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Is Your Heart In It?



**One
thousand
days of
reaping**

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s It Possible . . .

To meet our goals during the 1,000 Days of Reaping? Absolutely! It is already happening before the October 2 beginning date. I was thrilled with the report just received from Sabah Mission. You see, to reach our baptismal goal during the 1,000 Days before the 1985 General Conference Session it is necessary for the West Malaysia-Singapore Mission, Sarawak Mission, and Thailand Mission to each baptize one converted soul per day, and Sabah needs to baptize two per day. Well, from January 1 through July 31, Sabah has already baptized 428 souls in two hundred and twelve days. According to my mathematical knowledge, that is over two per day! And President Geoffrey Pauner says that July is the beginning of a "very intense" evangelism period. "We expect a great reaping by year-end." Let us praise God for this and pray for Sabah's "great reaping." Surely the Holy Spirit is being poured out.

God's promise is, "If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one under the direction of one power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world." 9T 221. Yes, there must be unity of purpose and action. The whole church working together through the power of the Holy Spirit as an army (Joel 2) with "every man in his place" (Judges 7:21) moving forward as one regardless of difficulty (Exodus 14:13-15), then unlimited results beyond our highest expectations will be attained. "The

floors shall be full of wheat" (Joel 2:24) because "He" (Christ)--the Captain of His Army" is strong that executeth His word." (verse 11).

We are beginning to see a little of this picture in Sabah. There is a wonderful spirit of unity of purpose and action, of regularly scheduled sowing especially through Bible studies and Branch Sabbath Schools, and reaping through regularly scheduled crusades. We cannot expect to reap without continuous persevering work in sowing under the direction of the Holy Spirit. If everyone in your church is "doing his own thing" at his own time and in his own way, you cannot expect much success.

Another major reason for success in Sabah as in other places of the world, is that the members are not being *told* to sow, but are being *trained* to sow by Pastor Nelver Sikul, Sabah's fulltime on-the-job trainer, as well as by pastors and church leaders. Pastor Sikul follows the example of Jesus in training members by personally working with them. Incidentally, the greatest work your pastor can do is not preaching to you, the member, but teaching you how to work for God (7T 19). If he is not doing it, why not ask him to. You will receive a blessing and so will he. Remind him that shepherds do not produce sheep. Studies have shown that members are the most effective soul winners. Your pastor's priority should be to train soul winners, not to win souls.

It is thrilling to think of the possibilities of working together with the world church to win a million precious souls by "giving unquestioned priority to evangelism" --

making the "important" not the "urgent" our "first business", to quote a few words from our General Conference President. The entire church in all its aspects is invited to make a commitment to "prayer, repentance, Bible Study, and Witness", uniting all workers and lay leaders to receive the promised blessings of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is all possible with your total commitment during the 1,000 Days of Reaping!—*Calvin L. Smith, Director, Lay Activities Department*

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

"The fields are ready
for harvest
John 4:35 RSV.

"Go . . . tell them how much
the Lord has done for you
Mark 5:19 RSV.

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

ADVENTIST EDUCATION . . .



The Wisdom Of Egypt?

(An abridged copy of a sermon preached by Pastor Ng Gan Theow in Singapore July 10 and in Sarawak July 31, 1982.)

The powerful nation of Egypt was in a crisis. It urgently needed someone who could be educated to become the future leader of the country. The search came to an end when a princess found a beautiful bright-eyed baby among the bulrushes of the Nile.

In accomplishing their goal to make Moses the ruler of Egypt they made two mistakes--they picked out someone who had already been chosen by God to be a leader of His people, and Moses was given the privilege of being trained by God in the Christian school of that time.

Pharaoh's daughter had given the order to a Hebrew slave, "Take this child away, and care for him while he is young." It was thus that Jochebed, the mother, had the opportunity to educate her child according to the Lord's designs. "It was with deep gratitude that she entered upon her now safe and happy task. She faithfully improved her opportunity to educate her child for God." (PP 243) No wonder the Bible says when Moses "was grown up, he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter."

