kill him. Again God intervened and he sustained a minor cut on his head. He became a fugitive, hiding day and night from his infuriated parents. It was when his step-father tried to shoot him that he ran away and with the help of his cousin, he enrolled in a government secondary school.

Providentially there he met some Seventh-day Adventist young people studying in the same school who invited him to their morning and evening worships. Because he came from a Moslem family, the regulations did not permit him to attend Christian religious meetings. The various authorities threatened and warned him against accepting Christianity. Throughout all this, he remained undeterred. After much effort which resulted in their failure to persuade him to give up his faith and his becoming more determined to be a Christian, they gave him up and left him alone.

On May 15, 1982 Jaafar, together with five others from the same school were baptized. He rejoices in the Lord and bears witness of God's power to save.—H. Y. Kong

### Sabah Temperance Outreach

Under the able leadership of Sabah Mission Health and Temperance Director Dr. H.K. Liaw, arrangements were made with various civic and religious organizations for SAUM Temperance Director Jonathan Ng to conduct Anti-smoking Campaigns during his recent visit to Sabah.

A Five Day Plan was co-sponsored by Sandakan Hakka Association and the Seventh-day Adventist Church held at the association hall on April 11 to 15, 1982 with the writer and Dr. H.K. Liaw as lecturers together with 10 lay-counsellors from the local church. The interest of the Rotarians to sponsor the next 5-Day Plan in Sandakan was high at a luncheon meeting where the writer was the guest speaker. A few Rotarians attended a 5-Day Plan held in Sandakan some eight years ago and found the sessions effective and interesting which helped to create a good image for the program.



*A group of happy Ex-smokers together with 5-Day Plan Team at Sandakan Hakka Association.*

With active participation of church members in temperance ministry, it can truly become an opening wedge for Target 85 evangelism especially in Sandakan Church with its coming major crusade in August, 1982.  
—Jonathan Ng, SAUM Temperance Director





*New Goshen Auditorium with a seating capacity of 3000.*

## Youth Congress

April 1-4 was set as the date for the Second Youth Congress in Sabah Mission. Delegates from all over the west coast came. It was the first time for Sandakan to hold such a meeting.

As the first meeting began on the evening of April 1, the attendance grew to about 250 people and on Sabbath to about 500. The gathering was blessed by the presence of God's Holy Spirit and the honored presence of our special guests from the General Conference, Mrs. Betty Ahnberg who is sponsor for health and community services in northern United States, Dr. M.T. Bascom, Lay Activities director from Far Eastern Division, Mrs. J. Ekvall from Taiwan, and Pastor Calvin Smith of SAUM. They were the main speakers throughout the Congress.

In spite of the rain that seemed to interrupt the attendance, the people kept coming to the meetings. At nights, films on the life of Christ were shown by Pastor Patrick Godwan. Choirs and singing groups provided the music throughout the meetings.

On Sabbath afternoon, an AY investiture service was held where many young people participated in the various activities of that day. Two young men received their Master Guide pins and many others received various pins from Busy Bees to

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## Goshen Auditorium— A Love Gift From World S. S. Members

Goshen SDA Auditorium, 13th Sabbath Special Project, was declared open by the honorable Newman Gaban, a member of parliament, Malaysia on May 7, 1982 followed by a Sabah Mission Camp-meeting with FED Sabbath School Director Bob Grady, SAUM President Robert Heisler and SAUM Sabbath School Director Jonathan Ng in attendance.

The auditorium, which cost M\$190,000.00 was built under the leadership of Pastor Helton Fisher who left recently with his family on permanent return after spending three years in Goshen, Sabah.

To commemorate the love and sacrifice of world-wide Sabbath School members in making this auditorium project a reality, a sabbath school workshop was held on sabbath afternoon with Pastor Bob Grady giving special emphasis on Investment Projects for the Lord. Those present were overjoyed to hear the good news of a big-scale Sabbath School Congress to be held at Goshen Auditorium on June 14 to 18, 1982 with Pastor Charles Brooks and Miss Alice Lowe of the General Conference Sabbath School Department in attendance.—*Jonathan Ng, SAUM Sabbath School Director*



*Pastor Robert Heisler thanking Mr. Newman Gaban during the opening of the auditorium.*



*Mrs. Betty Ahnberg [Aunt Sue] stresses a point.*



*A group dedicated to finishing the work in Sabah.*





## SAUM Communica- tions Counsel And Workshop

A three day quadrennial study, discussion, and planning session was held in Singapore on May 11 to 13 for all union, Mission and Institution Communication Directors and Public Relations Officers, immediately following the FED quadrennial Communication Advisory. Study was given to various aspects of the Communications Department applicable and permanent to local need, various interesting and informative papers were presented by Departmental Directors and Public Relations Officers of the Union area.

