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## ABC Book Review:

Walking Through Your Bible...

compiled by Ken Wilson

Many daily Bible study guide books have been written, but none can equal WALKING THROUGH YOUR BIBLE WITH H. M. S. RICHARDS. In one complete hardbound volume the diligent Bible student can find the outline for one year's reading of the Bible. What is unique about this volume is that the Bible is read in a chronological order which often brings together readings from several books of the Bible. Each day's reading also has a key memory text, appropriate commentary and additional background material. Because the readings in WALKING THROUGH YOUR BIBLE WITH H. M. S. RICHARDS are not dated, the reading cycle can be begun on any day of the year.

People everywhere are crying for answers to life's questions. Such questions as: Why hasn't God stopped War? What happens when I die? Should I trust psychics? THE CRY OF A LONELY PLANET is a full message book written especially for non-Seventh-day Adventists. However, the clear language and effective illustrations will benefit church members as well. THE CRY OF A LONELY PLANET will help every reader make sense out of the past and gain a magnificent view of a future that is full of love and peace. George Vandeman is the founder and speaker of the popular It Is Written telecast. His books include PLANET IN REBELLION, DAY THE CAT JUMPED, THE STUFF OF SURVIVAL and HAMMERS IN THE FIRE.

## Cover Story

### "It's a Great Family Of God"

"The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a great family of God. I cannot find such love anywhere else. I came from such a remote village as Padang Rengas which is fifteen miles from Taiping, the Lord led me to Penang two years ago. Never did I imagine that one day, I would become a Seventh-day Adventist."

"It all began when Pastor Isaac Foo held a series of health and evangelistic meetings at Rifle Range—a housing estate in Penang. I attended faithfully every Friday evening. Five months later, I attended the evangelistic meetings conducted by Penang Adventist

Church. Mrs. John Lai, Bible Instructor of the Penang Adventist Hospital, took a special interest in me and gave me Bible studies. I was encouraged to attend the church regularly. There was so much joy and love I experienced in the Adventist family. My conversion to Christ was the combined efforts of personal invitations, the work of the Sabbath School, the Voice of Prophecy courses, gospel meetings, and the power of the Holy Spirit."

*A story of conversion as told to Pastor Sim Chor Kiat by Miss Janny Eng Fei Yen.*

Cover Photos: Top, Miss Janny Eng Fei Yen baptized by Pastor Issac Foo. Left, Dr. Bassham baptizing in Thailand. Center, Pastor Samuel Money baptizing Wong Lai Yong. Right, Pastor Smith baptizing in Thailand, and Bottom (L to R) Pastor Matthew Yuen baptizing a student, Pastor Johnson baptizing Percy Silva, and Pastor Sim Chor Kiat baptizing Johnny Ng.



Elder T. K. Chong is actively reporting from Australia where he and Mrs. Chong often play host to Asian students and friends who pass their way. Pastor and Mrs. Chong are seen here with Pastor Eric J. Johanson, and old-time missionary from SAUM. Elder and Mrs. Chong would appreciate hearing from friends. Their address is: 23 lot 43 Meyers Crescent, Cooranbung, N.S.W. 2265, Australia.

## 1,000 Days of Reaping Update

100 years ago Ellen White wrote, "More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day..." R&H Nov. 1885. The world church is actually ahead of schedule. 1032 souls are being baptized daily in the world field. Baptized daily in the following divisions are:

- 178 in South America
- 160 in Africa-Indian Ocean
- 103 in the Far East
- 89 in former Trans-Africa

As of June 30, 1983 the SDA church membership broke the 4 million barrier with a total of 4,005,599! We praise God for this achievement. The 1,000 Days of Reaping has been described as the church's greatest evangelistic thrust in history. Certainly it fulfills the prophecy of 100 years ago.

According to the General Conference annual colloquium held in March, there were over 600 baptisms in a period of less than two months in China. Last year Adventist World Radio received thousands of letters from listeners in China. Some indicated that they have been listening for many months, but because of the political situation they would not, until recently, make contact with AWR. — Gail Schatzschneider, Editor.

# SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION MISSION



## Dr. Steve Bassham Is New Ministerial Secretary

Southeast Asia Union Mission welcomes Dr. Steve Bassham as the new Ministerial Secretary. Dr. Bassham will continue to teach theology at SAUC which includes holding extension schools around the Union while serving as Ministerial Secretary.

