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Nestled amongst the highlands of north Thailand is the highly superstitious tribe of Aka where spiritism and ancestral worship are still practised. They need someone to tell them the love of Jesus. So, again, the Macedonian call goes forth

..... UNTO THE
END OF THE WORLD



Unentered Aka Tribe

Requests Worker



It has been an ancient custom among the Aka people of north Thailand that when twins were borne to a family, a curse would be brought on the family as well as on the whole village. Therefore, it was necessary that the

villagers immediately killed the babies and destroyed the home of the parents with all their possessions. The parents were then driven from home and were not allowed to return to the village until permission was granted one or two years later. This sad experience happened to one family just last year. They have not yet returned to their village.

Another couple who recently gave birth to twins, loved them very much, of course. They did not want their babies to die so they requested permission to leave the village with them. Permission was granted on the condition that they go far away and never return. They moved to the city of Chiangmai where they met Christians who taught them about the great love of Jesus and that He loves twins too. They were so happy and requested that the Christians go to their

village and teach them about the wonderful love of Christ and to persuade the Aka to stop this ancient practice of killing twins.

Pastor Rungsit, leader of the tribal work in north Thailand, went to a Lahu village next to the Aka village of the couple who had moved to Chiangmai. For three nights from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., he taught them the Adventist message. They were so thrilled. They took him to the Aka village and told the villagers that the Adventist Church is the true church. It teaches the whole Bible.

Now the request is coming from both the Aka village and the Lahu village to send a teacher to teach more of the love of Christ and His message for this time. Funds are needed to take advantage of this tremendous opportunity that God has opened to us. — *C. L. Smith.*

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

TERRITORY:
West Malaysia & Singapore



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

Ever since the West Malaysia-Singapore Mission camp held in Kajang last December, the Penang Pathfinder Club has marched forward in great strides. Under the leadership of Brother Ronald Koh, senior Pathfinder director, and Mrs. Nancy Oh, junior Pathfinder director, the club has had a great increase in membership, currently 36. The highly active club with its ambitious programs has caught the attention of the local newspaper resulting in a news reporter interviewing the writing an article about us. This was largely due to the help of our club's public relations officer, Brother S. Vellu. With this publicity, the club is able to reach out to the community in a manner which otherwise would be impossible. Plans are on the way to get the club registered in the Penang state youth council. The club's main priority at the moment is to get its members trained to assist in local disasters, assisting the work of the local civil defence corps. Before the year ends, the members would have been trained in emergency first aid as well as in cardio pulmonary resuscitation. The Club hopes too to send the largest delegation from Malaysia to the coming Division-wide camporee in Jakarta. Please pray that the Penang Pathfinder club may live up to its objectives, that is, to provide wholesome activities for our youth and to train our youth for service. *Simon Siew, Advisor, Penang Pathfinder Club.*

THE STAR FRIDAY, 27th April 1964



Rev Siew training club members on flag-signalling

Pathfinders are back



By ANTHONY CHEW

PENANG: The Penang Pearl Pathfinders are back. After having been dormant since the 1930s, the club has now been revived.

The Pathfinders, whose aim has always been to serve the community, have now planned an even more ambitious programme.

They want to play a more significant role in nation-building by training their members not only to be self-reliant but to be future leaders as well.

While the emphasis is on outdoor activities, the club also plans courses in health and healing, house-keeping and dress-making, fruit-growing and even bee-keeping.

At the top of the list of their priorities is training youths in the basics of first-aid in an

emergency or national disaster. They will also be encouraged to take up useful hobbies.

The newly reactivated club is sponsored by the Seventh Day Adventist Church whose pastor Rev. Simon Siew is its adviser with Mr Ronald Koh as director of the senior group and Mrs Nancy Oh in charge of the juniors.

Pathfinder clubs are active in Kuala Lumpur, Kelantan, Perak, Johore and Pahang, and particularly so in Sarawak and Sabah.

Their role is similar to that of the Boy Scout movement but with added training in spiritual development. Their uniforms also look like those of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

"We are a service-oriented organisation," says Rev. Siew.

"To stress this, we strive to instill a nationalistic spirit among our members.

"In fact, we repeat the tenets of the Rukunegara at every meeting."

In Malaysia, there are about 500 members. So far, the revived movement in Penang has 88 - 26 in the senior group and 12 in the junior section.

To raise funds for its projects, the club will be holding a food fair on May 27.

