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HOLLY WINS A MARATHON

Holly Moore, a 14 year old eighth grader at Far Eastern Elementary School, won the women's section of the October 6 Marathon sponsored by Mobil and organized by the Singapore Sports Council. She along with 17 other Adventist friends had joined with the 4,200 participants to run the 26 mile course up and down the streets of Singapore. Holly's time of 3 hours and 20 minutes reached the front headlines of the Straits Times newspaper. As a health educator, I went to interview Holly concerning her lifestyle.

"Congratulations, Holly! We're proud of you! How did you feel when you finished?" I asked.

"I felt great," she replied. "I wanted to go back and find my dad, but with all the reporters around I couldn't run back."

"You didn't feel tired or sore?" I queried.

"No, just the calf of one leg felt sore, and two toes turned blue. The soreness was gone the next day."

"Do you think you will run again next year?" I continued.

"Oh, yes! I love it!" she quickly answered.

I was curious so I continued:

"Holly, do you mind if I ask what your weight and height are and how many hours of sleep you get every night?"

"No, that's fine! I am 5'4½" and weigh about 95 pounds. I sleep 9-10 hours every night. My Mother says I am a little underweight, but I feel great!"

"What is your meal pattern?" I voiced.

"I eat only the noon meal and don't even feel too hungry then. I am a vegetarian. I don't drink milk and eat very few eggs. I quit eating icecream almost a year ago and have lost about ten pounds since then," she concluded.

"It is alright not to drink milk or eat eggs," I added. "In fact, it is better not to use those items as long as you eat enough of a variety of cereal grains, fruits, and vegetables, nuts, and seeds. I think your mother is right in wanting you to eat some breakfast. You are running a lot. You need more calories."

"Yes, I will try," Holly smiled.

I wondered what had inspired her to begin running:

"My dad runs. I had had a desire for some time to run a marathon, so last January I began jogging one to two miles a day with him. At first I was always behind. In March I began running three to four miles a day. Then I tried to run in a marathon that month but did not make very good time. Now I run 10 to 12 miles every day."



Holly Moore, a winner

"Well, that's great, Holly! Would you like to say any more?"

"Yes, I'd just like to say that it is lots of fun. Running has helped me to feel great. I can study better and sleep more soundly. I have a better disposition and can get along better with people. I would recommend it to anyone!"

"Thank you, Holly. We appreciate your witness. Continue to "Glorify God in your body... 1 Cor. 6:20. We're proud of you!"

— Peggy Chau, Health and Temperance Director, SAUM.

ROUND UP ON WEST MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE

ADVENTIST CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE REACHES OUT

The Adventist Child Development Centre conducted the first Parent Seminar this summer at Balestier Road Church for parents in the community. Over 50 parents and youth attended the seminar, a large percentage of whom were non-Adventists. Dr. Linda Koh, Educational Psychologist from S.A.U.C., spoke on "Discipline and Your Child". Mr. Teo Seng Kee, Lecturer of the Institute of Education, spoke on "Raising Intelligent Children". Mrs. Virginia Smith, Health Educator at S.A.U.C., presented the subject "Your Child Is What He Eats".

ACDC was established last January at the Balestier Road Church compound under the able supervision of Dr. Linda Koh and Mrs. Teo Lun Fang, with the generous support of Singapore's churches and institutions. It has a capacity for 60 children 2-6 years of age. Presently 46 children are enrolled.

— *Sim Chor Kiat, Pastor, Balestier Road Church*



Dr. Linda Koh spoke on child discipline.



Mrs. Smith interviews a mother who sends her child to ACDC.

LOVE RELATIONSHIPS SEMINAR

Beginning last May the Lay Activities and Adventist Youth Departments of the Balestier Road Church have jointly conducted a series of meetings called "Love Relationships Seminar". Its emphasis was on the wholistic development of a person. Mrs. Betty Kwan led the discussions concerning personal growth, communication, budgeting, sexual behaviour and parenting. An average of 45 members and visitors participated.

— *Sim Chor Kiat, Pastor, Balestier Road Church*



Parent's Seminar conducted by ACDC.

