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Introducing

THE NEW ADMINISTRATORS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION MISSION

President George Johnson and Treasurer Thomas Staples
(above photo from right to left)

SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION MISSION

SAUM Welcomes New Treasurer

From war-torn Beirut, Lebanon comes our new union treasurer, Mr. Thomas Staples with his family. Mr. and Mrs. Staples were both born in Africa and graduated from Pacific Union College where they were also married. Mr. Staples graduated in 1967 in business and religion and began work in a commercial firm until he transferred to the Northern California Conference as an accountant. The Staples left the USA in 1971 to spend nine years in Lebanon with the exception of three years in Ethiopia from 1975 to 1978 where Mr. Staples served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Union. While Mr. Staples was Treasurer of the Middle-East Union in Lebanon, the war began. Although the situation has worsened since their leaving Beirut, it was not without danger during their final year there.



The Staples family.

Mrs. Karen Staples, an experienced teacher of nine years, is presently teaching history and geography at SAUC. We welcome the Staples and their boys Thomas 15, Gaelen 12, and Christopher 5 to Southeast Asia. Certainly they will enjoy living here since Mr. Staples is an avid sailor and scuba diver, and enjoys singing for various services. May God continue to bless their service here in Southeast Asia as they accept new challenges of leadership.



The Johnson family.

SAUM Welcomes New President

Interviews, counsels, chats on objectives, programs, goals, and needs; busy from early to late in an endeavor to get hold of the various facets of the reins of leadership in SAUM: this was characteristic of Pastor George C. Johnson first few days in Singapore. He flew in from Lahore, Pakistan on September 1 where he has served as an able administrator of the Pakistan Union for the past ten years. From 1972 to 1976, he was Union Secretary and from '76 to '83, he led the field as president.

Pastor Johnson, son of American missionaries Elder & Mrs. Duane Johnson, was born in India and has spent most of his life, some thirty years, in India and Pakistan. He speaks Urdu, Hindi, and Punjabi in addition to English.

A graduate of Vincent Hill School in India, he received his BA degree from Pacific Union College in 1965, a Masters in British Colonial History in 1967 from the University of Maryland and is working towards a MBA from California State University at Fresno.

Pastor Johnson is acquainted with institutional administration. Previous to his Pakistan Union administrative service, five years were devoted to administration in the Pakistan Union College.

E.A. Brodeur Publishing Director

Veteran publishing director, E.A. Brodeur and his wife Helen are back in Southeast Asia where he is serving as interim publishing director of SAUM in the absence of Pastor Horning. For them it is like coming home, since the Brodeurs have spent 18 years in Asia from 1951-1956, then again during the decade of the 1960's, and also from 1978 - 1980 on special service. During these years Pastor Brodeur headed the publishing work in Indonesia where he supervised the building of the Bandung Publishing House. He was the secretary for the Publishing Department for the Far Eastern Division. Helen, directed the food service in the academy cafeteria for 10 years also serving in the laundry and as hostess.

Looking back over 20 years Pastor Brodeur sees the national workers have, for the most part, replaced the overseas workers for which he is pleased. "My job is to work myself out of a job," he believes. Presently he is committed to training leaders and recruiting literature evangelists. He is happy to report that 50,000 copies of a new Thailand health magazine will be published quarterly. Three Spirit of Prophecy books will be published in the Thai language, thanks to a subsidy from the White Estate.

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SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE

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Accreditation For South-East Asia Union College

There was cause for great rejoicing at Southeast Asia Union College campus on January 26, 1984 when the evaluation team announced the recommendation for a full accreditation for an initial three years to Southeast Asia Union College.

The visiting team was appointed by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Board of Regents and the Far Eastern Division Seventh-day Adventist Commission of Accreditation to conduct a full evaluation of Southeast Asia Union College in Singapore. All pertinent documents were examined; students, staff members, administrators, and Board members were interviewed; classes were visited; and all aspects of the total College program were studied.