Mrs Nancy Oh, started as a pathfinder in Indiana, United States, when she was 11, said the club stressed the need for discipline to keep youths from undesirable activities such as drug abuse and crime.

Members hold regular meetings at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Burnah Road every Sunday.

THE PULSE



Photo shows Pastor H. C. Wang (right) with Chaplain Ng and Mr. Toong during the anointment service.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK BEARS FRUIT

In December, 1983, the Chaplaincy Department of Youngberg Adventist Hospital received a request from the family of the late Mr. H. Y. Toong, a former patient, who suffered from terminal lung cancer and was warded at Singapore government hospital. Chaplain Jonathan Ng answered the call and visited Mr. Toong regularly. These visits led to Bible Studies and a request for an anointment service which was conducted on April 30 by Chaplain Ng and Pastor H. C. Wang, an elder of a local Chinese Church and a member of hospital board. On May 5, Mr. Toong was accepted on profession of faith into the membership of Singapore SDA Chinese Church at Thomson Road. That Sabbath afternoon, a group of elderly members paid him a visit at the hospital where they assured him of God's mercy and love from fellow Christians in the church. In tears of joy, Mr. Toong remarked, "We are total strangers and I have never been to your church yet all of you are so nice and kind to me. I am glad to be a Christian!"

On the following Sabbath, May 12, Mr. Toong passed away peace-

fully. During the period of bereavement, the family members who are all non-Christians were very much impressed by the love and support given by pastors and members of the church. To them, the funeral service was the most meaningful ceremony they have ever attended. Praise the Lord for this aspect of ministry which is definite blessing to the terminally ill patients and their families. — *Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, Youngberg Adventist Hospital.*



Mr. John Gunther Dean, United States Ambassador to Thailand (right) presented, on behalf of the United States Government, a grant of US\$750,000 to the Bangkok Adventist Hospital. Dr. Ronald W. Brody M.D., president of BAH (left) responded with gratitude this generous donation to the hospital and to the people of Thailand. This is the third grant received from USAID. The media gave excellent publicity to the event.

BAH RECEIVES US\$750,000 FROM USAID

On Wednesday, May 30, 1984, the expectations of the administration of Bangkok Adventist Hospital were climaxed by the official presentation of a USAID grant of US\$725,000 for the second phase of the modernization project at the Bangkok Adventist Hospital.

The second phase will involve an underground carpark, a new Food Service, a new Pediatrics and a new Obstetrics department. It will be housed in a building separate from the original building, to meet the stringent new government regulations regarding building in the city. It was originally planned to build another wing onto the old building parallel with the new Ralph Waddell Wing and expanding the back section of the existing hospital on the western end of the building. Because of our proximity to the Royal Palace the area has been rezoned and no buildings over 12.5 metres high may be built. Also, buildings which are already over 12.5 metres may be retained but no other buildings may be joined to them, otherwise the whole building project becomes illegal.

There has been a scurrying within the administration of the Bangkok Adventist Hospital to try and get these plans drawn up, submitted and approved by the local government body, and also approved by the USAID agencies. This has deferred our building for some short period, but it is expected that the new building will start around about October this year.

We praise God for making available these funds to the Bangkok Adventist Hospital. It will certainly not be enough to finish the project, but it will go a long way toward that end, and hopefully we will be able to add to this, funds derived from public subscription and from the operation of the hospital. — *Ronald W. Brody M.D., President of Bangkok Adventist Hospital.*

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Miss Duangdee, health education department nurse with the gifts of appreciation to the mass media here in Thailand for being of much help to publicize the various health programs.

GIFTS OF APPRECIATION TO THAILAND MASS MEDIA

The mass media of Thailand has been giving excellent publicity informing the public of various health programs presented by the Health Education Department of Bangkok Adventist Hospital. On June 8, 1984, Mr. Chaivat Kootanasan, the public relations officer of the hospital and Miss Velda Sansri, director of health education, were invited to participate in the birthday celebration of the Mass Media Association of Thailand.

To express our gratitude to the media for what they have done for us, the health education staff members prepared several baskets of the well-known hospital version of eucalyptus balm which we distributed to radio, TV, and newspaper offices. — *Miss Velda Sansri, Director of Health Education Department, BAH.*



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STRESS MANAGEMENT COMPUTERIZED PROGRAM ATTRACTS TO CHRIST

Two hundred participants in the six day Stress Management Program was conducted by BAH Health Education Department on May 20 to 25, 1984. One family has been attending church every Sabbath because they have seen the happy attitude manifested by the staff and want to learn more about Jesus.