When we today send our children to our own schools, we send them to be taught of the Lord. When we send them to secular schools we are

saying, "Take my children away and educate them for the world."

Some SDA parents are now saying, "The educational system in the government schools is superior to our Adventist schools." In certain respects that may be true. Jochebed could have said that the wisdom of Egypt is superior to the church school. Egypt had schools with a high degree of knowledge of mathematics, astronomy, medicine, and military expertise.

Moses became the hero of Egypt, the bright star of that great country. He was the great military leader. But "it was not the teaching of the schools of Egypt that enabled Moses to triumph over his enemies, but an ever abiding unflinching faith." (CT 408) Where did he develop such faith? From the schools of Christ. Christ is also telling us, "Take this child and educate him for God."

In order to secure worldly education many students spend time and money in crowding their minds with unnecessary knowledge. "The world may count them learned, but God is

not in their thoughts. They eat of the tree of worldly knowledge, which nourishes and strengthens pride. In their hearts they become disobedient and estranged from God; and their entrusted gifts are placed on the enemy's side." (CT 64)

But there is another very different kind of education. It is established not merely to impart intellectual knowledge. It does not ignore the value of science and the arts, but "above information it values power, above power, goodness; above intellectual acquirements, character." (Ed. 225) The Word of God is studied, the character of Jesus is emulated. Traits of character are brought into exercise. Christian Education is not head-training but heart-training. It is not brain building, but character building.

In Egypt some years ago archaeologists came upon the grave of an old Pharaoh. The tomb and its mummy was counted precious indeed for they had found the Pharaoh who took the throne in Moses' place. Moses had turned it down in order to join the church in the wilderness.

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Mr. Goh Chok Tong declaring the exhibition opened to the public.

As part of the Singapore National Day Celebration program, a Health Exhibition was jointly organized by the Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital, the Seventh-day Adventist Community Services (comprising largely of Dunman Road Church members), and the Marine Parade Community Centre at Marine Parade. The Exhibition was officially opened on 6 by Mr. Goh Chok Tong, the Minister of Defence, Second Minister of Health, and Member of Parliament for Marine Parade.

In his speech, Mr. Goh Chok Tong said that the health of a nation was in the hands of individuals and the health of an individual lied in his hands. He said, "Far too many of us overeat, smoke, do not exercise, do not have a balanced diet." The preventive approach to health was always cheaper than that of curative, he stressed. After his speech, Mr.

Goh toured the Exhibition with Dr. Baldev Singh, Chief of Staff of Youngberg, and Dr. E. Witzel, Director of Health of the Far Eastern Division.

One of the very popular attractions of the Exhibition was the computer game set up by Mr. Ebby Lucas. The three computers were programmed to calculate the expected life span of a person based on his age, life style, and medical history. Another exhibit, the "Health Land" featured the seven steps to better living by means of a train passing through each of the 7 stations, bringing home the message that prevention was better than cure.

Over 2,000 people visited the 3-Day Exhibition which featured the harmful effects of smoking, hypertension and heart diseases. A hypertension screening service was also provided for the public. Over 521

people had their blood pressure checked, and 404 enrolled in Pathway to Health Course. Another 3500 copies of health literature were distributed. 151 women took advantage of yet another service--the breast self-examination.

The Marine Parade Health Exhibition is actually an adventure in prayer. It was conceived by prayer late last year and was borne by prayer in March this year.

Our resourceful Father in Heaven gave us many ideas to present our health messages in an attractive manner. We used thousands of adhesive plastic letterings for our display panels and they soon ran out halfway through in June. Prayers went up to the throne of grace for rescue. After weeks of searching, the Lord finally led us to another company that sold similar type of letterings. Preparation continued.



A VIP treatment rendered by Dr. Witzel, FED Health Director and Dr. Singh, Chief of Staff of YMAH.