The evaluation team consisted of educational leaders and experts from various institutions: Dr. George P. Babcock, Associate Director of Education of the General Conference, chairman of the team; Dr. W. Shultz, Dean of School of Technology, Andrews University; Dr. Don Weatherall, Associate Director of Education, Southern Union, NAD; Professor Ron Manuel, Business Department Chairman, Walla Walla College; Mr. Don Christensen, Financial Advisor, Mountain View College, Philippines; Dr. Amos Simorangkir, Director of Education, Far Eastern Division; Dr. Shozo Tabuchi, Associate Director of Education, Far Eastern Division; Mrs. Lorraine Felker, Associate Director of Education, Far Eastern Division; Dr. R. A. Hutagaol, President, Universitas Ad-



Dr. George Babcock, Chairman of the Evaluation Team making the announcement of the accreditation.

vent Indonesia; Mr. John C. Pesulima, President, Universitas Klabat, Indonesia; Dr. Maria G. Tumangday, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Philippine Union College; Miss Hepsy Goonasegaram, Educator, Singapore; Mr. Robert Baldwin, Librarian, Hong Kong Adventist College.

The terms of the accreditation were spelled out in the statement of recommendation issued by the accreditation teams: "... In the professional judgment of the visiting evaluation team, we recommend to the General Conference Board of Regents that Southeast Asia Union College be fully accredited for a period of three years, before the end of which a team of at least two members from the current visitation team will visit the College to determine if the accreditation might be extended for an additional two years..."

SAUC has come a long way in attempting to reach that coveted status of an accredited college. We were not able to gain accreditation in the 1980 evaluation because of



Evaluation Team members, College Board members and College Administrators and faculty at the reporting session.

the many insurmountable problems at that time. Dr. George Babcock, the same chairman of the 1980 evaluation team, was greatly impressed by the many improvements at SAUC since 1980. "We feel that your College is on the right track. We encourage you to proceed full steam ahead," said Dr. Babcock in his final report to the College Board and faculty assembly.

From their month-long study of the College self-evaluation document and the four days of close observation and interviews on our campus, the evaluation team made the following commendations to Southeast Asia Union College: The very professional 250-page self-evaluation document, high staff and student morale, high level of instruction, the very good relationships between faculty members and students, and an attractive and useful library.

The evaluation team also made high commendations to the various departments of the College: to the Business Department for their high level of instruction; to the Education Department for their high quality and professionalism; to the English/Communications Department for their well-equipped language laboratories; to the General Studies Department for their fine supporting curriculum for all the other departments; to the religion Department for their well-qualified staff and the offering of diversified programs to meet the needs of students and workers in the field, to the Science and Mathematics Department for the upgrading of computer hardware and course offerings; and to the Office Administration Department for their brand new equipment of word processor, computers, electronic and manual typewriters.

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



The Gaban family.

Sabah Mission's First Local President

Dr. Gaban completed his secondary education in Sarawak. His first taste of college work was at SAUC. In 1970 he and his family went to Philippine Union College on a Division scholarship. He came back to Sabah in March 1973 with an M.A. in Educational Administration. Early in 1979 he again left with his family for further studies at Andrews University on a non-denominational sponsorship. After 3½ years at A.U. he earned an M.B.A. and Ed. D. He returned to Sabah in October 1982. Dr. Gaban is believed to be the first Kadazan in the denomination to earn a doctorate.

For one who has over 20 years of denominational service, mission work is not new to Dr. Gaban. He started work as a teacher. He then became principal, educational superintendent, youth director, and at the time he left for A.U., he had also been the secretary of the mission for five years. He was ordained into the gospel ministry in 1975.

Dr. Gaban is married to former Connie Pauner. Connie is an English Specialist having an MA in English (PUC) and M.A.T. (A.U.). They have three children, Cheri who is in nursing at A.U., Elvin who is in computer science at U.C. and Kenny who's at home in Sabah attending secondary school.

Sabah Mission now has a very strong team of leaders at its headquarters in Tamparuli to guide the work of the mission. Dr. Gaban, with the assistance of Dr. Edmund Siagian, is also the Educational Superintendent. Sabah has 2 secondary and 12 elementary schools.

Our prayers go to Dr. Charles Gaban and his team as they try to reach more souls in this "land below the wind." — *Geoffrey Pauner, Director of Education, SAUM.*

The Plan That Failed

Arriving to work in a small village in Sabah were four lady literature evangelists: Mary Chee, Jaibi Ogu, Rosnah Ogou, and Flora Tinggal. Although some people treated them with contempt, they worked on with burning desire to share the love of God with others.