Bangkok is filled with people under stress. The program was conducted to meet that felt need. Massage techniques were introduced to assist in muscle relaxation



200 relax during Stress Control Program.

and height, weight, and blood pressure were taken. We also put each participant through a computerized stress profile test; almost all participants enrolled in health and Bible courses. The chaplain's department was actively involved in giving out tracts and entertaining questions regarding religious beliefs. The program was found to be very helpful and much appreciated. — *Miss Velda Sansri, Director of Health Education Department, BAH.*



Photo shows hospital treasurer, Mr. Andrew Tan at the Blood Donation Session.

BLOOD DONATION SESSION

Over the past seven years, Blood Donation Session has become an annual event at Youngberg Adventist Hospital featuring the support of hospital employees in community development through this form of contribution. This form of community service has also gained support from teachers and students of nearby Adventist schools and church members as well. Each year, some 50 donors participate in this session which is held at the hospital auditorium. Dr. Ong Yong Wan, Medical Director of Singapore Blood Transfusion Service, in his recent letter to the hospital Public Relations Director, expressed his appreciation for the continuous support of our hospital employees.

Each year, about 10 members of the blood transfusion team comprising of doctors, nurses and technicians visit the hospital in conjunction with the one-day session. While at Youngberg, they are treated to a vegetarian meal at the cafeteria. The hospital administration is happy for the contacts made through this annual Blood Donation Session for it provides an excellent opportunity for witnessing by hospital employees. — *Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, Youngberg Adventist Hospital.*

SOWING



SOUTHEAST ASIA

OF SEVEN



Delegates to SAUM's LA Seminar with George & Lillian Knowles and Peter Jack. (over 50 were from WMSM)



The Sabah delegation

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... was the theme of the inspirational and instructional Union wide Lay Activities Seminar held at Port Dickson May 3 to 7, 1984.

Elder George Knowles, Lay Activities Director of the General Conference, his wife, Lilian, and Peter Jack, FED Lay Activities Director, were the featured speakers.

The major emphasis was systematic organized personal sowing of the gospel seed through territorial assignment, action teams, and Bible studies combined with lay public crusades. Much emphasis was also given to the importance of caring for and ministering to the felt needs of neighbors in opening hearts to the gospel. Elder and Mrs. Knowles' personal experience involving "soup ministry" which softened a hard-hearted neighbor will long be remembered by the eighty-five delegates and participants from the four missions. Through friendship, the hardened non-Christian became the determining factor in establishing community Bible studies in the Knowles' home.

Challenging and inspiring messages were presented by mission



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on-the-job trainers, lay activities director, presidents, and the Union president. During the last day of the seminar, helpful insights were contributed by all delegates as they in group discussion responded to the many challenges facing each respective mission in finishing the work of God.

The difficult problems we all faced in the task before us, were very evident. But, a fresh vision of the unlimited power and wisdom available was presented vividly through inspired writings and the relating of thrilling experiences of God's leading and direction in the past. Pastor Joshua Mok, the local mission president, in the closing message of the workshop challenged all to take advantage of the power of God and move forward to a finished work by connecting continually with the source of all power and wisdom through spending time at the beginning of each day with the Lord of the work. Christ has already defeated the enemy. We are on the winning side. It is our privilege to work together with Him for sure and certain triumph. *C. L. Smith.*

REAPING



The Sarawakians.



The four from Thailand.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Thailand



Pastor Art Bell, Administrator of the Thailand Educational Center, stands at far right in front of the new boys' dormitory that is under construction.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENTS AT THAILAND ACADEMY

The Thailand Adventist Educational Center of northern Thailand has this school year, 1984/85, surpassed all previous records for enrollment. The total student count has reached 264, an increase of 60 over the previous year. Dormitories are overflowing. The boys are housed in four separate buildings around the campus, while a new men's facility is being erected as quickly as the builders, with student help, can put it up.

One reason for the large number of students this year is the fact that for the first time in the history of our work in Thailand, the church is offering a full senior academy program for the Thai young people. In 1985 we will have the first senior academy graduation. It is thrilling to see how God has blessed this institution since its conception more than 10 years ago.

At that time only about 40 young people came to join our academy and tribal center. Today there are 70 young people in the adult education program, and 194 in the academy. The 1985/86 schoolyear should see a

total enrollment of more than 300 SDA youth.

