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Representatives from the various institutions in Singapore participating in the ground-breaking ceremony.

GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE PROPOSED JURONG SDA CHURCH

At 4 p.m. Sunday, November 25, an historic event occurred at Jurong East, Street 13, in front of Block 102. The proposed \$4,000,000 SDA church touched ground.

Representatives from various organizations of our church took part in this ceremony: Pastors Robert Grady and B.U. Donato from the Far Eastern Division; Pastor G. C. Johnson, Mr. Tom Staples, Mr. C. Y. Wu from the Southeast Asia Union Mission; Pastor Joshua Mok and Mr. Lim Cheng Beng from the West Malaysia-Singapore mission and Mr. William Chng and Mr. Tan Thiam Chye from the laity.

This proposed three-storey church will have a 600-seating capacity sanctuary, a youth center, community service offices, local mission offices, two parsonages, and a guest room. The church will face the challenges to serve the growing population of three nearby Housing and Development Board towns. These three towns will house a combined population of 850 thousand people when fully settled.

At the time of writing this report, the soil excavation has been completed and has proceeded to the piling works for the church foundation.

On December 22, a combined Singapore church offering was designated for the Jurong church project. The total reported was \$20,822, the largest single offering ever to be collected in Singapore on a given Sabbath. God is blessing the Jurong Church project.

We solicit your prayers and further generosity as we move forward in building this new house of the Lord. — Pastor Danson Ng, Associate Secretary, West Malaysia-Singapore.



SAUM President, Pastor G. C. Johnson, giving the keynote address.

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The excavator at the ground-breaking ceremony.

NINETEENTH QUADRENNIAL SESSION

Sixty-five delegates from the Union, the missions, and the institutions gathered in Singapore November 16 - 18, 1984 for SAUM's Nineteenth Quadrennial Session. A spirit of unity and purpose for rapid advancement categorized the meetings.

The president's report summarized the Lord's blessings and leadership in the past and set the tone for the future.



PRESIDENTIAL RECAP ON 1980-1984 QUADRENNIUM

We can see many evidences of God's blessings in the Southeast Asia Union Mission during the past four years. Yearly increases in church and Sabbath School membership, with resultingly more tithes and offerings, are statistical indicators of progress. Tribute for this progress goes first to our Heavenly Father, but I wish to also thank the dedicated workers and laymen, young and old, who have worked hard to save lost souls.

	Jan 1, 1980	Dec 31, 1984	Increase
Church Membership	28,688	33,806	5,118
Churches	187	189	2
Total Tithe	US\$787,740	US\$1,054,147	US\$266,407
Total Offerings	US\$ 98,034	US\$ 117,222	US\$ 19,188
Total Sabbath Schools	372	395	23
SS Membership	25,402	28,100	2,698

During the past four years, soul-winning has been a top priority. The Thailand, Sarawak, and Sabah Missions have especially seen a period of real growth. Among the refugee populations from the war torn areas of our Southeast Asia Union, over 1900 Indo-China refugees have been baptized.

The Voice of Prophecy and communications work has been very influential throughout our union. Radio broadcasts are aired in a number of important cities of Thailand and Sarawak. The Bible and health correspondence courses continue to play a vital silent role in evangelism. More than 1000 signed up for the Pathway to Health course during the recent World Trade Fair in Singapore. In many cities where our work is growing, correspondence school lessons have been instrumental in conversions. Major city crusades in Ipoh, Singapore, Thailand, and Goshen have reaped souls for our Lord.

The church's paratroopers, our 55 literature evangelists, have sold over 25,000,000 pages of literature this quadrennium. Much free literature was shared; and over 10,000 Bible studies were given resulting in 80 baptisms. The publishing houses have increased book production and obtained some valuable new equipment. Big news in 1984 has been Thailand's new

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magazine in Health and Home. Three editions, totaling 115,000 copies, have already been printed and have been very well accepted throughout the country.

During the past quadrennium, the institutions of Southeast Asia Union Mission have moved forward. Bangkok Adventist Hospital and Phuket Mission Hospital have made special progress in redevelopment and modernization, resulting in profitable returns. Penang, Youngberg, and Haad Yai Hospitals are now in different stages of redevelopment to meet the demands of keen competition from other medical institutions. Strong chaplaincy and health education programs are carried on in each of these institutions. In Haad Yai, Thailand, regular radio programs, both health and religious, have been initiated by the chaplain. Up to 100 km from the town of Haad Yai, people are requesting Adventists to come preach and teach, and now new church groups have sprung up.

