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Insuring a first-row view for everybody in the huge Superdome, a video crew of 30 people kept platform personnel and audience participants projected on a 24x32-foot screen on each side of the platform — plus three sides of a gondola 90 feet above the platform itself.

SUPERDOME — SUPERPOWER

What a thrilling privilege it was to sit in the world's largest structure of its kind -the superdome -and listen to fantastic reports from 187 countries of what God had wrought in His Seventh-day Adventist Church during the past five years.

I jotted down highlights from the Inter-American and South American Division that were to me the most exciting. And as they come from a setting somewhat similar to some areas of Southeast Asia, the same could happen here! Organized "sowing, reaping, and retaining" is the guideline. Inter-America seems to "live, eat, and sleep" evangelism and the results are phenomenal. Here are a few examples. In one church, 400 out of 600 members delivered Bible lessons door-to-door and the membership grew to 2,200 in just 2 years. After intensive sowing and reaping in South Mexico 6,000 were baptized in one day on June 8, 1985. A seven country international crusade resulted in more than 11,000 baptisms in 1983. The most spectacular international campaign ever attempted was from January to June of 1984 when 1,400 pastors, 11,500 laymen, and 3,500 youth were involved in 16,280 simultaneous campaigns which were conducted in more than 1,000 new communities. The results: 40,356 baptisms and 630 new churches and companies were raised. One lady told of conducting 11 crusades in which 175 were converted."

I was much impressed by the report of two 90-day crusades in South America resulting in 1,009 and 1,200 baptisms. There seems to be a very thorough work being done in grounding believers in the message.

The Inter-American Division's thousand days of reaping goal of 200,000 baptisms was surpassed by 31, 682. That is 231 per day. Think of it! Speaking of daily baptisms, I was moved by the ten-year daily increases in

baptisms. In 1950 there were 188 per day; in 1960, 248; in 1970, 437; and in 1980, 755. The jump was extraordinary during the thousand days of reaping, when in less than 3 years, there were an average of 1,171 baptisms per day.

The SDA church grew 30 percent in the last 5 years. Now we cannot say that it has been perfect work — not all are truly converted, but the Holy Spirit is truly working. As I sat in the superdome, I was overwhelmed with the conviction that God is with us, that the work *will be* finished, that His message *will* triumph. I was thrilled to be a part of the remnant.

But the president's message, the closing Sabbath, reminded us that even though we can be excited and thrilled with past accomplishments, the sad fact is WE ARE STILL HERE, and in the words of our Lord, "THERE REMAINETH YET VERY MUCH LAND TO BE POSSESSED" (Joshua 13:1). THERE ARE STILL 2.5 BILLION WHO HAVE NOT HEARD THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST; STILL 17,000 GROUPS OF UNREACHED PEOPLE. And I was so shocked at the GC to see my friends go grey.

Should this discourage us? No! Never! In the words of Caleb, "Let us go up at once and possess it for we are *well able* to overcome it." (Num. 13:30) More than the population growth is turning to Christ in Africa — 25,000 per day. It can happen here if we, like Caleb, "wholly follow the Lord" (Num. 32:12) and trust wholly in His power with each church having an organized plan. If we have the motto

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G.C. NOMINATING COMMITTEE FROM OUR PRESIDENT'S POINT OF VIEW. . . .

General Conference Session 1985 was an inspiring convocation. More than 2000 delegates from around the world represented the Seventh-day Adventist church. A variety of excellent music, inspiring sermons, and warm fellowship with Christian friends made the General Conference a special occasion for many delegates and guests. In the quiet of some upstairs rooms of the superdome, however, much of the business of the Session was settled as the nominating committee did its work.

Of the total delegation, 236 were selected by their home division representatives as members of the nominating committee. The FED had a total of 28 members in the committee, including all the union presidents plus other members representing various areas, institutions, and interests from our field.

Since the membership of the Seventh-day Adventist church is only 17 percent North American, the great majority of nominating committee members were from overseas divisions, with many from third world countries. The committee leadership also reflected this mix.

The first nominating committee report came on Friday morning, June 28. Both Elder Neal C. Wilson (age 65) and Elder G. Ralph Thompson (age 56) were re-elected as the president and the secretary of the General Conference, respectively. On Sunday, Don Gilbert, a former FED treasurer, was named as the treasurer of the General Conference.

Voting by the nominating committee was expediated by an electronic push button held by each member which was coordinated by a computer. With this device votes could be counted quickly and business be carried on efficiently.

The Far Eastern Division officers and departmental directors nominated and elected at General Conference are:

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Those who served as members of the nominating committee worked hard and spent much time in committee work. They missed out on much of the music, sermons, and fellowship of a General Conference Session. Most, however, would testify that they were able to participate with God's Spirit in the selection of leaders to bring the work of God to a conclusion in the near future. Our prayers continue that God will use the new leaders of His church to inspire and lead till Christ returns again.