Introducing New Doctors



Dr. Shinji Kubo and family

Singapore Adventist Hospital is happy to welcome two new doctors who arrived recently to strengthen the health ministry of the Church in Singapore. Dr. Shinji Kubo, M.D. graduated from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in 1978 and completed his residency in family practice at Glendale Adventist Hospital from 1978 to 1981. Mrs. Kubo is a trained pharmacist. They have two children: Mark, 12 and Aileen, 9.

Dr. Clarence S.F. Ing, M.D. is also a graduate of Loma Linda University. He obtained his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1963 and had his residency in ophthalmology at Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital from 1967 to 1970. From 1970 to 1978, Dr. Ing served as a medical missionary at Bella Vista Adventist Hospital, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. During that time he was also an attending physician for Nino Lisiados (Crippled

Children's) Program for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and a consulting physician for PRINUL (Puerto Rico International Undersea Laboratories). From 1978 to 1981, he was on staff at Wildwood Sanitarium and Hospital, Georgia and just before coming to Singapore, he was chief of staff at Adventist Health Services, Majuro, Marshall Islands. Mrs. Ing, the former May Chan from Singapore, is an experienced Bible worker and is already busy with Bible studies and health talks at the local churches. The Ings have five children: Michael, 19; Stephen 17; Jeffrey, 16; Michelle, 14 and Daniel, 10.

We welcome the Kubos and the Ings to our hospital family and would like to wish them the Lord's choicest blessings during their ministry here.
—Jonathan Ng, P.R. Director, Singapore Adventist Hospital



Dr. Clarence Ing and family

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Smiling YMAH Nurses attend to the public.



A tour of the exhibition

Meanwhile funds were running short. Expenses involved in such an Exhibition were staggering if not frightening—at least in the region of \$10,000. The Adventist Better Living Centre consented to grant us \$2,000, but soon their funds were exhausted. We began talking to individuals who might have burden for community services such as this. One lady, a former 5-Day Plan participant who successfully quit smoking, gave \$500. Another church member heard about our need and donated \$300 for the Exhibition lighting facilities. Last but not least, one former patient gave \$1000. Later, when we needed a video cassette recorder and monitor, we were guided providentially to a company manager who was willing to lend us the machines for three days free of charge! —Ng Gan Theow, Chaplain

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The whole group--SAUC Choir and String Cherubs--perform by gas lantern light in a mountain-top church in Sabah.



The String Cherubs were appreciated everywhere the choir went.



Eating on the Sabah trip resulted in crews to clean up after the meals.

After six long months of planning, practising, and fund-raising, the twenty-four-member SAUC choir and seven younger members of the String Cherubs, with their director, Mrs. Ann Ng, and co-ordinator, Mr. Lee Peng Cheong, left Singapore for Sabah on May 26 and 27 to promote SAUC and its Project Lift. They spent a total of 17 days in Sabah.

The main targets comprised the two secondary schools in Sabah, located at Tamparuli and Goshen where potential SAUC students can be found. SAUC was enthusiastically promoted by both students and faculty members of the choir. After presenting their programs, the choir members spent time answering the many questions posed by the students of Sabah Adventist Secondary School and Goshen Adventist Secondary School. By the very favourable response from these potential students, SAUC can look forward to more students coming from Sabah.

Besides these two schools, the Sabah Mission had arranged for the choir to visit churches in the vicinity of the schools at Kelawat, Tenghilan,



Pastor Shupinar, a theology major at SAUC, answers the questions of interested, prospective students.

College Choir Tours Sabah

Togop, Kiulu, Kudat, Kapa, Damai, Menggatal, Tagaroh, and Kota Kinabalu where they sang to packed and very appreciative audiences. The Choir was indeed touched by the warm welcome and hospitality in every church they visited.

Many of the church members arrived hours before the performance; some walked for miles in the rain and through the mud to hear the choir sing. At every single church where the choir performed, the church members took special pains to prepare a potluck dinner for them. Offerings were collected at every church to help defray the expenses for internal transportation, and the choir members were certainly impressed by the generosity shown by the people of Sabah.