Later, upon discovering that his wife had bought a book from our literature evangelists, one husband flew into a rage, especially when he discovered that a booklet of the gospel of John had been given to his family. The following day he went to the SDA church elder's home bringing with him his "parang," a long knife. Without any restraint he angrily abused the work of our literature evangelists and made all sorts of accusations against the Adventist religion. He continued to threaten, "I have the power to burn your church down."

Two days later, he pedalled his bicycle to the Y.B.'s house (people's representative) intending to inform the Y.B. of his plans. Before reaching the Y.B.'s house he met a stranger who informed him that his child was critically ill. Hearing the news, he instantly turned around and started home. On his way home he saw several big dogs approaching; two in front of him, one at each side and another behind him. Feeling afraid, he tried to speed up, but the dog behind bit him at his waist. His bicycle hit a large rock in the road which caused him to fall. He got up and went to wash his soiled face, but as he walked back to his bicycle an overwhelming weakness came upon him so that he fell unconscious. When he came to, the police were there with many people around.

One week later, the man related to others what actually took place. The person who informed him of his son's illness was a complete stranger to him, and his son was not sick at all. He discovered that there had never been any dogs at the place where he had been attacked and neither was there any large rock. The spot where the dog bit him bore no bite-mark, neither was there any pain. His bicycle was not damaged. He himself admitted that these mysterious circumstances were from God. Were it not for our literature evangelists, most probably this village would not have known about Seventh-day Adventists. We thank God for our faithful literature evangelists.

Donald Midow, Sabah Pastor

MASEHI ADVENT HARI KETUJUH SARAWAK



President Choo Wee Fong with Pastor Dan Walters standing in front of the Aztec that will be used in the Sarawak Mission.

Aviation Program Revived In Sarawak Mission

With the arrival of Dan Walter, an experienced pilot and pastor the aviation program in the Sarawak Mission was revived. This program was phased out in 1978 because of various problems, but we are happy that we now have a pastor-pilot who can be part of the team in the training of laymembers. The Sarawak aviation program will be used to train the membership of the Sarawak Mission that are located in remote places. For more than fifteen years the aviation program was used to enter new areas and thousands have been brought to a knowledge of Jesus Christ. However, little training was provided for the new members who came in. We now see the newly revived aviation program as a means of taking teams from the mission office to train the laity of our churches. We welcome Dan Walter and family to the Sarawak Mission and we know that with their background in mission service they will render a service that will be appreciated by our membership at large.

— Choo Wee Fong, President, Sarawak Mission.

New Church Started In Sarawak

It all began when two young women from the village of Emplanjau married men from Jirok. While living in Jirok, these families returned to visit Emplanjau on several occasions. During the visits they had opportunity to observe the work that was being carried on by the Seventh-day Adventist health education project and to talk with many of the church members there.

The following year Gilbert Tan contacted the chief of Jirok to ascertain the villagers' interest in joining the project. A general meeting was scheduled with the villagers during which they demonstrated a keen desire to be included. After the meeting Dempfi and Mengong, the two assistant chiefs, approached Pastor Tan and told him that they and several others in this heathen village had been thinking about becoming Christians and had thought about contacting the Seventh-day Adventists, but never did. "It's a good thing that you came, it's just like heaven sent," said Dempfi.

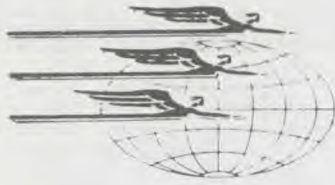
As they continued to talk, the reasons for their interest in the SDA Church became clear. "There are many denominations to choose from, but we have seen what happens to other groups after they join," said Mengong. "They continue to offer sacrifices, they still believe in dreams, the witch doctor and birds as bad omens; and they still go to the cock fights also. They are half Christian and half heathen," said Mengong as Dempfi nodded his head in agreement. "But we have seen what the Seventh-day Adventists have done for the people and their standards," they continued. "That's what we want."

They explained how those who had visited Emplanjau had shared with others in the village what they had observed. How impressed they were with the cleanliness of the village, the vegetable gardens and other results of the health project there! They also shared how impressed they were with "the Adventist standard of living up to the truth and putting their old heathen ways behind them."