— George Johnson, President of Southeast Asia Union Mission



So impressed were Superdome officials by the beauty and simplicity in design of the backdrop for the Session, they called in local window dressers and display designers to take a look. Because they wished to do this after hours, their training session took place just ahead of midnight! The theme logo, which also appeared on the front of the Sabbath School Quarterly, was done in shades of blue & white, with the lighter colors providing the background for the flags from the 184 countries in which the Church has teaching, healing and/or preaching ministries.

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of the Inter-American Division of "working every city until the last city is worked, working every village until the last village is worked, working every house until the last house is worked, working every person until the last person is worked, and if we "work as if Christ died yesterday, arose today, and is coming tomorrow," yes, it can happen here.

During the closing half of the General Conference, I became increasingly convicted that my greatest need was not a "superdome experience" but a "superpower experience". I need the fullness of the Holy Spirit daily. We were not all privileged to have a "superdome experience", but we can all have a "superpower experience" daily. "If all were willing, all would be filled" with the Holy Spirit (COL 121) and when it happens, "the work will spread like wild fire" (Rh. Dec. '15, 1995) and "the truth will triumph gloriously." (9T 135) — C. L. Smith, Director, Lay Activities & Communications, SAUM.

TERRITORY:
West Malaysia & Singapore



Seventh-day Adventist Church of West Malaysia & Singapore

RELIGIOUS SURVEY TWICE REWARDED

"This house-to-house labor, searching for souls, hunting for the lost sheep, is the most essential work that can be done." (Evangelism, p. 431.)

One night a group of young people went with Ps. Alfred Low, Lay Trainer, and Ps. Danson Ng, doing door-to-door religious survey evangelism. That particular night, they decided to go to Dakata Crescent, a small housing estate about a mile away from the church.

Accompanied by Angelina Low, Pastor Ng went into a block of flats. They came to a corner house and interviewed a young man regarding his religious interest. While doing so, his sister, Yeo Poh Geok, came in from her nursing duty. She inquired about their work, then asked, "Could you give me Bible studies?" The first appointment was set.

Giving Bible studies to Poh Geok was both interesting and challenging. She had many questions. But her spiritual thirst was quenched as the truth of Jesus' love was presented to her. Like the Ethiopian of Philip's day, Poh Geok had been looking toward heaven with a deep longing in her heart for an understanding of the Scriptures. She had been only waiting to be gathered into the Kingdom of God. During the nine months of Bible studies the miracle of transformation took place in her life.

Poh Geok invited her Catholic boy friend, Kenny Chee, a civil engineer-



Yeo Poh Geok and Kenny Chee.

ing student of the National University of Singapore, to witness her baptism. The love of God touched his heart and he began to attend church with Poh Geok. A layman, Ian Chua, who was also a civil engineering student of NUS, gave him Bible studies. On September 15, 1984 Kenny was baptized.

Poh Geok is now a youth leader at the Dunman Road church. Her spirituality has grown fast, and she has won the confidence of the young people. Both she and Kenny are giving their talents to the Lord's work. Recently they were, involved in the Voice of Youth Crusade.

"The Lord calls for decided efforts to be put forth in places where the people know nothing of Bible truth." (Christian Service, p. 114.) Let each one follow the blueprint of evangelism in this house-to-house ministry.
— Ps. Danson Ng, former pastor of Dunman Road Church.

BIBLE CAMP IN PENANG HILL

Pastor Simon Siew organized a Bible camp earlier this year as part of the Victory Countdown evangelistic effort. The camp convened at the Methodist Centre on the beautiful Penang Hill overlooking the majestic Penang bridge which is near completion. Surrounded by the beauties of nature, the 23 youths, 15 of whom were VOP students and Pathfinder Club members, enjoyed Bible study, recreation, and social interaction. At the conclusion many indicated their desire to follow Jesus and two were baptized a short time later. — Mrs. Kimberlee Siew, Wife of Pastor Siew.



Bible Evangelistic Campers enjoying hike on Penang Hill.



YOUNGBERG BAPTISMS HIT RECORD

Already this year four former patients of Youngberg Adventist Hospital have become Adventist Christians. This is an all-time record for baptisms.

The latest addition is Mrs. H. P. Khoo who was impressed and influenced by her husband's experience. He was baptized two years ago by Chaplain Jonathan Ng after a long period of contact with doctors and staff at the hospital. A few months after his baptism Mr. Khoo passed away. The funeral service officiated by Chaplain Ng was simple and meaningful. This further impressed Mrs. Khoo, an idol-worshipper.