Sandwiched in between performances the choir made a special visit to Kinabalu National Park where they felt fully rejuvenated by the fresh and crisp mountain air. Eight members had a literal mountain-top experience as they conquered the 13,455-foot peak of Mt. Kinabalu.

Whether it was watching the exotic sunset over the padifields at

by Sally Phoon
Photography by
Matthew Hutabarat
Shupinar Koubong
Lee Peng Cheong



Kelawat, or feeling the swirling mist close-in around at Togop, or bouncing in the jeep or van on winding, unpaved mountain roads, or beholding the majestic peak of Mt. Kinabalu, the choir members were directed to the great Creator who made possible the privilege of sharing His love with fellow believers in Sabah. A special word of thanks goes to all those who contributed towards making this beautiful experience a reality.— *Sally Phoon*



Betty Chin and James Young demonstrate how the fields are worked in Sabah.



The choir members prepare for the assault on Mt. Kinabalu, the highest mountain in Southeast Asia.



The group--eight of them that actually made it to the top of Mt. Kinabalu--are tired, but satisfied with their strenuous efforts.



MASEHI ADVENT HARI KETUJUH SARAWAK SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MISSION

Activities In The Serian District, Sarawak



An action team from Bunga giving Bible study.

With five on the pastoral staff in the Serian District this year we now are able to organize more activities for our churches (24 altogether) in this district. The increase in pastoral staff is made possible because of the support that we get from our churches. Various activities in the Serian District for the past four months included the following:

(1) *Singing groups in the Serian District.* Various singing groups have been formed in the bigger churches of the Serian District. In the past there were many singing groups that went out to give inspiration to other churches, but with a decline in enrolment in Ayer Manis School these groups had not had the leadership that it had in the past. With the announcement that a big camp meeting will be held for the first time after a lapse of ten years these singing groups are beginning to form again and are practising hard for their musical items that they will present in Ayer Manis School, August 1, 1982.

One group is located at Bunga Church and is called The Bunga Youth Singers under the leadership of Mr. Gedion and they are now visiting many smaller churches in their district bringing inspiration to our smaller churches that lack talent. Another group is called The Lanchang Quartet, consisting of a pastor and three faithful laymen who are teaching in government schools. These people were very good singers when they were much younger and now that they have an opportunity to

(2) *A Pathfinder group centralized at Ayer Manis School.* This group consists of about a hundred young people studying in government schools who meet weekly at our Ayer Manis compound for centralized training. This activity has been well received by all our Adventist young people who are attending government schools since they do not have many activities for the young people on Sunday afternoons. There is much enthusiasm as the energies of our young people are channeled in the right direction when they meet for Pathfinder activities at Ayer Manis School.

(3) *Leadership training for church leaders.* David Ngali, the pastor assigned to four big churches in the Serian District, conducted leadership training for church officers who came and received instruction that they badly needed since no such training were conducted in a regular way in the past.

(4) *Child Dedications.* There was



Child Dedication Service at Bunga

present their talents again in a musical program during camp meeting they are again beginning to practise. They have been touring the bigger churches rendering first class quartet music to our churches. There is nothing like singing as we lead our people to worship and I know that our singing groups in Serian will continue to bring inspiration to our people during large meetings and during evangelistic meetings in and around the Serian area.



Lanchang Quartet at Bunga

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Holiday Camp At Cameron Highlands



On August 8 to 11, the Ipoh Chinese Church under the leadership of Pastor Vincent Chee and Miss Lip Wai Peng, organised a camp at the Convent Youth Centre in Tanah Rata with the purpose of creating fellowship, harmony and spiritual renewal. The theme of the church camp, 'What is life?' was carefully and appropriately chosen to lead the 43 campers to a meaningful relationship with the Lord. The programmes were planned according to the theme which consisted of learning how to set priorities in life, getting along socially with their friends and discovering God's gift in their life. Among the forty-three campers were ten non-Adventists. So on the final night of the camp, we planned an agape feast which was aimed at witnessing to these ten friends of ours. The seating arrangement was made in the shape of a cross and the solemnity was further enhanced by

the candle-lighting ceremony. It was certainly very encouraging to see some of them testify of the love, care and concern shown to them by our campers during the 4 days of stay there. We praise God for giving us this opportunity to learn so many lessons and most important of all, to renew our commitment to Him.