As a result of this conversation Gilbert spent several weeks implementing the objectives of the health project: weighing the children, helping the people with vegetable gardens, making friends and talking with the people. He also had informal talks with them about the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and as he did interest in the church grew.

Later Dempfi, Mengong and many others requested Pastor Tan to return and teach them about health

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Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Thailand

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Pastor and Mrs. Wendell Wilcox.

Thailand Welcomes New Mission President

Five years after leaving the presidency of the Southeast Asia Union Mission, Wendell L. Wilcox and his wife Audrey are returning to SAUM's most challenging field. Pastor Wilcox replaces Richard Hall the acting president of the Thailand Mission in September.

After having spent thirteen of his twenty-four consecutive years in the Far East as president, certainly the work of God in Thailand will be blessed through the experience and expertise Pastor Wilcox has gained in working with his Lord. He has served as president of: the whole of the Indonesian archipelago (1962 to 1967); the Korean Union ('68 to '71) the Sabbath Mission ('71 and '72); and the SAUM from '75 until he and his family returned to America in May of 1978.

Ability to contribute to the success of pastors, evangelists, departmental directors, publishing house workers, and mission secretaries will be a distinctive quality of Pastor Wilcox. He has spent a total of some fifteen years in these areas of service.

The Far East will always have special meaning to the Wilcoxes for many reasons. It was in Hong Kong on July 14, 1927, that Wendell was born, while his father, Elder L. C. Wilcox was serving as a missionary there. He is the youngest of three children. While in his teens during World War II, Wendell suffered with his parents the privations of concentration camps in the Philippines. He still recalls with thrill, the liberation of Manila by the forces of General Douglas MacArthur.

In 1954, Pastor Wilcox returned to Indonesia with his devoted companion Audrey to begin together their twenty-four years of service to the cause of Christ in the Far East.

The Wilcoxes have endeared themselves to the hearts of many in Southeast Asia and Thailand. We look forward with anticipation and warmly welcome the Wilcoxes. We pray that God's special wisdom will be with them and that His blessing will be upon their four married children (Wendalyn, Paul, Daniel and Debbie), and their families who remain in America. — *Calvin Smith, Communication Director, SAUM.*

Thailand Gets New Executive Secretary

Thailand, with its 50 million people, is a land of many challenges and the man who accepted these challenges is Brother Sompong Srisawat. He is filling a real need in the mission as executive secretary. Besides his work as secretary, he is also director of education and acting lay activities director.



The Srisawat family.

Sompong was born on the banks of the Mekong River in Chiangkong in northern Thailand. Pastor Abel Pangan took a special interest in him as a boy and encouraged him to study at Chiangmai. Dr. Clark Lamberton took him in and later sent him on to study at Ekamai English School. From there he studied at Auburn Academy and finished at Walla Walla College where he obtained his BA in business administration, theology and psychology and finally a Masters in education and counseling.

It was in Walla Walla College where he met and married Angarb and their three children were all born at WWC.

We welcome Sompong, Angarb, Grace, Anunporn and Suid into the Thailand mission family.

New Jungle Chapel Strengthens Karen Work

Elder Wendell Wilcox, Thailand Mission President, led out in the dedication of a newly constructed chapel for the Karen people of the Tha Song Yang District in the Tak Province of Thailand. When Pastor Robin Bwint began work here four years ago a stated concern of the Karen people was that upon becoming Christians, they would not be left on their own. This chapel is a visible manifestation of our commitment to the Karen church in this area.

Scenically located on a hill overlooking a mountain stream which rushes past terraced rice fields, this new church serves Karen members from several nearby villages. The membership, consisting primarily of young married couples with their children, took an active part in leveling the plot and constructing the building.

In conjunction with the church dedication five new members were added by baptism. This brings the total membership in this district to 35. Approximately 25 percent of these members were once members of the Yli Paw Novement which is located in this area. Now that the church is dedicated, Pastor Robin and his members plan to devote their energies once again to evangelizing their community. The Karen members look forward to the time when they will organize into a full-fledged church. — *Dennis Tidwell*



Karen maiden from Robin's village.



Kelly and Robin Bwint, [3rd & 4th from left] stand with five new members in front of the new church.

Project Asia - Refugee Relief

Jerry and Judy Aitken write from Thailand.