The Spirit of the Lord led to the conversion of Mrs. Khoo's daughter. After her baptism, she invited Mrs. Khoo to church. On becoming ill Mrs. Khoo was admitted to the general hospital. While in the hospital, she arranged for the removal of the idols and altar in her home and requested baptism. In the presence of her daughter, relatives, and friends, she was baptized on March 21, 1985 by Chaplain Ng, assisted by Esther Khor, Bible Worker.

Chaplain Ng reports, "Praise the Lord for the collective efforts of doctors and staff at the hospital. Truly, medical missionary work is the right-hand of gospel work." — *Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, Youngberg Adventist Hospital.*



Photo shows Mrs. Khoo raising her right hand signifying her desire for baptism.



Photo shows participants of Youngberg Fitness Clinic doing stretching before the exercise.

YOUNGBERG FITNESS CLINIC

Sixty people meet every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday to participate in an exercise program known as the Youngberg Fitness Clinic. This is sponsored by the Youngberg Adventist Hospital, coordinated by Dr. & Mrs. Clarence Ing.

An article written by a Straits Times reporter contributed to the initial success of this clinic. The reporter met Dr. Ing one Sunday during his morning run around the Christian Cemetery across from the hospital. Dr. Ing was leading a group of participants in an exercise session.

Youngberg Fitness Clinic is a free community service for anyone interested in walking or running for exercise. The objective is to encourage people to exercise for good health and happiness. Each meeting starts with a short lecture on health. Stretching exercises follow in the hospital car park, after which there is walking or running at the cemetery. The hospital is grateful to Dr. & Mrs. Ing for their leadership, staff volunteers for their services, and church members for their support. *Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, Youngberg Adventist Hospital.*



The serenity of the Christian Cemetery provides excellent environment for exercise.



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THE RESULT OF ONE THROWN AWAY VOP CARD

Dr John Willmott, Ministerial Secretary of the Southern Asia Division, while visiting Singapore for government permission to conduct a crusade in Ipoh, West Malaysia, told this thrilling story at a morning worship.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters, and after many days thou shalt find it." Ecclesiastes 11:1. This text reminds me of an experience I had in Kumvakonam, South India. I received a letter from the Voice of Prophecy requesting me to visit a family that became interested in the message by taking the correspondence lessons. They had requested a visit several times during a period of time in which they had completed several VOP courses. No one came. They had decided this was their last appeal. They were desperately in need of contacting somebody from the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Making enquires, I found out that it was not going to be a very easy journey. I had to travel by buses, then walk for some time, and then cross a river to reach the remote village where this family was living. Finally I reached the place and came in contact with the elderly couple. What a rewarding experience it was.

Having completed several courses they knew the Bible. In fact, they knew so much about the Bible that I, at the time, could not answer the many questions they asked me. They took Bible studies and in a few weeks it was a joyous occasion to see this elderly couple led to the Lord Jesus in baptism.

They had a burden in their hearts for their entire family.

I was interested to find out how they came in contact with the Voice of Prophecy and they told me a story which was very fascinating. A member of the church received a burden to share the message with others and so he picked up a stack of Voice of Prophecy cards to take to an area of town where he could enroll people. He thought that since young people in India are interested in studying and completing their education, getting certificates, and finding employment, the best way to contact some good interests would be to go to one of these colleges and enroll young people. As he distributed these cards, one young person who took the card, looked at it, and maybe because it had something to do with religion, threw it in the street, and was on his way. A little later on, another student who came by saw this colorful card lying in the street. He picked it up, looked at it, and not being very much interested, he stuck it among his books, took it back to his home, threw it on the table, and forgot all about it. His father and mother found the card, sent it in, and began studying the lessons faithfully.

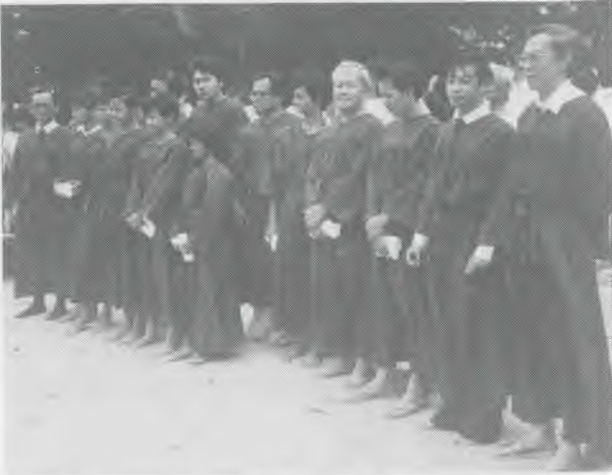
When they related this story, the mother, in tears, told me that somehow their son who had brought that card to the home must be won to the



Dr. John Willmott, Ministerial Secretary of the Southern Asia Division.

message. The reason they had made so many requests for visits, she said, was because he was growing older. He would be completing his education soon and planning for his marriage. Once he got settled down with his own family, it would be more difficult for him to make a decision for the message. Unfortunately, by the time I made contact, the boy had finished his education, just been married, and had found employment in the postal department away from his home. However, we prayed about it. Keeping in contact with this young couple they became interested in the message.