Dr. Bassham studied theology at La Sierra College where he met his wife, Nancy Yudhasaraprasithi, while she was yet a Buddhist. After studying the Bible with Steve, Nancy decided to become a Christian, and later they married. Together they completed graduate degrees at Andrews University. Dr. Steve received his Masters of Divinity and Dr. Nancy finished her Doctor of Education. Dr. Bassham continued studying at Vanderbilt University where he graduated in 1973 with a Doctor of Ministry with an emphasis in the history of world religions. After two years as pastor of the Anaheim SDA Church in California, the Basshams came to SAUM where Dr. Nancy served as the administrator of the Chang Mai Education Center in Thailand and Dr. Steve directed the Ministerial Training Institute for seven years. Before coming to Singapore early in 1983, Dr. Steve was the Sabbath School Secretary, Ministerial Secretary and Lay Activities Director in the Thailand Mission and Dr. Nancy worked as the Educational Superintendent.

The Basshams wish to express their appreciation for the many prayers from around the Union for Nancy's recovery. Dr. Nancy is now recovering from cancer surgery and in a few months time will resume her duties as Sabbath School Child



Bassham family.

Evangelism Director. Their son, Rama, is planning to attend Loma Linda University in September. — *Gail Schatzschneider*

## GREETINGS TO OUR SOUTHEAST ASIA FAMILY

From Pastor and Mrs. Heisler

We think of our Church, Hospital, School and Press family in Southeast Asia every day and pray for God's blessing and guidance for everyone.

Both Anita and I are learning how to adapt to life in the U.S.A. after living in Brazil and Singapore for nearly twenty years. Our children join us in sending each one of you our greetings. We are enjoying the fellowship and love of the church here in Eugene. We also look forward to the time when Jesus will come and we can all be together. What a reunion that will be!

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to write. Our address is:

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## Theodore C. Chin: Life Sketch

Elder Theodore C. Chin was born February 2, 1905 in Hong Kong and passed away November 13, 1983 in Loma Linda, California. His childhood was spent in Sandakan, North Borneo; later he studied in the work-study program offered by the Malayan Adventist Seminary in Singapore. He was baptized at 18 and began work for the Malaysian Signs Press. For 7 years he was treasurer of the Signs of the Times Publishing House in Shanghai, China, and then treasurer of South China Island Union Mission after the war. In 1954 he became the President of the Malayan Mission for 9 years. Five years until his retirement Elder Chin worked as treasurer of the Hadd Yai Hospital in Thailand. He retired in Loma Linda where he worked in the medical center's patient business office.

He is survived by his wife, daughter, son-in-law, grand-daughter, and brother, T.M. Chin of Singapore.



The late Theodore C. Chin in his Loma Linda garden.



## Sabah Workshops

Sabah is the largest mission in the Southeast Asia Union Mission. With a Sabbath School membership of over 12,000, it is both progressive and aggressive in its outreach programs.

Both Pastor Martin Ya'ang, Sabbath School Director, and Miss Jupitah Gaban, Child Evangelism Director, have just been re-elected in the recent Mission Triennial Session in Tamparuli. A hearty congratulations to both of them for the good work they have done. Martin has about 7,000 youth and adult Sabbath School members in 161 Sabbath Schools under his care, while Jupitah is in charge of about 5,000 children from Cradle Roll to Junior divisions. The responsibilities are heavy and challenges great.

Two major Sabbath School workshops were conducted in March at Tamparuli and Goshen from March 18-23. The 70 strong delegates who attended the 3-day Tamparuli workshop represented 63 churches in 11 districts. Twelve pastors were also present at the workshop held at the beautiful nearly completed cafeteria of the Sabah Adventist School. Many of them took prolific notes which would be used later when they train the Sabbath School officers in their churches upon their return. We were much encouraged by the quality of questions raised and the eagerness of the delegates to learn how to be more effective in their work. Both Martin and Jupitah are to be commended for organizing and conducting the workshops. They were assisted by Dr. Nancy Bassham and Pastor Ng Gan Theow of Southeast Asia Union Mission.