WALKATHON BRINGS GREAT RETURNS

SDA Community Services Walkathon raised \$31,203 towards building the SDA Community Services headquarters in the Jurong SDA Church. Every step taken raised four cents. Can you estimate how many steps were taken by the participants?

— *Loralyn Horning, Managing Editor, Messenger*

FELT NEEDS SEQUENCE EVANGELISM

Several series of seminars conducted by the City Evangelistic Centre under the coordination of Pastor Emmanuel Samuthram have brought many Singaporeans in contact with the Adventist life style and beliefs. Dr. Clarence Ing and Pastor S. L. Lim conducted the first part entitled "Eight Days to Resolving Stress" in the Peninsula Hotel Functions Room. An average attendance of 28 held throughout the eight-week seminar.

"How to Make Christianity Real" was next conducted by Don Williams, Chaplain of the Far Eastern Academy. An average of 25 came each session. Two baptisms resulted in April and June.

"Studies in Daniel", led by Pastor Larry Colburn, were well attended by 30 - 40 persons during the August 10 to October 12 session. Dale Rhodes from the Far Eastern Academy will conclude this year's series of seminars with "Studies in Revelation" from October 26 to the end of the year.

— *Loralyn Horning, Managing Editor, Messenger*

PASTOR T. K. CHONG RETURNS

Former WMSM President, T. K. Chong and his wife returned this summer to West Malaysia and Singapore for a trip down memory's lane. He commented that he and his wife were especially struck with the warmth and cordiality of the Singaporean and Malaysian brethren.

— *Loralyn Horning, Managing Editor, Messenger*

WEDDINGS

Corinna Tay Gek Keng and John Cheang Soon Kiat were united in marriage October 6, 1985 in the Balestier Road Church, with Pastor Ng Gan Theow officiating. Corinna serves as secretary for the Communications and Education Departments of the Southeast Asia Union Headquarters. John works in an auditing firm in downtown Singapore.



John and Corinna.

Chee Mun and Audrey exchanged their marriage vows in the beautiful setting of the Chinese Seventh-day Adventist church in Strathfield, Sydney, New South Wales, earlier this year. Mr. Chee Mun, bridegroom, is son of Mr. Chong Yan, elder and treasurer of the Taiping Church in West Malaysia.

— *Loralyn Horning, Managing Editor, Messenger*



Wedding participants with Chee Mun and Audrey.



Pastor Joshua Mok

JOSHUA MOK TO SOUTH CHINA ISLAND UNION MISSION AS SECRETARY

Pastor Joshua Mok, President of the West Malaysia/Singapore Mission, has recently been appointed by the FED Executive Committee to serve as the secretary of the South China Island Union Mission. Pastor Mok has served as the President of WMSM since 1981. Prior to holding the post of president, Pastor Mok served as a departmental director in WMSM.

Pastor Mok is familiar with the South China Island Union area since he obtained his college education in Hong Kong. The SCIU is comprised of the area of Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan, with headquarters in Hong Kong.

Pastor Mok, his wife, Christine, and two sons, Gerald and Gabriel, will be missed by the staff, members, and workers of the WMSM. He has been a tireless worker, and a leader the members could trust. We wish him and his family success and God's blessings as they go to serve in South China Island Union Mission.

— *George Johnson, President, SAUM*

Kuala Lumpur English Pathfinders were featured in a Strait Times newspaper article for their generous donation of \$500 to the Africa Famine Relief Fund.

— *Loralyn Horning, Managing Editor, Messenger.*

VOICE OF YOUTH IN MELAKA

Melaka, Malaysia enjoyed an enthusiastic Voice of Youth series for one week in July under Mr. Danny Wi's leadership. The youth of Melaka Church continue to use Pathway to Health and Way of Life VOP lessons to recruit and teach new members.

— *Loralyn Horning, Managing Editor, Messenger.*

PS & MRS. SAMUEL MONEY TO PHILIPPINES

Pastor and Mrs. Samuel Money and their two children left Kuala Lumpur on Monday, October 20 enroute to Manila and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary located on the campus of Philippine Union College. Pastor Money plans to graduate in June, 1986 with an MA in Religion.