Every young person is expected to work from 3 to 4 hours each day. Mornings, from 8:00 - 12:00, the tribal and senior academy students will be found working in the gardens, on the farm, or at other duties around the campus. In the afternoon the junior academy youth work a 3-hour shift. The faculty are working with the students as well as having another 6 full-time work supervisors. Just this year another 2½ acres of farm land were added to the total school acreage, and if funds are available, another 3 acres will shortly



Kaw Po, Rangoon trained nurse, stands in front of the Thailand Educational Center clinic, operated by the Bangkok Adventist Hospital.

be added. The crops that are presently growing or shortly to be planted are rice, corn, soy beans, and a variety of vegetables for kitchen use.

The faculty and staff consist of 25 individuals, all dedicated to making the Thailand Adventist Educational Center one of the best educational facilities in the country. Already the tribal center classroom building has had to be enlarged. A new boys' dormitory is being erected. A new cafeteria and girls' dorm expansion are planned for the immediate future. But the greatest need is for a better and more abundant water

system. Recently all the pumps went out on the campus, and water was in short supply for over 300 people. More funds are needed nor for this critical situation.

This campus also provides clinical help for the village people around the school. Kaw Po, a Rangoon-trained nurse, heads the campus clinic. The Bangkok Adventist Hospital is presently preparing a new home for a doctor and nurses.

Under the auspices of the Thailand Mission, in cooperation with the faculty of the academy, workers' training courses are going to be offered to the senior academy students who are looking forward to becoming workers in the mission. Thus, 3 years from now a number of young people should be ready to enter mission employment as pastors and Bible workers.

Over each weekend the faculty and a large number of students visit the villages in the area. Branch Sabbath schools are being conducted, worship services assisted, Bible studies given, and souls are being won. What a joy it is to see this institution being such a tremendous blessing to the work throughout the Thailand Mission. *W. L. Wilcox*



Old Boys' dormitory crowded far beyond capacity.

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STUDENTS HUNGER FOR THE

WORD OF GOD



Watson Ho giving the Good News Bible to one of his students.

sermons as well as the health topics that were presented really encouraged many in attending the meetings.

We are happy that the youth of Sarawak under the capable leadership of Lawrence Banyie and Watson Ho are on fire for the Lord. Many who have heard the Word of God preached in the many government secondary schools have joined or will one day join God's church. Before the end of the year there will be at least 40 young people who will be baptized as the result of the Voice of Youth meetings that Watson Ho conducted.

Watson Ho, an active layman of the Kuching Adventist Church, conducted a 15 night evangelistic effort between May 15 to June 11, 1984 at the Penrissen Government Secondary School where he is a teacher. Watson has been a teacher in this school for the past eight years and because of his excellent rapport with his students, his fellow teachers and principal he was given permission to use the school auditorium for the 15 night Voice of Youth effort which he conducted with the assistance of a local Adventist medical doctor and the pastor of the Kuching English Adventist Church. The attendance nightly was more than 250 and 100 Bibles were given out to the students who were eager to read the Word of God in the Good News Bible. Watson is really on fire for the Lord and he has led many young

people in the past to the Adventist church through his Pathfinder activities in Kuching and in his own school. The more than 250 who attended the meetings nightly are the interests brought by the members of his Pathfinder Club at Penrissen Secondary School. The



A group of smiling students with new Bible in their hands.

"... carrying the everlasting Good News... to every nation, tribe, language and people." Revelation 14:6 (Living Bible)

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Calvin Smith, Mrs. Ing and Visunathan greeting the Voice of Prophecy students at the close of the Rally in Kuala Lumpur on April 8, 1984.



Mr. Smith and Mrs. Ing making a point clear to a Voice Of Prophecy student at the close of the Rally.

The evening of April 8, 1984 in Kuala Lumpur was a happy and inspiring time for all in attendance at the Voice of Prophecy Rally held in connection with the opening evening of the "Voice of Youth" Bible lecture and musical series. Calvin Smith, Director of the Voice of Prophecy, together with Mrs. Ing and Visunathan, (Bible Instructors) were present at the Rally to welcome and get acquainted with their students who comprised the majority of those in attendance.