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Group of young people and adults with their pastors at the Seaside Baptismal site.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION'S COVETED REWARD

Christian homes and schools witnessed the fruitage of their labors this summer at the seashore baptism of their children and students. Pastor Ng Kah Seng baptized six young people from Adventist Homes: Kelly Ho, Aileen Soriton, Alvin Lim, Terrence Koh, Richard Allen Pauner, and Mark Wong. In addition four other individuals were baptized: Fu Nyie Ming, Thanaphong, Stephen Choe Seong Phan, and Ny Kuang Yin. Fu Nyie Minga and Thanaphong came to know of Christ through their schools, SDA School and Southeast Asia Union College. Ng Kuang Yin found Christ through the weekly ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Keyes, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lim, and her roommate in the Cheshire Home for Handicapped Individuals. Mr. Stephen Choe Seong Phan, an older man, adopted the name Stephen when he chose to follow His Lord, just because he liked Biblical Stephen's story so well.

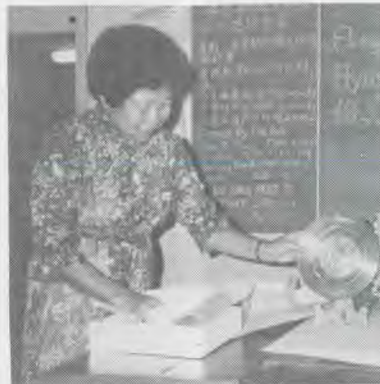
— *Loralyn Horning, Managing Editor, Messenger.*

CHANGING HANDS

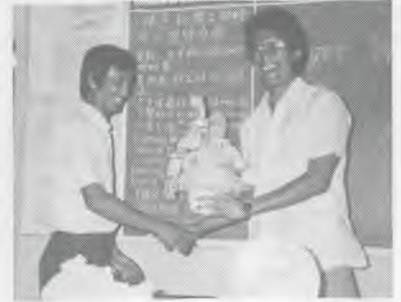
On July 12, 1985 the Southeast Asia Publishing House honored Mr. Andrew Tan and Mrs. Catherine Auber in a Welcome cum Farewell luncheon. We bade farewell to Mrs. Auber. For twenty-six years she served the denomination. The last nine years she functioned as Treasurer of the Publishing House. We have appreciated her years of service in holding securely the reins of finance.

The new guard, Mr. Andrew Tan, comes with a strong financial background obtained during his 14½ years of service at the Youngberg Adventist Hospital. It is great to have him join our team.

— *John Ho, Manager, Southeast Asia Union Publishing House.*



Mrs. Catherine Auber admires a pewter plate gift from her co-workers.



Mr. Andrew Tan is being welcomed by Mr. John Ho.

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Later, we had the joy of leading that young family into the truth. The young man went to one of our schools as a headmaster; then the mission sent him to Philippine Union College, where he completed his Master's program. Presently, he is the principal of one of our largest boarding schools in the Tamil section of the South India Union.

Two weeks ago while I was sitting in my office, three young people from South India came by and wanted me to identify them. Although I had worked for many years in the South India Union, I could not recognize these young people immediately. When I made enquiries about them, one of the young men identified his father as the above-mentioned principal who had been baptized shortly after marriage. I was so happy to learn that this young son has grown up in the message. Completing his high school education, he was coming to study in Spicer Memorial College to prepare his life for service.

And so Ecclesiastes 11:1 again comes forcibly to me. Whatever responsibility we are given in sharing the message we love, we must do. We never know when that word spoken, that kindness performed, that letter written, that Voice of Prophecy card distributed, or that Bible study given, will bear abundant fruit.

— *Calvin Smith, VOP Director, SAUM.*



Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Thailand

FRIENDLINESS PAYS

One day Mrs. Pranee Chinda, BAH lady chaplain, saw a middle-aged man walking to and fro in the old hospital lobby. Dressed in shorts and slippers, he looked confused and helpless.

"May I help you in any way?" she offered.

"I have a very painful stomach-ache; I want to be admitted," he replied.

"I will help you" answered Mrs. Pranee reassuringly as she led him to the admitting counter in the emergency room. Mr. Richit Prem was soon admitted to a room on the second floor.

During his hospital stay, Mrs. Pranee often visited Mr. Richit's room to pray with him. He seemed to appreciate these visits and told Mrs. Pranee about his mother who had died of cancer at BAH nine months before. He and his father had been very impressed with the care and support given them during that crisis.