Dear Friends:

I remember when the communists were attacking the refugee villages on the border one year ago. It was a dangerous situation for all the refugees on the border. The village of Nong Chan was destroyed. The Seventh-day Adventist refugees in Nong Samet camp began to pray earnestly for God's protecting care. They asked for our prayers. The people in the churches has special prayer. After praying, the fighting stopped. We thank God!

Early last year, many people were rejected by the U.S. INS. They had accepted only 40 percent of all refugees interviewed. The people were discouraged. So again we called a special day of prayer in our church. As our people humbly sought God's help, again we saw the great answer to our prayers. The U.S. reversed it's policy and began accepting more Khmer people. Now about 98 percent of the people are accepted, and many cases that had been rejected were accepted. We saw many answers to prayer by people who prayed and then were accepted. We thank God again!

In Khao-I-Dang Camp, the robberies became a real source of fear and terror to the people. Some of the families of our people found themselves victims of these attacks. Again the people sought God's help in prayer. Special prayer for them was given in the Phanat Nikhom Church. Again we saw the Lord work a miracle. The robbers were caught. The robberies that had gone on for several years, stopped. Even though there have been occasional robberies since then, the scourge of robberies stopped and today there are very few. Thank God!

There are many more miracles and answers to prayer that we have seen this past year; however, there is not time to tell you now. The greatest miracle is the gift of God's love that has filled the hearts of many people who have chosen to follow Jesus Christ. More than a thousand people have been baptized this year, and several thousand have studies in the Bible classes. The good news of Christ's salvation is being preached to thousands of people (Matthew 24:14) by faithful SDA teachers. Soon the end of the world will come. What a glorious day that will be when a great multitude of former refugees will gather around God's throne singing praises to their Heavenly Father who has saved them.

Jerry & Judy Aitken

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Seventh-day Adventist Church of West Malaysia & Singapore

First Indian Pathfinder Club Organized In West Malaysia

The first Indian Pathfinder Club of West Malaysia was organized at the Chemor Church with Brother Devadas as the Club Director. On October 9, 1983 an investiture service was conducted with 12 members invested as Friends and one as a Master Guide. The name of the club is THE KINTA PATHFINDER CLUB and all the members are boys from the Kelabang Rubber Estate. Pastor Samuel Money spoke on "Redeem the Youth from Ruin." In the evening a social gathering was enjoyed by all the 70 visitors and church members from the Ipoh Tamil Church, Sungei Siput Tamil Church and the Chemor Church. The youth shared their experiences in song, poetry and skits. The services closed with a pot-luck dinner followed by a vegetarian march. — *Pastor S. Money, Youth Director, West Malaysia.*



Chemor Pathfinders before the flag raising ceremony.



Brother George Sommah invested as Master Guide.



Pastor baptizing Sister Arputhamary at Morib Beach.



Pathfinders taking the Pathfinder pledge during the flag raising ceremony. Brother Anderson Lee is seen with cap on.

KUANTAN PATHFINDERS CAMP

Brother Anderson Lee, the Kuantan Pathfinder Club Director, with the help of Pastor Chan Chong, the Church Pastor, organized a three day Pathfinder Camp at the Kuantan Beach. Fifteen Pathfinders attended the camp.

Banting Church Witnesses Growth

Recently Sister Arputhamary was baptized at Morib Beach as a result of the evangelistic meetings held at Banting Church. "Now the church is witnessing growth because the members are actively giving Bible studies with the crusade interests," reported Pastor P. Benjamin. More than 50 adults and children enthusiastically attended the two week series held at the Brooklands Rubber Estate Kindergarten Hall near Banting. Pastor P. Benjamin spoke on health while Pastor S. Money presented the gospel in the Tamil language. The audience also enjoyed "The Life of Christ" series of movies in twelve episodes. A baptismal class followed the crusade conducted each Saturday night for the interested people. One of the class members, Mrs. Rajaratnam, was baptized after the crusade.

In conjunction with the crusade a branch Sabbath School was conducted nightly for the children. About 50 children below the age of 12 regularly attended. — *S. Money, Correspondent*



Some children who attended the story hour by Mr. Barabas.

SINGAPORE SDA CHURCH WINS JURONG CHURCH LAND TENDER

For the first time in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Singapore, the government has awarded the tender for a piece of precious and scarce Singapore land for a church building to the Seventh-day Adventists. In the past the Housing and Development Board of Singapore had awarded the tender for land allotted to church buildings to other Christian denominations. In landscarce Singapore Christian churches can build only on specified lots of government-leased land in satellite housing estates with a population from 100,000 to 250,000 people.