During the day, the Voice of Prophecy team together with local Representatives Vincent Chee and Samuel Money visited some of the students to strengthen their trust and commitment to the Lord. Many questions that the students had from the study of the Bible courses were answered. One of our stu-

dents, Irene, was especially happy to see us. Her mother gave us \$100 to help with our work. This money will be used to reach many in this area who have never heard of God's love for them and about the soon coming for Jesus. We are happy with all our students and glad to make their acquaintance and pray that their lives will be strengthened in the study of God's word and that many will be ready to go home with Jesus when He comes.

In Bayan Baru, the Rally was held on Friday evening, the 6 of April, 1984. This little town is 15 miles from Georgetown on the island of Penang. The meeting was coordinated by Mr. Issac Foo of Penang Chinese Church.

In Penang, another Voice of Prophecy Rally was held on the night of the Voice of Youth lecture

series. The youth speakers from Penang under the leadership of Mr. Albert Phuah, Chaplain of the Penang Adventist Hospital conducted this series of meeting. About 20 Voice of Prophecy students from Georgetown and Pulau Tikus areas attended. We are happy for these opportunities to meet our students.
— May Ing, VOP, Singapore.

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ADVENTIST EDUCATION . . .



Dr. Shozo Tabuchi asks the question, "Are you a religious man?"

NEW APPROACH WEEK OF PRAYER WINS STUDENTS TO CHRIST

A new-style approach to evangelism used by Dr. Shozo Tabuchi, Far Eastern Division Associate Director of Education, convicted 131 students to accept Jesus as their Guide in life. Another 54 wanted to join the weekly Special Bible Class during Chapel time, and 37 more indicated that they would like to prepare for baptism in the near future. They also are having weekly Baptismal classes with the School Chaplain, Pastor Alfred Low.

This happened at the S.D.A. Secondary School in Singapore from April 2-6 in conjunction with the AMAZING DISCOVERIES crusade held in the same auditorium by Pastor Peter Jack in the evenings. At least half of the population of 500-odd students attended the evening meetings after school. The 54 students who wanted to know more about Bible doctrines, were followed up by the dedicated teachers of the S.D.A. School during Chapel time every Tuesday, using the new "Bible Speaks" lessons.

Dr. Tabuchi's theme for the Secondary School Week of Prayer was

"Be Ambitious in Christ!" He challenged the students during the five days with questions like, "Are you a religious man?", "What kind of experience do you have?", "How do you say, 'I love you?'" and with personal experiences like, "I want to Go Home!", and "Don't shoot, I'm a Christian! His new approach was from the students' need point of view rather than from the preacher's view of the students' spiritual needs. It was more from an educational and counselling approach rather than a straight preaching approach. His visits to the various classrooms before and after the Chapel period helped the students to warm up to him. — Alfred Low, Chaplain, SDA School.



Samuel Teo and family.

Samuel Teo, RN, BA, MPH, and family, arrived in Singapore from the United States in January this year to take up his new appointment at San Yu High School. Mr. Teo taught health-related subjects at Southeast Asia Union College from 1977 - 1979. He has 20 years of service in the denomination. At present he teaches General Science and Human and Social biology at San Yu, as well as being the new discipline master. San Yu High School welcomes Mr. Teo to its teaching staff. — syhs

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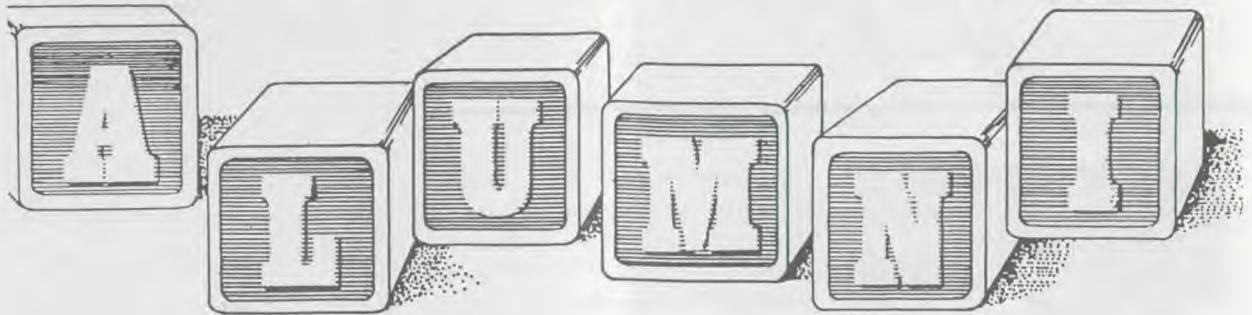
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