'He who does not conquer a fear each day, has not learnt the first lesson of life.'—Emerson—*Vincent Chee*



David Leoh, Lee Chok Wah and Chay Fook Wing in airport.



Health Education Begins With School Children
Mission Publishing Director, Brother Chay Fook Wing was canvassing with a few literature evangelists in Serdang, a small town not far from Kuala Lumpur in the beginning of this year. In "house-to-house" canvassing, they came to a primary school. Some health books were sold to the school and a health talk was arranged too.

On April 8, 1982, a team of mission workers were sent to this Serdang Primary School to conduct a health program which included a health talks demonstration and exhibition on the dangers of smoking.

Although they are young, it is the right time to instill upon them the dangers of smoking.



"A Non-Smoking Generation"
Health Campaign

In the month of June, 1982 the Adventist Health Education Center was invited to put up an exhibition for three schools, Anglo-Chinese School, St. Michael and Vocational School in Ipoh, Perak, West Malaysia. This was a series of health campaign sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ipoh Kinta.

During the six days period of exhibition, the assistant publishing director, Mr. Loh Kam Kee and literature evangelists, brothers Lim Hoong Fatt, Lee Fook Yeen and Kok Chee Khiong took an active part in the program.

Thousands of students had the opportunity to see the exhibition. Some of the students were brought by their teachers to the exhibition. The Health Video Program was one of the new items conducted in these schools and proves that it is a good health education aid.

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One Pastor And Sixteen Members: 206 VOP Graduates In Eight Months



Some of the 206 graduates.

It was a joyous occasion as some 500 VOP students and their friends from the Simanggang area gathered for a VOP Rally on August 28. Besides the students from the Singapore school, there were 206 diplomas for mainly secondary school students who had completed courses under the personal tutelage of 16 church members and their pastor, Matthew Bandan, and his wife, Jeni. Beginning in January, they had delivered and graded the lessons personally, reviewed them with their students, and called for decisions. What a joy it was for these faithful members to watch their students receive their certificates. It was even more thrilling to see the sincere young people attend the first meeting of the VOP Evangelistic Seminar with evangelist, Lawrence Banyie, the following night in the



Intensely interested Bible students at Crusade.



Pastor Bandan (left) and sixteen faithful teachers.

SDA church. The church was packed to the walls, late comers had to stand and sit on the steps. The crowd was even larger the second night. One could not help but be impressed with the wonderful spirit of this group. There seem to be an unusual sincerity and intense desire to know Christ and His truth on the part of each attendant. Certainly, God's spirit is working in a mighty way on the hearts of these young people, and we confidently expect a large harvest of souls.

Incidentally, we're happy to state that Pastor and Mrs. Matthew Bandan will be extending their ministry in January to become full time on-the-job trainers of laymen in Sarawak Mission.—*Calvin L. Smith, Director, Communication Department*

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Moses united with the people of God, and the other pharaoh took the throne. Now centuries later, his body was found in a dusty tomb. There he was in that typical mummy style, wrapped in the swaddling clothes of death. They brought him to England and there he made a rare exhibit.

The story is told that at a later time Germany wanted to have him on exhibit and asked to borrow this special mummy. The museum officials went to the shipping company to have the exhibit sent but there was no place on the shipping tag to list him. He wasn't furniture, vegetables or fruit, not metal, nor timber, nor ammunition. They found only one category that came near it and they shipped him over as dried fish.

When Moses watching from heaven saw the dried lifeless body of the man who took his place as the Pharaoh of Egypt listed as dried fish I think he was thankful of God for his Godly mother who valued Christian Education above everything else for her son. It was from this education that he made the decision to refuse to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter."