The workshop in Goshen was attended by some 45 delegates, 10 of which were district pastors. At this time of the year, Goshen is in the grip of evangelistic fever.

One of the pastors who was just ordained is Laini Gura. His goal this year is to hold Sabbath School training workshop for each of his 14 churches, and by the grace of God each church would have one Branch Sabbath School by the end of the year. Pastor Gondolos Langaun had a real burden for daily lesson study. He would like to see at least 30% of his members study the Sabbath School lesson daily. He also plans to start Friday night teacher's meeting to improve the teaching quality of the teachers. Almost every church during the planning session reported their plan to hold at least one Vacation Bible School this year. — *Ng Gan Theow, Sabbath School Director, SAUM.*

## 158 Baptized



Student choir performing before the meeting, Pastor LaVerne Tucker is seated at the far right.

The land of Goshen continues to reap a harvest of Malaysians eager for truth. At the close of the crusade conducted by Dr. Steve Bassham and Pastor LaVerne Tucker, 158 were baptized. During the three week crusade from March 23 to April 14, the average attendance was about 1200. Prior to the crusade 255 Bibles were distributed to those who joined Bible classes in three districts.

During the crusade Dr. Bassham also conducted an Extension School class on Church Growth for 19 pastors. In April Mrs. Dorothy Nelson assisted by her son, Richard, gave talks on health before Pastor Tucker preached. In addition each night Sabah pastor conducted nine baptismal classes. Occasional heavy rains did not affect attendance, in fact, the last week saw 1600 attending nightly. Pastors are following up interests. Pastor Mansor Ginging extended this effort to the new area of Lampada. — *Charles Gaban, President, Sabah Mission.*



Dorothy Nelson checks blood pressure of women.



# MASEHI ADVENT HARI KETUJUH SARAWAK

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MISSION

### New Sabbath Schools In Sarawak

"I do not want to accept Christian religion which brings no change of lives to my people," stated Chief Nabau. "I only want a religion that practices what the Bible says," he stressed. On April 11-21, Pastors Hardy Anton and Edmund Liah answered the call of Chief Nabau and the villagers of Sungai Lijan to teach them the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. By the grace of God, this branch Sabbath School can become a regular Sabbath School soon.

The Sungai Lijan Branch Sabbath School began as a result of the witnessing of Nanga Lijan SDA church members. These brothers not only preached but lived what they believed and the village in Sungai Lijan wanted to know more about Christ. A request was sent to the mission office for a pastor to conduct an evangelistic meeting in their village.

Five Sabbath Schools were organized during 1983, "The Year of the Sabbath School" in Sarawak. They were: Jirok, Tapoi Semerahan, Tabuan Rabak, Igum and Nanga Lijan. — *Edmund M. Liah, Sabbath School Dept. Director, Sarawak Mission.*

### Sarawak Mission Triennial Session

The 9th Triennial Session of the Sarawak Mission was held at Ayer Manis School, March 2-5, 1984. Representatives from 135 organized churches and companies transacted the business of the church at the newly reopened and newly repainted school of forty-five students.

The biggest nominating committee in the history of the Sarawak Mission reelected all departmental directors. The laity were very conscious that funds are badly needed in order to penetrate new areas as well as provide more pastors to maintain an existing work. All who attended the Triennial Session left with a better knowledge of the spiritual and financial welfare of their churches. — *Choo Wee Fong, President.*



The attentive crowd seated under the tent.

### Tent Meetings In Selantek

Under a huge, spreading tent in Selantek, Pantu, Lawrence Banyie spoke to hundreds of people every night for two weeks in early April. God blessed the meetings with 36 people making decisions to be baptized into the SDA church. The district pastor with Matthew Bandan is continuing to study with these interested persons.



Pastor James Sagit interviewing an interested man for follow-up studies.