The Lord is leading our educational program in a strong way. Southeast Asia Union College has made considerable progress, with approximately 180 students now enrolled. New affiliation with Walla Walla College provides future graduates an opportunity to hold a fully accredited and accepted degree. The General Conference Department of Education (or Board of Regents) has granted a three-year accreditation, and the Association for Theological Education in Southeast Asia has accredited SAUC for a four-year period. Throughout the Union our elementary and secondary schools are increasingly emphasizing teacher-upgrading and intensive internal evangelism to meet the needs of the increased non-SDA student enrollment. In Thailand, we hope to accept our first collegiate class for nurses' training by 1985. We hope, by 1986, to begin ministerial training in the proposed college program to be built on approximately 200 acres about two hours from Bangkok. The new rural campus will also house a health conditioning center, to be operated by Bangkok Adventist Hospital.

We are thankful for the fourteen ministerial students who have graduated from SAUC and have gone out to serve. We praise God for the active Ministerial Association that is seeking to build up and maintain our dedicated ministerial force. We rejoice in the phenomenal growth in child evangelism witnessed through the increased number of VBS's and Branch Sabbath Schools. Our youth have added much enthusiasm to the growth of God's cause this past quadrennium.

God's work will soon be completed. Human agents will be active in giving the last warning message. Our trust is in the Lord and in the outpouring of His Spirit. Even now we can see the fulfillment of His promise... "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Zech. 4:6. Praise His Holy Name! — *George C. Johnson, President.*

SOUTHEAST ASIA
DURING ITS
ONE THOUSANDS
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OF REAPING



A NEW LOOK



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NEW UNION HEALTH AND
TEMPERANCE DIRECTOR

Miss Peggy Chaw, health education director of Youngberg Adventist Hospital, has been requested to serve half-time directing the Health temperance department. She spent 4 years teaching in Adventist secondary schools in Bangkok and Singapore before obtaining her Master of Public Health degree from Loma Linda University in 1981. Before coming to Youngberg Hospital, she spent 2 years as the hospital dietitian in the Bangkok Adventist Hospital. We welcome Miss Chaw to the Union staff and know that God will richly bless her conscientious spiritual leadership and health outreach — Calvin Smith, Director of *Communications.*



Peggy Chaw — Union Health and Temperance Director.

NEW ASSOCIATE SECRETARY OF THE WEST MALAYSIA- SINGAPORE MISSION

Pastor Danson Ng, most recently pastor of the Dunman Road Church, has been appointed by the SAUM Quadrennial Session as Associate Secretary of the West Malaysia-Singapore Mission with responsibilities for Singapore.

Pastor Ng received his Bachelor's degree in Theology from SAUC in 1972 and his MA in Systematic Theology and Church and Ministry from the SDA Theological Seminary Far East in October of 1982. He has served as Assistant Union Publishing Secretary for 2 years, and as assistant pastor and pastor of 3 Singapore churches for 10 years. Under his effective spiritual leadership more rapid Singapore-wide advancement in the cause of God is anticipated.

Danson's cordial and capable wife, Irene (former Irene Chua), is also a graduate of SAUC. She has worked in the Voice of Prophecy and has taught in the SDA School for 10 years. Their home has been blessed with 2 lovely children, Serene 11 and Jason 8. — *Calvin Smith, Director of Communications.*



Pastor Danson Ng - Associate secretary of West Malaysia Singapore Mission.



Mr. and Mrs. Lim San Hoe, thank you for years of service.

RETIRES AFTER THIRTY-TWO YEARS

Mr. Lim San Hoe retired from his life work of over 32 years in the SAPH on December 31, 1984. Mr. Lim began his career in 1952 as Cashier/Treasurer and HHES Manager of the publishing house. In 1973 he became assistant manager for three years. He has led the publishing house as manager since 1976. His strong financial leadership laid the foundation for a vast equipment modernization program the last three years. We appreciate very much his hard work, good service, and continuing generosity. In retirement he continues to serve varying needs in the publishing house now under the management of Mr. John Ho.