Dr. Ronald Brody, BAH President, holds in his hands 225,000 baht from donor Mr. Songkram Prem (right) while Pr. N. Penafloida, BAH Chaplain, and Mr. T. Y. Billones (extreme left, BAH Vice-President, smile in gratitude.

During the father's visit to his son's bedside a short time later, Mr. Songkram Prem capitalized on his

son's appraisal of the hospital. "I love this hospital because the people here are nice and kind. This is my hospital." Then his thoughts turned back to his beloved wife. In animated reverie he mentioned her many good deeds, and her financial generosity in the construction of many schools and temples. Proudly he concluded that no one who came requesting help went away empty-handed.

Mrs. Pranee asked if he would like to give a donation equivalent to one patient room in the new hospital building. He replied that he would be happy to give her an answer after discussing it with his family. In a few days Mr. Songkram phoned to speak to the hospital directors. The following day he came and wrote up a contract donating 180,000 baht, equivalent to one furnished patient room.

When they left, Pr. Narciso Penafloida, BAH Chaplain, and Mr. T. Y. Billones, BAH Vice-President, skeptically asked, "Do they really mean it? They have not even asked when the new building will be built. Besides, these people are so simple; they do not even own a car."

Soon afterwards, Mr. Songkram and two family members visited BAH President, Dr. Ronald Brody, in his office. When they handed him the money, it was not the agreed upon 180,000 bhat, but 225,000 bhat instead. They promised to give more in the future. Mrs. Pranee Chinda felt well rewarded for her kindness! — *Pastor Narciso Penafloida, BAH Chaplain.*

ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD

"Dear Jesus, bless all those poor starving children," prayed my 7-year-old granddaughter. "It is our fault that they are starving. You've given us all the money we need. We just have not used it properly." The prayer burned into the depths of my selfish heart.

I was confronted by the Holy Spirit. I prayed "Lord, what would Thou have me to do?" And so I found myself in Chiang Khong, Thailand, a volunteer worker. Daily the Holy Spirit led me in doing the Father's will.

When His will gently dictated that I begin a kindergarten, I recoiled in horror. Months of turmoil and resistance passed. Finally I gave in and the project was initiated on the SDA campus.

There was much work but little money. The rainy season began, hardly improving our predicament. Two weeks before opening day, I spoke to Pastor Boonchom. "How can we lay our cement foundation in time for opening day?" In response to my concern he gave me one of the beautiful smiles the Thais have, "Mai pen rai."

Finally I turned to the God of the wind and rain. He provided us with two days of glorious sunshine. The cement was poured and set.

My Thai worker approached me, "Baa Lea (Auntie Lea), what roof are you putting up?" Finances limited us to thatched roofing. The problem was where to find 150 pieces of thatching during the wet season. "Lord, there are 2 alternatives: Provide us with finances for an

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iron roof or help us find thatching." On returning from market the next day my saam law (3-wheel bicycle) driver learned of my predicament. Through his assistance God answered our prayers for a thatched roof.

Opening day found us ready for our expected enrollment of 20 -30 children. Our self-confidence was shaken and our competence questioned when, by midday, we had 55 enrolled. The struggle mounted but through it all the Lord led us. The school has rapidly grown to hold 80 children.

I thank God for a vision of His will—educating the young. E. G. White writes: "It is between the ages of 1 and 6 that the character is formed for life." May the Lord continue to educate me and grant me strength and courage so I may glorify Him. — *Lea Crisp, Volunteer Worker, Chiang Khong, Thailand.*



Mrs. KawPo York, Head Nurse, Helen L. Morton Memorial Clinic, ChiangMai, Thailand.

MRS. KAWPO — NURSE IN ACTION

One day in 1978, a Mr. Yeupawba arrived at the Mae Taeng SDA Clinic with his sister, already in labor for 3 days. Mrs. Kawpo York, the clinic nurse and experienced midwife, soon delivered the baby. Impressed by her kind and capable help, Mr. Yeupawba invited Mrs. Kawpo to visit his village sometime.

In April 1979, Mrs. Kawpo took Miss Miriya Wichasak, who is a teacher at the Educational Center, and 2 students to Mae Taw village. They stayed 10 days, holding a Vacation Bible School for the children, and conducting meetings for the adults in the evenings. Educational Center teachers continued visiting the village on weekends during the next school year. Pastor Prasert Rakchaorai, who was studying at the Educational Center, began visiting the village regularly to study with Mr. Yeupawba and his friends. Finally 13 Mae Taw villagers were baptized. Many months later after more study, Pastor Dennis Tidwell baptized five more precious souls in the stream near Mae Taw village.