### WELCOME TO THE TEAM:

Mrs. Dorothy Walter is now our Child Evangelism Director of Sarawak Mission. Mrs. Walter came to Sarawak with a vast experience in Child Evangelism. She and her husband, Elder Dan Walter, spent many years in Indonesia. Don's areas of responsibility in Sarawak are Ministerial Department, Home & Family Services Department, and Pilot Program. Dorothy is specializing in producing visual aids for children's Sabbath Schools. We are very happy that this fine couple are here with us in our Southeast Asia Union Mission. Their God-given talents will be a real blessing to Sarawak Mission. Welcome to the team, Dan and Dorothy! — *Nancy Bassham, Director, Child Evangelism Department.*

### Child Evangelism Workshop In Sarawak

Pastors and teachers in Serian District were privileged to have Dr. Nancy Bassham and her secretary, Dolly Foo, with us for a workshop early in January. Dr. Bassham stressed the importance of early childhood training and psychology. The response was very enthusiastic and many stated, "We have needed this training for so long." Visual aids were illustrated and many folks spent several hours making their own. Requests have come asking for more workshops such as this.

Lubok Antu was our next area for the child evangelism workshop. The parents are illiterate but many expressed interest in training of their own children. Those who attended willingly worked late into the night and then again early the next morning. The challenge is great! We pray that Sarawak children will learn to love Jesus in a special way. — *Mrs. Dorothy Walter, Child Evangelism Director, Sarawak Mission.*



# Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Thailand



Graduates and faculty of Rural Health Course. Back row: Pastor Dennis Tidwell, and second from right Pastor Ler Htoo. Second row: Lila Tidwell and nurse Rebecca Dee.

## Graduation Of Rural Health Workers

On July 25, 1983 a group of young people began their training to become rural health workers under the direction of Elder Dennis Tidwell and his wife, Lila, a graduate nurse. For 8 months these young people not only studied, but received much practical experience in a small hospital in treating the sick and in preventive methods. Nurse Rebecca Dee and Pastor Ler H. Too completed the faculty of this unique school.

Monday, April 2, 1984 was the day of graduation, and it was the privilege of the author to give the commencement address and to join in the happy occasion that marked the completion of the rural health training course for 6 young people. Each one has accepted a post in working with some of our pastors in village health work, or working among the refugee camps in that region.

We pray that through the health evangelism done by these young workers, many souls will be directed to a knowledge of the truth for this time, and to a personal relationship with Christ. — *W. L. Wilcox, President, Thailand Mission.*



A refugee camp in north Thailand in which the graduates from the Rural Health Course will be working.

## Organization of The Gamapadoo Church

A happy group of believers gathered at the new Gamapadoo Church in northwestern Thailand on Sabbath, March 3, 1984 to have their company organized into the church.

The church has been under the leadership of Pastor Robin Bwint for a number of years, and has been built up through God's blessings. Also there are a number of strong leaders that had been elected by the church, and who were ordained also in this day. These were the church elder, Brother Maung Kya, and two deacons, Toa Noa and Aung Naing.

The church membership in Gamapadoo now is 33 baptized believers. A number were unable to attend this Sabbath since they live many miles up in the mountains and jungles of Thailand.

Let us pray that this new church will indeed be a light in that part of Thailand for the winning of many souls for Christ. — *W. L. Wilcox, President, Thailand Mission.*



Brother Twee Maw (left) bringing his tithe rice of 20 kilos to Pastor Robin Bwint in northwestern Thailand.

## Faithful Tither

Brother Twee Maw and his wife were baptized 4 years ago at Gamapadoo Church in northwestern Thailand. He is a rice farmer, living about a 6-hour hike from our Seventh-day Adventist Church in Gamapadoo, where Pastor Robin Bwint is stationed.

This year Brother Twee Maw harvested 600 kilos of rice, and so he is returning to the Lord 60 kilos for tithe. It is not easy for him to pay his tithe, for he must carry the 60 kilos down from the mountains over streams and rivers and through the jungles to get the rice to the church. He must make 3 round trips to pay his 60 kilos of tithe rice this year. This means hiking a total of 36 hours up and down the mountains of Thailand. Surely God rewards such faithfulness as this, as He has promised. — *Wendell L. Wilcox, President Thailand Mission.*



Part of the 85 Hmong youth who attended the recent youth camp in Thailand.

### Hmong Youth Camp

On Thursday afternoon, March 22, 85 youth from among the Hmong members of northern Thailand began arriving at the Boy Scout Camp near Chiangmai, Thailand. The Hmong youth camp was scheduled to begin that evening and run through Tuesday, March 27.