Mr. Lim San Hoe and his wife, Chien Teck Ai, are retiring at their home in Singapore. Their daughter, Lei Ing, and the grandchildren live nearby to brighten their days. May the Lord give His richest blessings to this tireless leader and his family is our sincere desire. — *Randy Horning, Publishing Director, SAUM*

NEW MANAGER OF SOUTHEAST ASIA PUBLISHING HOUSE

Mr. John Ho, former financial manager and dean of men of SAUC, has just accepted a challenging position as Manager of the Southeast Asia Publishing House. Previously he has served as Treasurer of our SDA School and Accounts Clerk at YAH. His positive personality, hard work, business training, and experience will combine to give the publishing house an excellent manager and a great future under God's blessing.

He brings to our Publishing family his lovely family which includes wife: Lucy, secretary to Pastor Johnson, Union President; daughter: Michelle (14), and son: Kelly (12).

We welcome you all to the team! God bless you! — *Randy Horning, Publishing Director, SAUM*



John Ho - Southeast Asia Publishing House Manager.

A FRESH LOOK
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GOALS

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SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION GOALS FOR THE FUTURE.

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1985 - YEAR OF THE WORD

The new year has begun. It is going to be exciting because we will all discover a new joy in Bible study through the new Sabbath School lessons.

Beginning this quarter, we will follow a 10-year curriculum which goes through every book of the Bible. The focus of our study will seek to determine how each book meets our current human needs.

The youth will enjoy the new Cornerstone Connections International Edition. It is smaller and more compact. Its modern approach includes a portion for daily devotion and prayer.

Take time to discover the joy of studying God's Word. You will be fed and strengthened. Indeed, we should be able to say with Jeremiah, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them, and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart," Jer. 15: 16. — *G. T. Ng, Sabbath School, Youth Director.*

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BASIC ELEMENTS OF TARGET 85

The major outreach thrust will continue to incorporate the most successful Basic 5 of Target 85 in systematic continual witnessing. They include:

1. *Territorial Assignment* - Each member has his or her place to work.
2. *The Evangelistic sowing and reaping cycle*. 6 months or 1 year.
3. *Action Teams* for systematic fellowship, Bible study, outreach training, and sowing through VOP and Bible studies.
4. *Reaping Crusades* - regularly scheduled.
5. *Planting New Churches*

— *Calvin Smith, Director of Lay Activities.*

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REACHING THE UNREACHED

God's church in Southeast Asia has been abundantly blessed in past years, but much remains to be done. In countries, provinces, cities, and even local communities, literally millions of unreached people exist.

In 1985, the SAUM has recommended that every local congregation and mission select at least one unreached area and enter it with the gospel. Each of these projects should be self-financed and self-administered with local personnel, though division funding will be available to help finance additional larger projects in each union. — *George Johnson, President.*

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THE CARING CHURCH PHILOSOPHY

The caring church concept bases its principles of organization on Christ's method that alone will give true success. He mingled with men, showed them sympathy, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me." MH 143. Thus there are four phases to this timely church outreach:

Phase I will seek to develop a more caring church through spiritual renewal, caring church workshops, and church growth seminars.

Phase II will implement pathway events such as: Five Day Plans, Revelation seminars, Family Life seminars, Stress Control seminars and computer seminars. These are designed to reach the heart through friendship and concern for the individual's needs.

Phase III will win converts through action teams, Bible studies, and evangelistic meetings.

Phase IV will nurture the new converts and train them to become involved in the above mentioned activities. — *Calvin Smith, Director of Lay Activities.*

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COUNTDOWN TO VICTORY

The Victory Countdown has begun! As of February 1, only 89 days remain. As the time grows shorter, the activity increases. Between now and May 1 a flurry of evangelism unprecedented in Southeast Asia will occur. Thailand is planning 89 lay crusades. Sarawak will have more than 100 child evangelism, voice of youth, and lay crusades in their last run to victory. Each of the other missions is doing its gallant part as well.

The Sabbath of May 4 has been set aside for praise meetings in every church throughout the Union. Soul-winning experiences will be shared. God will be praised through song and testimony for the great harvest of souls added to the family of God during the past 1000 days of reaping.

Our praise is joyous as we've seen the Holy Spirit work in the hills of Thailand, among the islands of the South China Sea, through the plains of Ubon Rachathani, in the jungles of Sabah and Sarawak, and the cities of Malaysia.