For several years, the congregation met in the small home of Mr. Yeupawba. After a time the villagers felt the need of a house of worship. Mrs. Kawpo found funds for a tin roof and the villagers set to work sawing lumber into boards for the floor and walls. The modest meeting house, the finest building in the village, was finished in April 1984. For ten days Pastor Aw Gaw Pual used the new church to hold revival meetings.

Mrs. Kawpo remarked on how the village has changed since she first visited it. "There are no more pigs; the villagers are raising fish instead." The village has grown from five to nine households. Mr. Yeupawba and Mr. Tuy, local church elders, lead out in worship services when the pastor is in other parts of his district.

Teachers and students from the Educational Center continue to visit and encourage the small church. During the last few months, Mrs. Kawpo has begun working in another small village near the Educational Center. To date two girls, who attend the Educational Center, and three adults have been baptized there.

Evangelistic activities are filling only part of Mrs. Kawpo's hectic days. Since the death of Dr. Helen Morton, Mrs. Kawpo, nurse at the Helen L. Morton Memorial Clinic, ministers to the many patients. She relates an interesting story from her work at this clinic.

An old lady was suffering from a stomachache; she cried incessantly. Her husband sent her to see the local government health worker, but the condition did not improve. Thinking her illness resulted from evil spirits, her husband then sent her to see the local witch doctor. Once again she found no relief for her pain. Finally the witch doctor suggested that this woman go to the Helen Morton Memorial Clinic for treatment, and offered to take her to the clinic himself. Said the witch doctor, "This woman has been suffering from a stomachache for three days now. Please examine and treat her."

After examining the patient, Mrs. Kawpo gave her five tablets of worm medicine and an injection for her pain. After the medicine and injection, the woman soon fell into a sound sleep. While she was sleeping, Mrs. Kawpo prayed that God might heal the woman. She slept for about four hours. When she awoke, she felt very constipated. When an enema was administered, she passed eighty-two worms! What a relief! Returning to her village she told everyone about the worms. Now many villagers and even witch doctors have gone to buy worm medicine.

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Dedication of church at Mae Taw in north Thailand. Pastor Aw Gaw Paul and Wayne Hamra upper left.

Many need worm medicine, but there is no money to buy enough for all. Other hilltribe people come seeking freedom from opium addiction. Mrs. Kawpo cheerfully ministers to all who come but she needs the assistance of a medical doctor. Pertinent are the words of Jesus. "The harvest is indeed abundant, but the workers are few." — Mrs. Kawpo York.

... Later, Mrs. Morton Writes ...

In addition to her medical work, Mrs. Kawpo carries on an active outreach to the surrounding villages. Every school break she takes several students with her to visit the villages. They spend two to three weeks living with the people, helping them clean up their village, teaching them sanitation and nutrition, and distributing needed clothing. The villagers appreciate it very much. The students present Jesus in song and story. Recently, a whole Karen village chose to put away their spirit worship and honor the one great Spirit.

The last rice growing season was very poor, and numerous mountain villages were without enough rice to take care of their needs. Soon some folk from the surrounding villages noticed that the SDA village had plenty of rice. The Seventh-day Adventist villagers' crops had not failed. It wasn't long before these folks came to buy rice from the clean Christian village. They were impressed. Now Mrs. Kawpo is receiving many calls from these animist villages for her and the students to come and teach them. They say: "The spirits we worship never help us like their God helps them."

— Mrs. Gladys Morton, Thailand



Pastor Bell standing with a group of students baptised following the week of spiritual emphasis.

Week of Spiritual Emphasis meetings recently conducted at Chiang Mai Adventist Educational Centre by Pastor Sapon Jaigur, Thailand Mission Lay Activities Director, resulted in forty students responding to the call to give their heart to Jesus, two baptisms, and several more studying to be baptised.

— Arthur Bell, Educational Center Administrator, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

CAPTIONS ON THAILAND



Ka Yai Memorial Church in the northwestern part of Thailand was dedicated June 8, 1985. Mrs. Mogyi Emily wished it built in honor of her late husband, Brother Ka Yai.

— Phu Tah Noo, Pastor Mae Sarieng Church, Thailand.



In Northeastern Thailand, 45 women attended a Ladies' Seminar earlier this year to study their role in the home, the training of children, the cooking of vegetarian food, and the administering of first aid with herbal medicines. On Sabbath 12 people were baptized by Pastor Penafloida, the Bangkok Adventist Hospital chaplain.

— Edwin Timple, PR. Officer, BAH



Bangkok Adventist Hospital has begun since March to extend medical services monthly to a slum area near the Bangkok Harbor.

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



Under the watchful eyes of a crucifix, Pastor Ginduk Laung thunders from the pulpit the living Word of God.