At 4:30 p.m. on Thursday the county official spoke at the opening meeting. Each day during the camp there were seminars on marriage and the home, youth evangelism, and other important subjects of interest to the youth. Every morning at 6.00 a.m. the morning watch was conducted on the parade grounds with flag raising ceremonies.

On Sabbath March 24 the members from Chiangmai and surrounding areas attended the youth camp for the day, greatly swelling the attendance.

The youth camp proved a great blessing to the Hmong young people of Thailand. It is hoped that as a result of these meetings there will be a resurgence of evangelism and dedication among the Hmong young people of Thailand. — *Wendell L. Wilcox, President Thailand Mission.*



Editor Rungsit Itsaringkarn (right) hands a government health worker copies to distribute.

### New Periodical for Thailand

Thailand, for the first time in the history of Adventist work, is reading an Adventist magazine in the Thai language. The new periodical entitled "Family Health" will be an "entering wedge" into 50 million Thai homes of which 96% are Buddhists. SAUM Publishing Director Randy Horning took great pains to prepare this periodical which can be used as an evangelistic tool since about 20% of the articles are religious.

This new idea caught Thailand Publishing House quite unprepared for the gigantic task ahead. Pastor Rungsit Itsaringkarn was employed as the full-time editor of the magazine. Although it took some months to publish the first issue, it was worth it. 50,000 copies of "Family Health" rolled off the press on January 31, 1984. What a day it was! A giant step for the literature ministry.

The magazine has been distributed to students, medical associations, businesses, individual homes, and all of our churches and institutions. The Lay Training Department of Thailand Mission, under the leadership of Pastor Sopon Jaiguar, is making use of this periodical in its training program. Every Sabbath afternoon groups from the Chinese church, Thai church, English church, and hospital church of Bangkok distribute the magazine and enroll people in the Voice of Prophecy. Mr. Jerry Potter, Thailand Mission Publishing Director and Circulation Manager, with the help of colporteurs and the editor spent time in distribution.

About .02% of the readers replied to a questionnaire stating that they wish to receive the magazine regularly, enroll in VOP courses, and enroll in the No Smoking 5-day Plan. It appears that the people of Thailand appreciate this new magazine. The time is ripe for the 'silent messenger' to carry the truth into thousands of homes every month in the Thai language. "More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first conviction to the reading of our publications." CM p. 151. — *Johnny Rueh, Manager, Thailand Publishing House, Bangkok, Thailand.*



Happy Thailand Publishing House workers prepare the first magazine for circulation.

TERRITORY:  
West Malaysia & Singapore



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

### Literature Evangelists' Seminary

The Kuala Lumpur Literature Evangelist Seminary was conducted from March 11 to April 6 for five newly recruited colporteurs. During the month of training they heard lectures on literature evangelism, practice and drill, and communication by the publishing director, Mr. Peter Ching and his assistant Mr. Samuel Siew. Morning classes included Psychology by Pastor Jeffery Pauner, Personal Witnessing and Bible Studies by Pastor Samuel Money and Church Beliefs by Pastor Joshua Mok. The afternoon was spent in actual canvassing. Sam Gavindasamy, Vincent Chee, and Elder Brodeur also assisted in the training.

The K. L. Literature Evangelist Seminary is now equipped with modern teaching equipment such as slide projector, video camera, video recorder and T.V. for effective teaching. The next training school is from June 11 to July 6. Those interested in the literature ministry should contact the Mission Publishing Director, Mr. Peter Ching. — *Samuel Money, Mission Correspondent.*



Standing from left: T. John of Sungei Wang Church, Richard of K.L. English Church, Andy Solomon of the Teluk Intan Church, and Samuel Siew. Seated from left: Yoke Sim of K.L. Chinese Church, Peter Ching, Publishing Director, and Kheng Hoon of the Pontian Church.

### Bukit Mertajam Church

Union President George Johnson spoke to 70 people at the Bukit Mertajam Company Church on Sabbath, March 24. During the service two young men were ordained as deacons and Mr. S. Vellu and Mr. Simon Ganeson were ordained as church elders by Pastor Johnson. After a fellowship lunch the church met to plan a move to another location with larger facilities and to conduct a future evangelistic meeting.



Pastor Mok giving instruction during a seminar for pastors in Kuala Lumpur.