Our guests, FED Communication Director M. G. Townend and his associate Wayne Young dealt especially with Human Relations, News Writers and Correspondence Schools. T. R. Haylock, Associate Director of the Department of Communications of the General Conference and long time effective Radio Speaker gave a thorough presentation on Broadcasting. A twenty-page paper entitled "Asian Women and Radio/TV Ministry" was presented by Junko Hiari, associate speaker of the Voice of Prophecy in Japan and we were also inspired by a 30 minutes video describing her effective TV ministry.

The tightly scheduled program inspired all delegates to greater advancement in communicating the message of Christ. Definite, specific plans were made should serve to "Make Him Known" in the Southeast Asia Union especially through Radio, Correspondence Schools, and the press.—*Calvin Smith, Communication Director, SAUM*

## Union-wide Literature Evangelist Institute

Salt water gurgled in the snorkel. The flash of colors on the graceful fish and the intriguingly woven coral flowers were a catalyst for real joy. Joy that was to etch itself on the canvass of my mind forming one of the most treasured paintings of my memory. And not to me only—as 70 plus Literature Evangelists, Editors, and Publishing House Workers descended as if an avalanche to the shores of beautiful Phuket for five refreshing days of worship, study, fellowship and work. April 20-25 was the date for our Union-wide Literature Evangelists' Institute.

Each morning, Elder Harapan Liklikwatil brought God's morning manna inspiration to all the early risers. Through the morning various classes on salesmanship, health, and ministry were conducted with interest and participation. Mealtime fellowship was always good as the resort personnel outdid themselves to tastefully combine beauty and flavor. Afternoons brought free time for sharing in recreation and fellowship.

Friday we boarded a ferry boat for a most exquisite trip through the

gorgeous green covered islands of Phanga, also known as James Bond Island. It's beauty seemed so heavenly, so peaceful, so out of touch with the two armed-men that boarded with us to guard against piracy or the war that claimed lives so close by.

Sabbath highlighted our Institute. A refreshing Sabbath School directed by Sister Winnie Elorta and the church hour at the feet of Elder Schlehuber brought inspiration. Potluck dinner provided by our dear Phuket church members provided beautiful fellowship and paved the way for a sharing time followed by reaching out to the community. Literature blanketed the city in two short hours.

Sabbath evening's inspirational challenge for a finished work by a united team was received overlooking the resort's bay during the vesper hour. As the sun slowly sank in the west and the stars began to shine, each rededicated his life to further service for His Lord.—*Loralyn Horning*





Elder G.M. and Juanita Kretschmar.

## Good News From Thailand—Materials For Outreach

It is great news that we now have a number of attractive tracts, in addition to the new Bible Speaks in the Thai language. Pastor Chalaw Artamapadung is a very busy man with heavy responsibilities. These responsibilities now include meeting the unprecedented opportunities throughout Thailand in Radio Broadcasting. Nevertheless because of vision and determination, he has prayed and worked for over two years to prepare a set of tracts that could effectively lead the Buddhist mind to an interest in Bible Study. Seven of the eight tracts are now off the press and are receiving a ready response from readers. They are planned especially to lead to the Way of Life and Bible Speaks lessons.

Dr. Gerard Damsteegt has done excellent work in preparing 20 attractive leaflets in color of from ten to fifteen pages each, covering the major points of our faith. These can be used effectively in various ways including in evangelistic crusades and to supplement the new Bible Speaks course, which is also a major sign of progress in Thailand. Dr. Damsteegt has also prepared a series of ten on Daniel. We praise God for these tracts for the advancement of His work in Thailand and we pray that every member will participate in their use.—*Calvin Smith, Director of Lay Activities Department, SAUM*



Mrs. Betty Ahnberg.

## Faith In Action

Some of the seventy representatives from all Singapore Churches called it the most inspiring meeting they had ever attended in Singapore. Why? because of the vivid first hand accounts of how God blessed his devoted trusting children when they followed his direction, both in New York City and in Ohio. From the Kretschmars we heard the thrilling success story that started with zero dollar and zero result to the present city wide recognised and nation wide known van ministry that landed 40,000 Bible course enrollments this year through the use of 6 blood pressure vans. Mrs Betty Ahnberg

better known as Aunt Sue, who is incidentally on 600 Radio Stations world wide in "your story hour," told of similar outstanding results from her work of faith in a community wide recognised and financially supported Community Services Center. "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then he bade them, 'Follow Me.'" Welfare Ministry pg. 60

Such enthusiasm and desire to follow the Lord's counsel on the part of the attendance resulted in a second meeting of interested members which a group decided to launch a Van Ministry in Singapore and set up a sub-committee to work out that end.