FIRST SDA PASTOR IN A ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Never in the history of the Sabah Mission has a Roman Catholic invited a Seventh-day Adventist pastor to conduct evangelistic meetings in his own church. But Pastor Ginduk Laung was invited to the Catholic Central Church, Babagon, Penampang. This is a predominantly Catholic area.

The people of Babagon came to know the fine work of the Seventh-day Adventists through a young man named Polidon. He had come from a remote village in Kiulu 50 miles away and was working at the quarry there. In the Kadazan language his name means "to confuse or mislead". Instead he loves to tell others the right way. At work, he not only drills rocks, but he also

talks to his fellow workers about the truth of the Bible. He was formerly a very active leader of the Catholic young people in his area.

Since becoming an Adventist six years ago, Polidon has worked untiringly to share the Bible truth. Through his boldness and diligence the leader of the Catholic church, Mr. William Jouti, came to know how the Seventh-day Adventists conduct their evangelistic meetings. Polidon told him about the program where films such as "The Life of Jesus" was shown. He became very interested and finally wrote a letter, requesting that the same evangelistic meetings be held in his own church.

Upon receiving the letter, Pastor Laung found he had only four days to prepare. All the dates for the meetings were fixed. He had mixed feelings. Could he do it?

Pastor Laung was not sure whether the Mission President would allow this to be done since there was no budget for unexpected Evangelistic meetings. After careful consideration he decided, "No matter what, we must not let this rare opportunity slip away from us. Even if the Mission won't help us, our Kota Kinabalu Church will go ahead," he announced. During the next four days Pastor Laung was very busy. The Mission gave him the help and supplies he needed.

On the first night the Adventists arrived a few minutes late. It had been raining the whole day. The roads were bad. But the people were very happy to see them. "I was afraid the roads were flooded and would prevent you from coming," Mr. William said. He welcomed them very warmly and the historic Mini-evangelistic meeting began.

Despite the rainy season, the average attendance was about 300. Tickets at M\$2.50 were sold for their church extension fund and lights. Throughout the meeting, with tact and spirit, Pastor Laung spoke ardently concerning the truth of the Bible. This was followed by the film "The Life of Jesus."

The congregation reacted with strong approval each time Pastor Laung stressed a Bible text. "Amen! Amen!" was heard throughout the auditorium.

Members from other Seventh-day Adventist churches, even as far as Malangang about 50 miles away, formed many singing groups which helped to make the meetings more lively.

At the end of the meeting 40 people enrolled for the Voice of Prophecy course and the same number signed up to study the Bible.

Polidon's quarter was chosen as the meeting place. When the first meeting started on Sabbath afternoon only two persons came. Their elder had organized a trip at the same time for them to attend a Catholic Seminar at Beaufort, 50 miles away. Some others went to a wedding. But until now Mr. Donasius is diligently attending the Bible study.

From the first evangelistic meeting, a closer friendship has been developed with the Catholic church and hundreds have had the opportunity to hear the precious Adventist message. — *Panchido Gangkai, Sabah.*



Eight of the candidates baptized along with Pastors Wung (left) F. E. Schlehuber (center) and Laung (right, 2nd row)

KOTA KINABALU CRUSADE

The distinctive features of rugged Mt Kinabalu, the 4,000 plus meter high mountain, was clearly visible in the east from the church site at Kota Kinabalu where an evangelistic crusade was conducted, earlier this year. F. E. Schlehuber, in association with Pastors Gindok Laung and Wung Wei Kong, witnessed the Lord's blessings as eleven souls joined the church in baptism. The nightly attendance averaged about 100-125, with several having attended every lecture. Twenty-five Bibles were given to those who had attended at least 10 meetings of the series.

We are confident that the seed sown will continue to produce a harvest. Follow-up meetings are being held on a regular basis for the interests developed during this series. Much of the credit goes to the Voice of Prophecy whose contacts provided the nucleus for the crusade.

— Fred Schlehuber, Trust Services, FED.



The pastoral team: Pastor Wung Wei Kong and wife (left), Pastor F. E. Schlehuber, (center), and Pastor Gindok Laung and wife.



Kota Kinabalu Church where series was held.

**DR. RALPH F. WADDELL,
FOUNDER OF BANGKOK
ADVENTIST HOSPITAL**
Dr. Ralph F. Waddell died of a massive heart attack on Saturday, May 18, 1985 in Loma Linda Medical Center, California at the age of 77. The BAH hospital staff had just celebrated the 48th anniversary of the hospital's beginnings under Dr. Waddell's leadership when they learned of his passing.

Dr. Waddell and his wife, Ellen, were well-known by the present hospital staff, for just two years ago they had returned to raise funds for the hospital's new Obstetric-Pediatric Department wing. It was officially opened March 17, 1983 with the name "Ralph Waddell Wing". This great man contributed much to the medical work in Thailand and will long be remembered by many people.