### Mission President Holds Ministerial Workshops.

Pastor Joshua Mok, West Malaysia Mission President as well as Ministerial Director, held a number of workshops for the pastors in West Malaysia. This is the first time a Mission President despite many duties that demand his time, conducted workshops for the benefit of the pastors. Pastor Mok conducted one workshop in Muar for pastors of the southern region, another in Kuala Lumpur for the central region pastors, and a third in Ipoh for the northern region during the month of March. During these workshops he clearly outlined the duties of the pastor in evangelism, preaching, visitation and in training members. — *Samuel Money, Correspondent.*



"People Helping People" is the motto of the Fund-Raising Committee for the proposed Jurong Church in Singapore chaired by Mrs. Josephine Loh, member of Dunman Road Church. The goal is \$4,000,000, and presently about \$1,000,000 has been raised. Funds are being raised by donations and pledges from church members, SDA institutions and the sale of property.

The architects' plans shown above are expected to be approved by the Singapore government in July. Plans include a church hall, kindergarten, day-care center, offices for community services and health education, and multi-purpose hall.

Twenty-seven students were graduated from the Pathway to Health course. All studied by personal visitation and hand delivery from the church members. Elder Johnson presented the diplomas to thirteen graduates on this Sabbath. — *S. Money, Mission Correspondent.*





Rosie Ng holding her bound copy of "The History of the SDA Mission in Singapore."

#### THE LORD HAS A WILL:

##### The writing of Singapore SDA Church History

Although the Seventh-day Adventist mission has been in Singapore for 80 years, no one had as yet written a history until Rosie Ng accomplished this recently. Her thesis, a partial requirement of the history honors degree course in the National University of Singapore, is entitled "The History of the Seventh-day Adventist Mission In Singapore, 1904-1954." It includes the SDA doctrines and health principles as well as the history of the mission. It is a fitting tribute to the 80th anniversary of the SDA mission in Singapore.

Originally, Rosie had no intention of attending the university but friends encouraged her to do so. She realized that she was an average student and prayed that if it be God's will, He would provide the necessary grades and funds. When the A level results were out, Rosie knew that God had worked a miracle—out of the maximum 64 points obtainable, she scored 63 points. The road to the university was clear; she had the necessary grades and the finance problem was solved when the Public Service Commission awarded her a scholarship.

Rosie had no desire to study history but she was persuaded to do so by the PSC. As her first year progressed, her interest in history increased. Until her third year, one of Rosie major papers was scheduled on a Saturday. In despair, she tried asking for a change of schedule but failed. "Why, Lord, did this have to happen in the most crucial year?" she asked in frustration. She had her heart set on doing well in order to enter the honors program in history. The refrain of the song, "The Lord has a Will" kept running through her mind.

"Should I take the exam?" Rosie debated within herself. She yearned for an answer to her dilemma. That day, her Scripture text was Luke 12:31 and Rosie knew then that God wanted her to "Seek, first the kingdom of God..." She did not sit for the Sabbath paper. She failed. Friday she learned the results, the next day she was comforted by the solo sung at church, entitled, "I will trust when I cannot see."

## Sailors Baptized In The Sea

Three sailors of Sri Lanka were baptized off the coast of Singapore March 17, in the South China Sea where their ship often traveled. Last year Captain Herman Onsent of a Malaysian cargo ship met Jonathan, an Indonesian sailor at the home of Harold Soriton in Singapore. Capt. Onsent, and SDA, hired Jonathan, also an SDA to work on his cargo ship. While Jonathan worked on board ship, he shared his faith with other sailors. In the eight months he traveled the Malaysian waters he taught Kevin D'Silva, Percy Silva and Lal Dharmasiri all the SDA doctrines. Early in 1984 these three men decided to be baptized when they came to Singapore. On March 17 they were baptized by Elder George Johnson and soon after returned to Sri Lanka. Lah, a former Buddhist, has since written that his wife has also accepted Christ and will be baptized. Encouraged by Mr. Soriton, the three men plan to study for the SDA ministry. — *Gail Schatzschneider*



From left to right: Harold Soriton with the three sailors: Lal Dharmasiri, Kevin D'Silva, and Percy Silva.