This particular piece of land, an area of 3,793.2 square meters, was tendered at S\$350,00 per sq. m. on July 1, 1983, with the approval of the Far Eastern Division officers. On Monday, October 10, 1983, we received the official news that the SDA Church had won the tender for that piece of land at Jurong East. It was what the Singapore pastors and church members had been earnestly praying for and eagerly waiting to hear for the past three months. With 75 percent of the population of Singapore living in HDB housing estates by 1985, this was a great break-through in the history of the SDA Church. At the present time, we have only two official church buildings, one at Balestier and the other at Thomson Road Chinese Church. Two are attached to institutions and two are house-churches.

But why Jurong? Until now, all the churches in Singapore are situated on the southeastern corner of Singapore. With a projected population of 200,000 upon completion of building, the Jurong housing estate will be a challenging field for the SDA Church in Singapore. Jurong was targeted as a new area during the 1973 Triennial Session of the Mission.

A whole congregation now temporarily housed in a residential building in Queenstown will be moving west from its present location in the south. It will form the nucleus of the new Jurong Church with its 55 members along with ten volunteer members from each of the other six churches. These will be the backbone of the new congregation and taskforce to work in the western part of Singapore.

Within two years from the date of tender acceptance, the church building, estimated to cost S\$2 million, needs to be completed. By then the congregation should be at least 200 in number with a bilingual membership using both Chinese and English in its services. The building seating capacity is planned for 600 people. This will house not only the sanctuary, but a Better Living Health and Welfare Center, kindergarten, youth center, parsonage and offices for various function. This promises to be a new day for the SDA Church of Singapore. We solicit your prayers for the new work in the cross-roads of the Far East. — *Alfred Low, Chairman Singapore Adventist Ministerial Fellowship.*

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It was at PUC that George met his devoted companion Marilyn who also graduated in '65 with a BA in nursing and health education. Mrs. Johnson is a college teacher and experienced editor. She spent five years teaching at Pakistan Union College and eight years as associate editor of the Union Health Magazine in addition to two years as secretary to the president. Already she is busily engaged in teaching English at Southeast Asia Union College.

A very friendly, considerate, and hardworking couple, the Johnsons have three children, Stemple 15, Shirleane 13, and Sameena 18 months.

SAUM welcomes the George Johnsons and wishes them Heaven's special guidance and blessings in their heavy, challenging responsibilities.

— *Calvin Smith, Communication Director.*

Nov. 12 was a memorable day for Balestier Road SDA Church. 12 members were added baptized by Pastor Sim Chor Kiat as a result of soul-winning emphasis which was the main thrust of the Amazing Discoveries. The speaker for the divine service on that day was Pastor Peter Jack. After the baptism, the church held a social potluck to welcome the new members. The picture below shows a group of happy candidates before baptism.



Introducing New Staff At Youngberg

The list of new staff that joined Youngberg family recently included: Miss Judith Newman, Dr. Richard Taggart and Miss Peggy Chaw. Miss Newman is a registered general, midwifery and infants' nurse of New South Wales, Australia. She did her general nursing at Sydney Adventist Hospital and her post graduate work at Middlemore Hospital in Auckland where she received Orthopaedic Nursing Certificate in 1961. She also completed Infant Welfare Certificate course at the Australian Mothercraft Society in 1963 and later received her Diploma in Nursing Administration from the College of Nursing, New South Wales in 1969. Before joining Youngberg Hospital as the new matron, Miss Newman served in the same capacity for 12 years at Penang Adventist Hospital.

Dr. Richard Taggart, the new dentist, completed his dentistry course at Loma Linda University in 1962. He served for five years as a missionary dentist at Nairobi, Kenya. Before coming to Singapore, Dr. Taggart practiced at Palm Desert, California. His wife Peggy serves as office secretary in the Home Study School, while taking a degree course in secretarial science at Southeast Asia Union College. The Taggarts have three children: Lisa, 20, who is a nursing student at Avondale College, Australia; Lance, 18, a business student at Walla Walla College and Steven, 12, who studies at Far Eastern Division Elementary School.