Never before has our Union witnessed such spiritual renewal among our church members. We realize as never before that we are counting down the days to eternity, and the victory which will involve the churches of Southeast Asia Union in the greatest praise meeting of all time — The 2nd Coming of Christ! — *Dr. Steve Bassham, Ministerial Secretary.*

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... THANK YOU,

We look forward to that day when the gospel will have reached every kindred, nation, tongue, and people. Heartfelt thanks goes to each worker and layperson in Southeast Asia who has worked and sacrificed to make the achievements of the past four years possible. None can claim credit for themselves, for we all recognize the central role of God's Spirit in the success of His church on earth. Nonetheless, we recognize the importance of human effort in the church combined under God toward success. Hundreds of workers in the eight countries of Southeast Asia have given unreservedly to see God's cause progress. We can only thank you and salute you. God Himself will reward you! — *George C. Johnson, President.*

**AND TO YOU, PASTOR GEORGE JOHNSON,
WE RETURN OUR...**

THANK YOU!

**YOUR
LEADERSHIP—WE SALUTE!**

**YOUR
FAMILY—WE UPHOLD
IN PRAYER!**



Elder Duane Johnson - servant of God.

IN TRIBUTE

Duane S. Johnson, beloved father of SAUM's President, George C. Johnson, passed away on December 6, 1984 at home near Fresno, California. After 67 years of fighting gallantly for his Lord on the battlefields of Burma, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, and the Far East, he met and manfully fought his last fight, a fast growing cancer. To the end he bravely met the challenges of each new day, and finally laying down his weapons he concluded his extensive ministry as did Paul, strong in the hope of his favorite verse:

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." II Timothy 4: 5 - 8.

Prior to recent volunteer (SOS) work in Indonesia and Pakistan, Elder D. S. Johnson had served from 1961 to 1981 as the Far East Division Associate Secretary in the General Conference. Various personnel needs and expatriate recruitment necessitated extensive travel throughout this division. During this time he was very instrumental in developing the SDA volunteer overseas service program which has now sent thousands of SM's, SOS, and AVSC workers around the world.

With his bride, Shirley Cavin, Duane spent 21 years in the Southern Asia Division serving initially as principal of Roorkee High School and Pakistan Union School, later as president of the Pakistan Union, and finally as Secretary of the Southern Asia Division.

Even in death he continued to minister. He requested that donations instead of flowers be given to provide funds for greater mission endeavors. He helped plan his funeral, of December 16, that it might be a witness to the non-SDA friends and relatives who would attend.

The large Fresno Central SDA Church was filled with dear ones from far and near. Collectively, they were comforted by messages of hope by Pastors M. E. Kemmerer, T. R. Torkelson, Doug Marchus, Ron Torrano, and W. R. Beech. Individually, these dear ones ministered to the precious survivors of this son of the King: wife-Shirley, three children - Danetta Frost of Hawaii, Pastor George Johnson of Singapore, and Dr. Stemple D. Johnson of Loma Linda, five grandchildren, and seven brothers and sisters.

Together the three children have followed their Mother and Dad in a total of 28 years of active mission service for their Lord. Together they look forward to meeting Dad in that city where "He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people; and God Himself shall be with them and be their God." Rev. 21:3.

God bless you, dear family! We join you in looking forward to that city where death, sorrow, pain, and crying will be no more. We eagerly wait with you to once again greet your precious Dad. We look forward with you to rejoicing forevermore!

We love you, your friends in Jesus. — *Loralyn Horning, Editor.*

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ADVENTIST STUDENTS WITNESS TO THEIR ANIMIST FAMILY

Back in May of 1981, a young teenage boy from the Hmong hilltribe arrived at the Adventist Educational Centre located west of Chiang Mai, Thailand. Puchong Saetao had no previous formal education, but he had heard of the Centre from his older brother, Sawat, who was a student there. His parents expressed concern that Puchong might become a Seventh-day Adventist if he attended the Centre. But he assured them, "Oh, I won't become a Christian. I'm just going there to get an education."

Puchong enthusiastically studied the Thai language and other traditional subjects during his first year at the Centre. He found that he also enjoyed the pastor's Bible classes more than he thought he would. And so in the latter part of 1982, he answered the Holy Spirit's appeal to his heart and was baptized. Puchong's parents and relatives were unhappy with his decision, and they told him that he could expect no further help from them with his education. Recently during a school vacation, however, the Lord worked in a marvelous way to begin breaking down prejudice toward Christianity in the hearts of Puchong's family.