Several days later, Rosie was delighted to learn that she had been selected to do honors in history after all, on the condition that she pass the supplementary examination in literature which she previously failed. She was asked to attend a meeting of potential history honors students with the head of the history department. On the way to the university, Rosie became so ill that she could not attend. The following day she met the history professor personally.

In discussing her thesis he said, "You are an Adventist, aren't you? Why don't you research the history of your church in Singapore?" Then it dawned upon Rosie that this was what the Lord had been planning for all along. Everything became wonderfully clear, each step along the way. With God's blessing she passed the exam and six months later completed the thesis. She acknowledges the hand of God in her life. Indeed, the Lord has a will and she is blessed who followed it. — *Gail Schatzschneider, Editor.*



Dr. Ronald Brody, new President of BAH.

## BAH Has New President

Dr. Ronald Brody has replaced Dr. Russell Standish as president of the Bangkok Adventist Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand. Both men are Australians, studied at Avondale College, and received their medical degrees at the Sydney University.

Dr. Russell Standish received his post-graduate degree in internal medicine in England. He has worked at Warburton Adventist Hospital, Penang Adventist Hospital, as staff physician at the Sydney Adventist Hospital, deputy medical superintendent at the Austin Hospital in Melbourne.

He came to Bangkok Adventist Hospital in 1978. The next year he was made the medical director, a particularly hard place to fill at that time, since the hospital was losing money. Under the blessing of God and His skillful management, the hospital was not only on a paying basis, but the Ralph Waddell Wing was dedicated free of debt on March 17, 1983. In that same year he was made a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

However, the Enton Hall Clinic needed a doctor with a post graduate degree and administrative experience, who was registered to work in England. Dr. Standish fulfilled these requirements, and accepted the call.

His wife, the former Enid Evans, is a teacher who has taught in the Bangkok Overseas Church School, and presently in the Pattana International school.

# ADVENTIST HOSPITALS

Dr. Ronald Brody graduated from medical course, University of Sydney, 1963, after spending a year as a junior resident medical officer at Canterbury District Memorial Hospital. In 1964, he transferred to the Warburton Sanitarium and Hospital, now Warburton Health Care Centre, as a salaried physician in Family Practice. In 1969 he left Warburton to study fellowship in the Royal Australian College of Surgeons. He served as a surgical registrar at the Mater Meseracordiae Hospital in Newcastle for one year and then spent a further three years at the sister hospital in Sydney. Admitted as a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons (FRACS) in 1973, by examination. He returned to Warburton where he spent one year as a surgeon in Family Practice at the Warburton Health Care Centre.

At the time of leaving Warburton he was Deputy Medical Superintendent and since coming to Bangkok has served as Chief of Staff and Vice President for Medical Affairs, Chief of Surgery and Emergency Services over the past five years. He is registered to practice in Australia, England and Thailand. His wife, the former Lorraine Ivey of Warburton, is a trained primary teacher with several years of experience who is at present serving as Hostess and Housing Officer for the Bangkok Adventist Hospital. — *Myrtle Fitzgerald, Dean of Women, BAH.*



Dr. Russell Standish, former President of BAH



## Youngberg Adventist Hospital Marketing Survey Committee

At the recommendation of the Hospital Board of Directors, a marketing survey committee was appointed to formulate a plan of action in making the services of the hospital known to the community and also to help improve both the physical plant and the services. The Committee consisted of: (photo from left to right) Dr. Delmer Johnson, Vice-President for Medical Affairs; Pastor Jonathan Ng, Director of Chaplaincy and Public Relations; President Don Schatzschneider as committee chairman; Miss Judith Newman, Director of Nursing Service; Mr. Peter Foo, Vice-President for Financial Affairs and Mr. Andrew Tan, Controller. The Committee which meets every Thursday afternoon, has come up with such recommendations as repainting the reception area, beautifying the hospital compound and the printing of medical staff directory for distribution among patients and friends. A pamphlet introducing the various services available is being prepared, a package plan for physical examination which will be available to factories and companies, a new hospital logo and signage are some of the outcomes of this committee. — *Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, Youngberg Adventist Hospital.*

HELEN MORTON MEMORIAL CLINIC MAE TAENG, THAILAND

It is now over two years since Dr. Helen Morton was murdered on November 11, 1981, while at her mission station in Mae Taeng in northern Thailand. As you know, Helen, following in the footsteps of a number of nurses who had pioneered the medical work in that area, established a clinic and small hospital. The poor of the area were treated with love and kindness, many owe their lives to the work there. The tragedy of Helen's death cast a great sorrow over all her colleagues in Thailand and her friends in other parts of the world.