Moses is well and alive today, and he is beckoning us, "Give your sons and daughters the education which will teach them that Jesus is coming soon and will help them not only to be ready but will teach them to help others be ready for that great day.

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Send your child to one!

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enthusiastic response when the pastor preached on the importance of bringing up children in the fear and nurture of the Lord. Because of a shortage of pastors in the past child dedications were not carried out and consequently there was a considerable number who have not been dedicated. When parents heard about the plan to have child dedication services in the church, many brought their children to these services. These helped to renew interests in the Christian homes and we know that this will be good for the future of our work there.

(5) *Family Finance Seminars.* Pastors David Ngali, Saul Nyungga and Edmund Liah conducted Family Finance seminars in our churches in the Serian area. These meetings were made very practical and were conducted over weekends that drew big crowds of people who were out to learn God's plans in their family finances. In many of these churches we have electricity that have just been connected and we can assure you that this new facility came in handy as we used an over-head projector to teach our people to put God first in their family finances. The approach was spiritual and many families were surprised that we have such good practical counsels given in the Spirit of Prophecy and in the Word of God. The transparencies provided by the Division Stewardship Department were put to good use. We now see considerable increase in tithes given by these churches and we are convinced that Family Finance seminars should be conducted in other parts of the mission too as on-going programs. — *Saul Nyungga, District Pastor, Serian*

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SAUC Shows Marked Progress

We here at *your* college are doing everything in our power to make the college what it ought to be and can be. Progress is being made, and we are optimistic about the future of SAUC.

Progress in Enrollment

Over the past three quarters, the enrollment has gone up approximately 40 per cent from 120 to over 160. The current quarter is 167. All of the missions of Southeast Asia are well represented.

Student Recruitment

Acting President, Dr. Don Sahly, has been involved in a strong recruitment campaign in Thailand and West Malaysia.

The SAUC choir toured Sabah.

Pastor Wes Amundson will be one of the main speakers at the Sarawak camp meetings.

William H. Taylor recruited in Brunei, Sabah, and Sarawak.

Renovation

The administrative offices have been moved from the main gate area to the class room area where the president, academic dean, business manager, registrar, and treasurer have new offices, carpeted and air conditioned.

The administration hopes to renovate the two dormitories with improvements, paint, and new furniture. One room in the men's dormitory has already been remodeled to show the young men how the new rooms will look.

Student and Faculty Morale

Morale is high on the campus; there is a feeling of pride and confidence in the college among the students and staff. There is also a deep spiritual commitment.

Accreditation

Dr. Sahly has been working with Walla Walla College toward full accreditation, and progress is being made. Currently on furlough, he will be working on details and plans with executives at Walla Walla.

New President

Dr. Koh Kang song, along with Dr. Linda Koh, both with doctorates from Andrews University, will be returning in August. Dr Koh Kang Song will be the new president, and Dr. Sahly will become Academic Dean. Pastor Wes Amundson has been the interim president, and Dr. Linda Koh will be the Librarian, replacing Mrs. Myrtle Watrous, who has returned to the States.

Campaign For Improvements

The *Project Life Campaign*, supported enthusiastically by the students and faculty, does not show a total as of the date of this publication as the offering to help with this campaign was taken in all the churches of the Southeast Asia Union Mission on 14 August. The overall goal is S\$100,000.

The student-faculty section of the *Project Lift* program had a goal of S\$20,000 and, as this article went to press, the total achieved surpassed the S\$20,000 mark.

Since the improvements will aid all the students on SAUC's campus, the students have been very active in the campaign. One student approached a large foundation in Singapore and received S\$2,000.

The funds, showing the goals hoped for, will be used as follows:

1. Dormitory Improvements \$30,000
2. Computer Technology (\$20,000 was raised by students in 1981, \$20,000 more is needed to start the program) \$20,000
3. Lecture Hall Renovations \$20,000
4. Increase Library Holdings \$10,000
5. Laboratory Equipment \$5,000
6. Typewriters for Secretarial Science Classroom \$15,000