After working in his father's fields one day during summer vacation, Puchong returned home to discover that his sister-in-law had a slight fever. He wanted to take a cool bath after the hard day's work, but instead went with his brother to look in and see how his sister-in-law was doing. Suddenly she began convulsing, and Puchong and his older brother (not Sawat) quickly realized that her symptoms were those of a demon-possessed person. Their own father was one of the village witch doctors, and they were well acquainted with evil spirits and their activities. With his brother's consent, Puchong placed his hands on his sister-in-law's forehead, and offered a simple prayer, asking God to release her from the spirit's power. Immediately her convulsions ceased, and she lay quietly resting once again. By the time Puchong returned from taking his bath, she was up and moving around, asking for something to eat.

Puchong and Sawat are still the only Christians in their animist village in Phrao District, Chiang Mai Province. But their family no longer tries to prevent them from attending the Adventist Educational Centre. The Educational Centre staff pray that the gospel will be borne to many villages in Thailand by the young people who have come to study at the Centre.

ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO

Join the world church in sending God's last message to every home by radio. Help Adventist World Radio in the special General Conference Session Offering — 1985. Don't miss March 9 and May 25.

Give sacrificially to reach the 2,500 million of Asia and Australia's 25 languaged peoples.

**The World is waiting,
the Lord is watching.**

RADIO EVANGELISM IN THAILAND

For a number of years the Voice of Prophecy has been on the air in Haadyai, Thailand. Along with this religious broadcast was added a health program produced by Sister Amporn, Chaplain of the Haadyai Adventist Hospital.

Unbeknown to any of the people involved with our radio work, there was a group of Buddhist people in Nakorn Sitamarat, a dark county in south Thailand, who were listening regularly to these programs. One of the listeners was a man by the name of Mr. Tong Jan Kewo. For 15 years he had been a member of the underworld, a robber, and a cattle thief. But he was dissatisfied with his way of life. As he heard the messages from week to week, a hope sprang up in his heart that perhaps even he could be forgiven for his past life of sin and be accepted by the God of heaven.

Finally he decided to write a letter to the radio speaker at our hospital, Sister Amporn. He asked that if possible someone be sent to instruct them more fully in the way of the Lord. Though he had been a Buddhist, yet he felt in Buddhism there was no hope of salvation.

Thus one day a letter arrived in the hands of Sister Amporn. She was impressed that here was an honest seeker after truth, so immediately replied to this inquiry and made arrangements to meet Mr. Tong Jan Keow. As soon as he received the letter from Sister Amporn, he told all his friends who also had been listening to the broadcasts, that the speaker would be visiting them.

When Sister Amporn arrived at the village of Tup Chin, where Brother Tong Jan Keow and the other radio listeners lived, she was surprised to see the large number of people that had gathered to wel-



Meeting place at Tup Chin. L to R: Pastor Anucha from Haadyai, Brother Tong Jan Keow, Mrs. Pat Jan Keow, Wansri Keow, Somsri Keow and Brother Somchai.

come her and listen to the Bible studies she came to present. After several months of Bible studies, a group of 10 from Tup Chin village made their decision for Christ and requested baptism. This was the firstfruits of the radio broadcasts that have been beamed into the province of Nakorn Sitammarat from Haadyai. The broadcasts continue each week and since that time meetings have been held that have resulted in 3 more baptisms.

Recently the writer, along with Pastor Anucha and Sister Amporn from Haadyai and Brother Somchai, intern from Bangkok, held a series of meetings in Tup Chin. Each night a Bible message was presented, and during the morning, Bible studies were given.



Mrs. Jin Srin being baptized by the writer at the Haadyai Church.



Standing R to L: Brother Sien Srin, Sr. Jin Srin and their two children and Sr. Amporn. Kneeling (center) Brother Tong Jan Keow with another son of Brother Sien Srin and a member of the Tup Chin group.



Candlelight Bible study at Tup Chin.

As we met with different groups Brother Tong Jan Keow gave his testimony as to how God changed his life from an underworld member of the Mafia to a loving, kind, understanding Christian. One would never know by the peace and happiness seen in his face that at one time he had been a criminal.

Each afternoon a Bible class also was held at the meeting place in Tup Chin. At the end of the two and a half week series, one more lady was baptized — Mrs. Jin Srin, the wife of one of the leaders at our meeting place in Tup Chin. A good group are presently preparing for the next baptism.