The clinic has been renamed in her honor. Dr. Russell Standish, President of BAH along with Mr. Billones, Vice President, recently visited the Helen Morton Memorial Clinic. As yet no physician has been found to replace her, but two very dedicated and skillful nurses are carrying on the work. Mrs. Kaw Po, a graduate from the SDA Rangoon Sanitarium School of Nursing, is in charge of the clinic and continues to lead in a most dedicated and Christian way. She is assisted by a young graduate from the Bangkok School of Nursing, Miss Rejwanna. The hospital continues to be full and often additional beds are set up. Each year thousands of patients of little means are receiving first-class attention in this facility.

Mrs. Kaw Po has had a wonderful spiritual influence upon many of the village folk nearby. She is fluent in one of the tribal languages, also speaking Thai and English. Her branch Sabbath Schools bring many souls. Seven individuals from one village had been baptized as a result of her evangelistic efforts and five from another village. — *Dr. Russell R. Standish, President, Bangkok Adventist Hospital.*



Newly painted outpatient building at Phuket REFURNISHING AT PHUKET

Phuket Mission Hospital started the new year with a recent fresh coat of paint described as "chocolate cake with snow-white frosting." This was financed by donations from friends in general and Dr. Elvin Gaines in particular. The main hospital, new out-patient wing, cafeteria, godown, and front fence all have a new appearance. The painting is continuing in the interior to brighten the two main hallways as well.

Business office employees moved into a new office with twice the floor space early January. New swivel chairs for all the workers plus air-conditioning make the office comfortable for working. Dark golden-brown aluminum siding with wide glass windows and wide sliding glass doors with curtains to match the walls make it very attractive.

Also newly constructed is a library-conference room. The staff hopes to update their medical library with recent volumes. Medical laboratory employees moved into a new temporary facility in the out-patient building. Their old location will be renovated and then equipment will be moved back into the precious location. — *Official newsletter of Phuket Mission Hospital. "String of Relationship"*



New lab facilities at Phuket.

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Christian Tjokro before Dr. Koh baptizes him.



Peter Jack preaching in front of the multi-media screens.

## SAUC Week of Prayer

Because the Singapore-wide multi-media crusade conducted by Pastor Peter Jack in 1983 was very well-received by the public and church members, another was planned for March 31 to April 13, 1984 in the SAUC auditorium. Therefore, it was the perfect opportunity for SAUC to make its first Week of Prayer for 1984 evangelistic, by coinciding the Week of Prayer with Pastor Jack's Amazing Discoveries Crusade. Pastor Jack was the Week of Prayer speaker for the morning sessions (April 2-6) and all students were invited to Pastor Jack's nightly multi-media presentations from March 31 to April 13. At a special altar call made on April 6, five students indicated their desire to be baptized. One of these five was baptized on April 14. Probably more will decide to accept Christ in the near future as a result of the germination of the gospel seed sown during this Week of Prayer. — *Pham Kow Seng, Acting Chairman of Theology Dept.*

## The Music Flows at SAUC

Members of the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, Gary and Marcia Gardener, performed in an unaccompanied flute and horn concert for the benefit of the SAUC Choir. The May concert contained a variety of contemporary pieces for flute and French horn in solo and duet. One of Mr. Gardner's own compositions was featured on the program. His wife, Marcia, played both piccolo and flute with her husband who played the French horn. They have taught and performed internationally in Italy and Mexico as well as Singapore and Malaysia. Their professional careers began in the southern part of the United States. The Gardeners were invited to perform by Sherilyn Sinaga, choir president, who is one of their students.

The charity concert was held to subsidize the coming SAUC choir tour of West Malaysia under the directorship of Matthew Hutabarat and Ann Ng. With 40 voices they have been preparing the cantata "The Last Week" by John W. Peterson. The choir tour is part of the public relations program for the college. — *Gail Schatzschneider.*