— Loralyn Horning, Managing Editor, Messenger.

WEEK OF PRAYER TAPES

For several years the adult and children's WEEK OF PRAYER messages have been available on cassette tapes through the MINISTRY TAPE OF THE MONTH CLUB sponsored by the General Conference Ministerial Association. This service is offered again this year.

The 1985 Week of Prayer will focus on God's Leading—"Learning from Sacred History." Our authors will deal with topics like "Remembering the Past", "Under the Blood", "Under the Cloud", "Our Children Shall Go with Us", and others. You will actually hear the voices of Neal C. Wilson, General Conference president, and other distinguished leaders of the church.

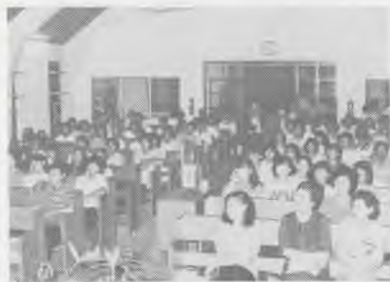
The children's messages are by Lawrence Maxwell, an outstanding storyteller and popular writer who is presently associate Book Editor at Pacific Press Publishing Association, Nampa, Idaho. Dr. Maxwell shares many thrilling stories showing that "God Keeps His Promises".

The eight messages for adults are available on two cassettes for \$6.00. The six messages for children are on a single cassette at a cost of \$4.00. Send payment with order to: WEEK OF PRAYER TAPES, Ministry Services, P. O. Box 217, Burtonsville, MD2086.

Please add extra for overseas airmail postage. Check with your post office to ascertain the difference between the cost of surface mail and air mail. The adult's and children's tapes combined weigh 5.9 ounces; the adult's tapes weigh only 4.1 ounces, and the children's tapes weigh 2.4 ounces.

We recommend that your order for the 1985 WEEK OF PRAYER tapes be received two months before this annual event scheduled for *October 29, 1985*.

— Rex D. Edwards, Ministerial and Stewardship Associate, General Conference of SDA.



Inside of church during series.

SARAWAK

SEMINARS IN SARAWAK

Elder and Mrs. Daniel Walter, Home and Family Services Directors for the Sarawak Mission, have conducted a very active seminar outreach this year in conjunction with the Southeast Asia Union. In January, they conducted the first Caring For Marriage Seminar for the Sarawak Mission staff and a local pastor couple. The group expressed that they had received a great blessing. They continue to meet monthly for fellowship. In March, a second Caring for Marriage Seminar was conducted in Bintulu for the Iban tribes people. These people live mostly in longhouses. They seemed to enjoy best the role-playing and acting of real life situations that the Walters performed. Those attending were so excited with all they had learned that they begged the mission to bring them more of this type of instruction. The Walters see real possibilities for these marriage seminars in evangelistic outreach.

At a recent Worker's Retreat, a Parent and Child Enrichment Seminar was conducted under the leadership of Dr. and Mrs. Steve Bassham and Elder and Mrs. Dan Walter. More than 25 families gathered at the Thomas Lai Beach Resort near Sematan, Sarawak to enjoy the practical lessons adaptable to each family.

The Miri S.D.A. Church hosted the first Elders Seminar in that District under Elder Daniel Walter's leadership. Last year the Mission began to plan to train and upgrade the local church elders to be more effective leaders in their respective churches. The participating elders receive a check-list card listing all the subjects to be covered in the complete course of instruction. As



each subject is completed, the elder's card is signed by the instructor. Upon completing 120 hours of instruction, the elder will receive a Certificate of Completion, and become an associate member of the Ministerial Association of the Mission. He will be expected to continue attending follow-up Seminars occasionally.

Ayer Manis School hosted its second Elders Seminar for the district in April, with 75 local elders attending. Dr. Steve Bassham gave practical presentations on family worship, Grief Recovery, and conducting funerals. Elder Pauner spoke on stewardship and visiting the sick. A third Elders Seminar is planned for October with Elder Larry Colburn scheduled to speak on the Spirit of Prophecy.

March 18 dawned to find the mission team beginning its first mission journey by road from Kuching to Miri, the northern-most city in Sarawak, a distance of 970 Km, (591.7 mi). Along the way they stopped to deliver Bibles and materials to pastors, conduct workshops and seminars, and distribute clothing to needy longhouse dwellers. They concluded their journey with a marriage seminar, a Church Elders seminar, and a child evangelism workshop in the Miri area. As they drove the 16 hour trek home, they thanked God that now they could travel by vehicle through most of inhabited Sarawak to carry the Gospel by means of these educational seminars and caring ministry.

—Daniel Walters, Ministerial Secretary, Sarawak.

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