Let us remember this new group of people that are now witnessing for the Christian faith in Nakorn Sitammarat. The Adventist Church is one of the only Christian churches that is to be found in that large province where more than one million people live. — *Wendell L. Wilcox, President, Thailand Mission.*



The foreman, Mr. Intern Chuain, chats with Jongrak, an 11th grade student, about painting.

ACADEMY BOYS BUILD THEIR OWN DORMITORY

Chiangmai Adventist Academy has had an acute need for additional student housing for several years. The influx of new senior academy students has filled the existing junior academy facilities until they overflowed. During the current school year, boys have been sleeping in various storage rooms around campus and even in the principal's living room!

In April 1984 construction of a new boys' dormitory was begun. Generous appropriations by the Adventist English School of Bangkok have made this new building possible. Six months later the dormitory is nearly finished, and the boys have recently moved in. The students' work has been supervised by Mr. Intern Chuain, a builder employed by the school and an elder in the local Adventist Church. The new dormitory is a two-storey cement structure, designed to accommodate up to 72 students. The Academy staff praise God for the progress of His work. — *Wayne Hamra, Treasurer.*



Happy academy students planting and hoeing corn at the Thailand Educational Center.



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



New classroom building for grades 10-12 at Thailand Educational Center.



Pouring the cement floor, one wheelbarrow load at a time.



Temporary boys' dorm where 17 boys are presently housed until completion of new facilities.



The cement mixer always seemed to be a focal point of activity. In the background is the Educational Centre Church.



The finished product beginning to shape up.

Sabah-Sarawak



AYER MANIS SCHOOL ALIVE AND WELL

Pastor Lawrence Randig and his wife, Nellie, reopened the school of Ayer Manis near Serian, Sarawak in January, 1984. Forty students in form three were in attendance. God blessed them with a very successful school year. They have done much to improve the grounds and buildings on the campus. The administration building and some teachers' homes have been improved and painted. Three paddocks have been built for the four new cows recently purchased. At the present time a lot of work is being done in the library, various offices, and public bathroom. This new brick bathroom with ceramic tile walls and mosaic floor promises to be a vast improvement. All should be ready for the new school year.

Form four will open this year. The good music program will continue. Piano students are coming faithfully for practice and lessons even during the holidays. Pastor and Mrs. Clyde Ondrizek have been called from the United States to serve along with the Randigs as teachers. They arrived at the school November 8, 1984. They enjoy the cozy little house on the hill behind the fish ponds. They have appreciated the friendly pastors living on the campus and the warm hospitality of the Randigs.

A large number of the workers and lay members that are active leaders in the churches in this area were once students of Ayer Manis. By God's grace the school will continue to prepare souls for the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour. — *Lettie Ondrizek.*



Pasir SDA Church Baptizes 20

It was a happy occasion for Pasir SDA Church when twenty candidates were baptized on November 3, 1984. It was an especially joyful day to the church members, for Pastor and Mrs. Clyde Ondrizek had arrived and were celebrating their first Sabbath in this area. Pastor Ondrizek partook in the baptizing with Pastor Lawrence Randig and Pastor E. Sinaga. The juniors sang intermittently during the service. After giving them their baptismal certificates, the elder led the church officers in congratulating the candidates and accepting them into the membership of the church.

This dear mother in the above photo brought all of her 4 children to accept the truth and they were baptized on the same day. What a



joy was hers! At the end of the baptism an appeal was made by Pastor L. Randig and a good size group indicated their desire to be baptized after further instruction. May the church continue to grow in members as well as spiritually. — *E. Sinaga.*



Kunsai Church Elder who planned to kill the pastor now teaching Bible to villagers.

"KILL THE PASTOR"

The work of God was making progress in the Hmong village of Kunsai in north Thailand, but one man in the village was much displeased. He did not like Christians. He visited the villagers and the headman and said, "Let's kill the pastor."

He then began to be very troubled. He was married and had two sons. But, every night a lady who appeared to be a Hmong, came to sleep with him and both he and his wife did not know where she came from. They inquired of the witch doctor who said that she came from the spirit world faraway.