One of the four Action Teams of the Dunman Road Church has already acted in faith, purchased a van, and with the support of the Singapore Better Living Center is planning great things. Much more will be said later concerning this. Certainly this is not the "end of the story!"—*Calvin Smith, Lay Activities Director, SAUM*



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*The Ordained: Elders Phu Tahmoo, Wichien Intepha, Anucha Saeyong.*

The highlight of the week was the ordination of three pastors on Sabbath, March 27. Elders Phu Tahmoo, Wichien Intepha, and Anucha Saeyong were set apart by the laying on of hands for greater service and responsibility in the gospel ministry. Phu Tahmoo is currently ministering to the Karen people in northern Chiang Mai Province. Wichien Intepha is laboring among the rural churches around Ubon in the northeast. Anucha Saeyong is serving in Haadyai in Thailand's peninsula as church pastor and hospital chaplain.

Following a tightly scheduled week the delegates enjoyed a relaxing day visiting the Grand Palace, Bangkok Zoo and the Weekend Market before returning to their homes and churches. May God's Holy Spirit be given in greater measure to this church in Thailand that it may faithfully perform its task of proclaiming the everlasting gospel to every tribe, tongue and people in Thailand.—by *Dennis Tidwell*



*Mr. Sa-Nga Suwantawee and the people he brought to the Lord.*

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though he was not baptized yet. He was always smiling and singing Christian songs. The prison keeper chose him as his assistant and two years later, after receiving pardon from the King, Sa-Nga returned to his home.

The first thing he did was to try to find a Christian church. Finally he found our church in Ban Kam Chareun. During the first Sabbath in his life to attend church, he told us everything that he had done in the past and how he found the Lord. He thanked God for leading him to the true church.

The following Sabbath he came to church with three ladies. He introduced us to his three wives and requested that he be baptized along with his three wives. I told him that he must receive more Bible studies and decide on one wife only. He said the first wife had been staying alone for many years and that he stays with the second and third wives. He promised to try and I had Bible studies with them.

Not long after, his first wife was baptized with eighteen other candidates. He and his other two wives would not be baptized because it had not been settled which one he would separate from. Three months later, at another baptismal service, the problem had still not been solved.

When I announced the third baptismal ceremony, the second wife

came to see me and said, "Pastor, I am now separated from my husband for two months already and we have agreed." So Sa-Nga stayed with his third wife. We had prayer together and arrangements were made for the three to be baptized.

Through Brother Sa-Nga's faithfulness, his witnessing and work for the Lord as a layman, fifteen souls were won to the Lord in the past six months. This is the second year of his Christian life and he plans to conduct a Lay Effort in another village. Recently he was voted as Layman of the Year in Thailand. Please pray for Brother Sa-Nga and for the work in this part of Thailand.—*Sopon Jaiguar, District Pastor*

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*The highlight of the Youth Congress was the baptism of eighteen souls.*

Guides. The mission president, Pastor Geoffrey Pauner presented the challenge and charge which gave new determination to press forward to these youth.

The highlight of the Youth congress was the baptism of eighteen souls. Let us pray for these precious souls as they witness for the Lord in their new found faith.—*Tommy Golotoh*





By Robert H. Pierson

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## Home, a Bethel?

What a dream! Ladder rungs reaching into infinity. Celestial beings scurrying between the throne of God and a lonely spot in old Palestine. The Lord Himself standing beside him. Nearly incomprehensible but reassuring promises.

The night in Bethel had not promised to be anything but miserably uncomfortable as the dusty runaway adjusted his body around the rocks, choosing a flat one for his pillow. But then the vision came. Slowly its scenes mingled with reality as Jacob awoke.

"Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not," he mused. "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven" (Genesis 28:16, 17).

What a truth Jacob discovered that night! In Jesus heaven and earth have come together. Through Him there is reconciliation in the family of God. His presence softens hearts, sweetens tempers, enriches lives and keeps open lines of cordial communication.

"Our homes must be made a Bethel," Ellen White declares (*The Adventist Home*, p. 19).

My home the house of God? My house the gate of heaven? "Yes," God says. "This is my desire for you!"

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