The Taggart family.

ADVENTIST HOSPITALS



Miss Judith Newman.

Miss Peggy Chaw arrived recently from Bangkok to take up her responsibility as the dietician and health educator of the hospital. Miss Chaw, a Singaporean graduated from Southeast Asia Union College with a Bachelor's degree in education in 1974. After that she served as a teacher at Ekamai English School, Thailand for 2 years and further taught at Singapore San Yu High School for one year before proceeding to the United States for further studies. While there she studied at Union College and later at Loma Linda University where she received



Miss Peggy Chaw.

her Master of Public Health degree in 1980. Her area of specialty is in nutrition and health education. Before joining Youngberg Hospital, Miss Chaw served as a health educator for 2 years at Bangkok Adventist Hospital. Since her arrival here, she has been busy with programs like Heartbeat, 5-Day Plan and Cooking classes. She is looking forward to the challenge of working with local churches in this outreach ministry. — Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Officer, Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital.

Penang Adventist Hospital Hosts Medical Seminar On Carcinoma Of The Oesophagus

More than 60 general practitioners and specialists from Penang and nearby Butterworth attended a seminar on Carcinoma of the Oesophagus held at the lecture hall of Penang Adventist Hospital. This is a first in a series of medical seminars to be held four times a year at Penang Adventist Hospital for the medical practitioners in the community.

The seminary took the form of a panel discussion moderated by Mr. A. C. Poey, Chief Surgeon of Penang Adventist Hospital. Panel members were Professor H. Sato of Shiba University, Japan; Mr. J. N. Leverment, Surgeon at Groby Road General Hospital, Leicester, England; Mr. S. Hairajah, Surgeon of Penang General Hospital; Dr. Tee Chin Gee, Honorary Consultant Surgeon, Penang Adventist Hospital. The purpose of this seminar was to bring in views from the East and the West in order to compare the prevalence of the disease in Japan and the United Kingdom and also the technique in the two countries. Participants appreciated very much what Penang Adventist Hospital has done in organizing this medical seminar. They strongly urge that this should be made a regular practice.

Penang Adventist Hospital believes that such a seminar will bring medical staff closer to medical practitioners in the community. It is also a means of exchanging professional knowledge and technique so as to improve the quality of patient care. — John K Lee, President, Penang Adventist Hospital.

Thailand

When M.R. V. Thanadsri Sawadivivat, a well-known Thai radio-broadcaster and noted cook and taste tester, give his approval of a restaurant, everyone patronizes it. So when representatives from Bangkok Adventist Hospital asked him to introduce the public to the hospital's health-conditioning program over his daily radio show, four patients came as a result of his comments.

Making a visit to Nong Nooch village where the Adventists were conducting a course, he was so impressed that again he spoke on the radio about it for almost 30 minutes. Many more calls came in, and another three patients joined the program — some from upcountry.

My wife and I visited him at the radio station to thank him, showing him various graphs that describe variation of cholesterol, triglyceride, blood pressure, and blood sugar. He was impressed and said he would mention the program again on his show. We took him a large fruit basket with a loaf of whole-wheat bread from the hospital on our next visit.

A few days later we listened to him telling about the "mission" hospital in an entertaining 30-minute talk. He told how good the whole-wheat bread was, and he recommended that everyone not only drop in and buy our bread but enjoy a vegetarian meal with us also. "We don't have the teeth of tigers, so we don't need to eat like tigers," he said.

Following the broadcast, the switchboard at the hospital received 20 calls in 15 minutes in response to the broadcast. Many people have made appointments for physicals.

Such free promotion was arranged by Mrs. Chareonsri, a worker in the hospital's accounting office who is personally acquainted with Mr. Sawadivivat. — *Byron Reynolds, Physical Therapy Dept. Bangkok Adventist Hospital.*

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Jirok Chapel in Sarawak.

and the Bible. Gilbert did return to teach the village about health and as a result the malnutrition of their children had dropped from 16 percent to 10 percent within the first year of the project. When he was not occupied with his health project duties, Gilbert also taught them about the Bible using the Bible Speaks lessons. During this time a two week meeting was conducted. When the seventh-day Sabbath message was presented they asked, "When can we start keeping the Sabbath?" He taught them how to conduct a Sabbath School and the next Sabbath 50-60 villagers began keeping the Sabbath. Since then they have observed every Sabbath. The company has continued their regular Bible study, and now are using the VOP lessons.