Pastor Money has served for a number of years as the Lay Activities, Youth and Sabbath School Director of the WMSM.

— *George Johnson, President, SAUM*

PUBLISHING QUADRENNIAL

Publishing leaders from the Southeast Asia Union met in Singapore, September 15 to 20 to discuss methods to enlarge and strengthen the literature ministry in this union. The need to enlist church members into this "highest order of missionary work" (ICM p. 6) was especially considered, along with more effective ways of improving the distribution systems of our literature, enlarging the role of evangelistic magazines, and coordinating interest contacts with the VOP. New methods for advertising are being keenly considered.

— *Randy Horning, Publishing Director, SAUM*



The seven ministerial families who attended Singapore's first ministerial retreat.

MINISTERIAL RETREAT AT SENTOSA

The Singapore Adventist Ministerial Fellowship conducted a Ministerial Retreat at Apollo Sentosa on August 25 & 26. A total of 35 adults and children attended.

Mrs. Jean Zachary from the Far Eastern Division spoke on "Spiritual Growth". Elder and Mrs. R. L. Colburn, also from the FED, spoke on the four essential ingredients for a happy home. They focused on Love, Discipline, Communication, and Family Time. The atmosphere was warmed by the fellowship among the pastors and their families. The highlight of the Ministerial Retreat was the reunion dinner when pastors' wives received corsages from their husbands.

Pastor Joshua Mok, WMSM President, led out in the Family Time. Pastor Ng Kah Seng led out in prayer groups. Pastor Michael Ho and Pastor Alfred Low organized group discussions. Pastor and Mrs. Ng Sui Koon and family provided musical items. Pastor Matthew Yuen served as treasurer for the camp. It was a delightful experience for all. A follow-up meeting is scheduled on December 1 for the formation of the Shepherdess International in Singapore. The Ministerial Retreat was the first of its kind ever conducted in Singapore for the spiritual enrichment of the ministers and their families.

—Sim Chor Kiat, Ministerial Secretary, WMSM

NEW LIFE IN OLD BODY

Gindok Lomog was born in 1874. As a young man he was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church and remained faithful to God for six years. But when his young son died, he left in bitterness.

Last August, Sabah Mission Youth Director, Pastor Tommy Golotoh, conducted seven nights of revival meetings in Kayangat Church. Most of those in attendance were young people. At the end of his sermon each night, Pastor Tommy divided the congregation into prayer bands to plead with the Lord on behalf of former members of the church.

Friday morning, a team of youth went to visit Gindok. His response was positive. He said, "Yes, I would like to come back to the Lord because you all love me and pray for me.

The next day after communion service, Pastor Tommy personally accompanied deacons to take bread and wine with Gindok. Pastor Tommy embraced him and said, "My brother, I want you to know that we are concerned about you. We love you. God loves you. I want you to make a decision right now to give your life to God again.

Tears ran down Gindok's cheeks as he replied, "I have been in the dark for 46 years. If God is willing to forgive me, I will surrender to Him once again."

The next Sabbath, Gindok appeared in church with his wife. During the service, he stood up and testified how the Lord had changed him into a completely new person. His words were choked with emotion. There was hardly a dry eye in the congregation. Revival seemed to grip each heart, for the church has since been enjoying a more vibrant experience in the Lord.

—N. G. Ng, Sabbath School and Youth Director, SAUM



Mr. Gindok Lomog with Pastor Tommy Golotoh.

Jesus is the bridge and the only way to God. Therefore, why not open our hearts to Him so that He may guide and bless us always?



SAUC CHURCH PASTOR ORDAINED

Ng Kah Seng, Pastor of the SAUC Church, was ordained early this summer. Speaker for the divine worship and ordination service held at SAUC Church was Elder George Johnson, President of the Southeast Asia Union Mission. It was a solemn occasion when ordained ministers laid hands on Pastor Ng Kah Seng as a Biblical symbol of setting him aside for the gospel ministry.