When Pastor Rungsit, the leader of the tribal work in north Thailand, came to the village, this man came for help. He said, "I'm very sorry. I

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A BREAKTHROUGH IN SANDAKAN, SABAH

November 16 to 30, Sandakan Chinese SDA Church conducted a crusade led by Pastor Jonathan Ng, Chaplain and Public Relations Director of Youngberg Adventist Hospital. Together with the writer and Sabah Mission Health Director, Dr. H. K. Liaw, assisting him, Pastor Ng, with many years of experience as a mission evangelist, was able to feature a health education emphasis with blood pressure screening, urine sugar test, and health lecture presentation on slides together with gospel lecture each night. By the grace of the Lord, permission was granted by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Sandakan to co-sponsor a "Heart Attack Prevention" program at its auditorium during the opening night of the crusade. The response from the general public was overwhelming with a full-house audience. Reporters from local Chinese newspapers, The Sandakan Daily News and the Merdeka News, gave excellent coverage of the program at the Chamber of Commerce and the church, rendering a total of some 150 column inches of news articles.

While in Sandakan, Pastor Ng was invited by Sabah Family Planning Association to serve as a guest speaker during a forum for youth on "Love and Responsibility", a family life education program for uniform youth groups. Sabah Mission Literature Evangelist, Miss Elizabeth Lee, presented a book display which helped to add attraction to the crusade. A mini health education exhibition at the entrance of the church was another special feature of the program. Before leaving Sandakan, Pastor Ng conducted a baptismal service for two candidates from the crusade. A crusade of this nature with strong emphasis on



Literature Evangelist Elizabeth Lee (right) at the book display.



Crusade team includes: Church Pastor Tan Kok Chin and Mission Health Director Dr. H. K. Liaw (right).



Pastor Jonathan Ng officiating a baptismal service during the Sandakan crusade.



Church Elder Henry Chow (right) assisting in blood pressure screening.

community services became the first in the history of the local church. Praise the Lord for this outreach ministry. — *Tan Kok Chin, Church Pastor, Sandakan Chinese SDA Church.*



"THIS IS THE DAY I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR"

Mrs. Doreen Tham and family came to Kota Kinabalu, Sabah in 1982. Doreen had attended church in her younger days, but had gradually drifted away. At the time of her marriage she quit attending entirely.

Doreen's older sister, Mrs. Susie Koh of Singapore's Balestier Church, was very concerned about her sister's spiritual welfare. Thus when Doreen and her family moved to K.K., she immediately wrote to Dr. Charles Gaban, President of The SDA Mission of Sabah, requesting him to go visit Doreen and her family. Dr. Gaban contacted the Chinese church pastor, James Wah, and requested him to visit the family. At first Pastor Wah had difficulty locating them. But he wouldn't give up. Through persistent searching and asking questions, he finally found the house where they were staying.

Pastor and Mrs. Wah began to regularly visit Doreen and her family. Soon a close friendship was formed. It wasn't long before Doreen began attending K.K. Chinese Church. At the beginning of 1984, she requested Bible studies. On September 8, 1984, Doreen publicly acknowledged Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour through the rite of baptism. When congratulated after her baptism, she replied with a big smile, "This is the day I have been waiting for!"

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wanted to kill the pastor. But now I have a great problem. This lady comes to sleep with me every night. I'm very afraid. I think I will die soon. Can you help me?"

Pastor Rungsit replied, "Yes, we have many ways to help you. One big way is that if you will believe in our God, the God of Heaven, that lady will not bother you." That man said, "Please tell me about your God."

So Pastor Rungsit began telling the gospel story. Beginning with creation, which is understood generally by the Hmong people, he told salvation's story including stories of Christ's healing ministry.

The man became excited and promised Pastor Rungsit he would come to Chiangmai and study with him. After studying once a week for one month, he requested Pastor Rungsit to return to the village and burn all his objects of spirit worship. He did that and spent the night with him.

The spirit manifestation did not return until a month later. She came to the front of the house and said,

"Please open the door, I want to come in. I've been wanting to come in, but that man standing by your door will not let me. Please send him away so that I can come in." But our brother said, "No. He is a soldier of God." She returned two or three times more!

Our brother went to Pastor Rungsit and said, "Now I'm sure my wife and I want to be true Christians." They came to the tribal center at Mae Teng and, after preparation, were baptized. He returned to the village and taught his younger and older brothers the message of Christ also.

Today, this child of God who wanted to kill the pastor, is the elder of the Kunsai Church. God is working miracles in north Thailand.
— C. L. Smith

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