The people had been worshipping on the verandah of a longhouse for eighteen months. During the latter part of September they began cutting wood by chainsaw for the construction of a church building. In the evenings evangelistic meetings were held also. On October 1 at the grand opening of the Jirok Chapel, new Union President George Johnson had the happy privilege of baptizing 25 new members. From the initial contact to a new congregation and established church building, it had been only one and a half years! — *Maitland DiPinto, SAWS Director, Sarawak.*

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The evaluation team did come up with several major recommendations: to the Board and the Administration to explore the possibility of developing more campus industries; to upgrade all teaching staff to master's and doctoral degrees; to define more clearly the role of the College in term of training denominational workers for different cultures and professionals in society. The biggest concern of the evaluation team, however, is to urge the Board and the Administration to engage in an immediate study of moving the College to a suitable location within Singapore that will allow for reasonable expansion.

The College Administration will soon set up a task force to make an in-depth study of relocating the College within Singapore. Assurance of continual support was expressed by Elder George Johnson, President of Southeast Asia Union Mission and Chairman of the College Board. "I am sure that now that the team has gone and we have their recommendations, we will start, as a Board and as an Administration, to adopt these recommendations for the further improvement of the College," said Elder Johnson.

It took the College staff and the faculty one full year to prepare the self-study document and to prepare the whole College for this evaluations. However, it took many years for this College to grow from a small training school to a junior college and a senior college and now a fully accredited college. We gratefully acknowledge that all this growth has been made possible through the continual support and nurture of the whole constituency of Southeast Asia Union Mission and of the many alumni of the College.

*Dr. Koh Kang Song, President
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Affiliation With Walla Walla College

During the past three years, Southeast Asia Union College has sought ways and means of improving the curricula offered at Southeast Asia Union College. A higher standard has been achieved through the upgrading of library and classroom facilities, the upgrading of staff members to higher degrees, the purchasing of equipment and teaching materials, and an affiliation with Walla Walla College in College Place, Washington.

To be affiliated with another institution means that the course offerings, both in quality and content, are on a par with those courses at the other institution.

It is now possible for students to take four-year degree programs in business administration, office administration, teacher education, and religion at Southeast Asia Union College and receive their diplomas and transcripts from Walla Walla College.

Students who wish to take other areas of study not offered at Southeast Asia Union College can take their general education requirements at SAUC and transfer to Walla Walla College or other college in the United States, to complete their four year programs in their chosen field of study.

This idea of affiliating with Walla Walla College was first promoted by Dr. LeVerne Bissell in 1979, when he served as President and Academic Dean of SAUC. Since that time, six different Walla Walla College administrators and academic personnel have visited Southeast Asia Union College to evaluate various programs and aspects of the College to see if a full affiliation would be possible. These visits and reports have been part of a large evaluation program conducted by the Board of Regents in Washington, D.C.

The Department of Education in Washington, D.C. which operates the accrediting board known as the Board of Regents will not allow two colleges to work in an affiliated agreement unless both are fully accredited by the Board of Regents.

We are happy to announce that the Board of Regents has visited our campus from January 23 to 27, 1984 and has recommended to the Board that we be granted a full accreditation as a senior college. It is this accreditation that makes our affiliation with Walla Walla College possible.

During the past twelve months, the faculty and the Board of Southeast Asia Union College have been working on a self-evaluation which is part of the Board of Regents accrediting program.

In addition, we have been working on an affiliation agreement with the administration and the board of Walla Walla College. This document has passed between the two boards and the two faculties several times during the past twelve months. Each time it was refined and upgraded to ensure that it would work smoothly and be compatible for both institutions. This affiliation agreement was signed by the Board of Walla Walla College in December 1983. The Board of Southeast Asia Union College in our recent board meeting has taken an affirmative action on the affiliation document, and we will sign it as soon as the original copy arrives here in Singapore for the board's signature.

The faculty and the administration of Southeast Asia Union College are proud of what has been achieved over the past three years and this step that has been taken towards excellence in our academic programs. It is within this spirit of excellence that we invite the young people of Southeast Asia to come *Dr. Sahly, Academic Dean, Southeast Asia Union College.*