Pastor Ng Kah Seng, originally from a Taoist background, was baptized into the SAUC Church in 1970. Believing that he was called into the ministry, he studied theology at SAUC and graduated cum laude in 1978. He has had eight years of pastoral experience. He was married to Hazel Ong in 1981. Today they have a son, Lionel, and a daughter, Raelene. Friends, colleagues, and church members congratulated Pastor Ng Kah Seng on the day of his ordination for accepting the challenge and continuing in the gospel ministry.

— *Sim Chor Kiat, Ministerial Secretary, WMSM*



SAUC: WEEK OF SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

Week of Devotion, Week of Prayer, or Week of Spiritual Emphasis, whatever one calls it is not so important. It is not the name, but what the week stands for that counts. Using the same name every year may sometimes give the impression that the same old program is being followed. There is a danger in retaining such an attitude because it encourages one to barricade oneself against important learning.

The Week of Spiritual Emphasis at SAUC (September 30 to October 5) was not the same old program. Pastor Ng Kah Seng, SAUC's own pastor, conducted the meetings for the week. Twice a day he discussed the practical side of what it means to be a Christian.

Complete fulfillment of life depends upon our mental maturity, habits we form, the lifestyle we live, how we spend our time, and what we do with guilt. These were some of the areas of life discussed by Pastor Ng through the theme of the week, "Living a Fulfilling Christian Life". The challenge that was given to each of us was that we by our own thinking and actions decide just how fulfilling our life will be.

— *Dr. Ralph Jones, Academic Dean, SAUC.*



Pastor and Mrs. Ng Kah Seng after the ordination service. Other participants in the programme: (L to R) Pastors Sim Chor Kiat, George C. Johnson, Joshua Mok, and Danson Ng.

QUIT SMOKING CAMPAIGN AT SINGAPORE AIRLINES

A Quit Smoking Campaign and Exhibition was co-sponsored by the Ministry of Health and Youngberg Adventist Hospital, organized by Singapore Airlines for the benefit of its employees at SIA hall this summer.

SIA Manager for Employee Communications, Mr. A. Ibrahim, stated that this campaign was conducted on a recommendation following a survey taken among employees who strongly indicated their displeasure of smoking among employees. This campaign was aimed at encouraging smokers to quit with the theme, "The Butt Stops Here."

The campaign included health education exhibitions on the dangers of smoking, film shows, talks, and counselling on smoking cessation. Youngberg Adventist Hospital was able to highlight its 5-day Plan to Stop Smoking which is the only successful program in Singapore besides the smoking cessation clinic of the Cancer Society.

Invited to participate in the opening ceremony of the campaign were: hospital president, K. D. Reimche, Specialist-physician, Dr. Clarence Ing and Public Relations Director, Jonathan Ng. FED student assistant, Jeffrey Ing, helped to man the booth during the exhibition. An estimated 10,000 employees and friends participated in this 5 day campaign.

—*Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, YAH*



Mr. Jeffrey Ing at the hospital booth with the 5-Day Plan exhibit in the background.



Mr. K. Reimche (left), Dr. Clarence Ing, Dr. Atari of the Ministry of Health, and Mr. A. Ibrahim of SIA in a discussion after the opening ceremony.



Display of a huge cigarette with a list of harmful chemicals at the entrance of SIA building.

YOUNGBERG ADVENTIST HOSPITAL ENJOYS NEW ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Kenneth D. Reimche took up his assignment this summer as the President of Youngberg Adventist Hospital. Mr. Reimche, a Canadian, graduated from Andrews University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1970 and a Master of Public Health degree from Loma Linda University in 1978.

Before coming to Singapore, he served as administrator of Sunnyside Nursing Home in Canada. His wife, Shirley, works at the Home Study School at the Far Eastern Division. They have a 14 year old son, Jeffrey, who attends Far Eastern Academy as a freshman, and an eleven year old daughter, Kimberly, who studies at the FED elementary school.

We welcome the Reimches to the Youngberg family and trust they will find their ministry in Singapore a rewarding experience.

—*Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, Youngberg Adventist Hospital*

TRIP TO USA BENEFICIAL TO PAH PRESIDENT

Mr. John K. Lee, President of Penang Adventist Hospital, and his family recently returned to Penang following completion of his six-month upgrading course in Health Administration at Loma Linda University. Mr. Lee took selected classes of current value; observed administrative staff in action; visited a variety of hospitals in Southern California; attended the American College of Hospital Administrator Congress, as well as other administrative seminars. Mr. Lee was able to speak to several doctors and dentists concerning their potential service in our Penang Hospital. He felt the six months trip was very beneficial to his work.

—*S. Vellu, Penang Adventist Hospital*



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Reimche, Jeffrey and Kimberly.

SINGAPORE HEALTH EXHIBITION NEWSFLASH

Health Exhibitions continue to meet the needs of residents living in the numerous housing blocks around the city of Singapore. To date a statistical report shows very good response. A total of 4,292 requests have been made for information concerning our various health seminars and correspondence courses. In the most recent exhibition 300 individuals out of the approximate 500 guests chose to go through the blood sugar screening test.

—*Loralyn Horning, Managing Editor, Messenger*

LAY TRAINING IN SARAWAK

Pastor Dan Walter, Ministerial Association Secretary for the Sarawak Mission, reports that on November 17, 1985 the Village Lay Pastor Training Sessions will commence. The instructors for the classes will be Pastor Dan Walters, Pastor Choo Wee Fong, Pastor Clyde Ondrizek, Pastor Calvin Smith, Pastor Edmund Liah, Pastor Laurence Bangie, and several other church pastors from the Sarawak Mission. Classes will be conducted November 17 - December 8, 1985.

The Sarawak Mission is the beneficiary of an Unusual Opportunities Grant to train village lay pastors. Due to the impact of SAWS/ADRA and EZE health projects, various villages in an area around Ayer Manis School have become open to the influence of Adventist teaching. Invitations have been given for pastors to preach and teach in adjacent villages, but the Sarawak Mission has been short of trained Adventist workers.

Due to the shortage of workers, the mission has decided to train church lay leaders from each church as lay pastors. They will be taught practical courses in preaching, evangelism, Bible doctrines, church history, church procedures, health and other topics. With refresher courses going on during the next several years, and with actual evangelism being done in the Sarawak Mission by the lay leaders and lay pastors it is expected that church growth will surge forward.

George Johnson, President, SAUM



The Steeles explain Adventist World Radio to the Thailand workers.

RECRUITING FOR SAUM

October 17-24, Dr. Ralph Jones, new Academic Dean of SAUC, itinerated through Sabah and Sarawak to recruit students. He was surprised to find large numbers of students in forms five and six. At our school in Goshen he found a substantial number of young people interested in attending SAUC.

Recent affiliation with Walla Walla College, USA introduces the distinct possibility of increased student enrollment at SAUC. Of particular interest to students is that the Malaysian government recognizes Walla Walla College's programs of business administration, physics, biology, mathematics, and computer science.

—**Dr. Ralph H. Jones, Academic Dean, SAUC**

AWR NEWS

Pastor Calvin Smith and Pastor Ray James, communication directors of the FED and SAUM, and Andrea and Allen Steele of the AWR stations on Guam, recently toured Thailand. Calvin Smith reports that both Hmong and Karen language groups are preparing sermons, music, and other programs for AWR. A small recording studio in Mae Sarieng will serve the Karen radio speakers and singers as they prepare their programs. The Hmong pastors will be involved in preparing scripts to be used by AWR.

Danny Sorjakool, a 1985 graduate of SAUC, has joined the staff of the Thailand Mission. He has training in some of the technical aspects of studio work and will coordinate the programs produced by the Thailand Mission.

Bangkok Adventist Hospital is involved in the preparation of 100 radio scripts in Thai which promote healthful living. Miss Velda Sansri, Health Education Director for BAH, is directing this project.

In January, evangelism funds will be laid aside to assist in the preparation of programs in the Thai, Hmong, and Karen languages. Thailand has a total of over 52 million people who can be reached with the gospel message through radio. Programs prepared in Thailand will be aired not only on AWR, but also on local stations.

George Johnson, President, SAUM



Mrs. Hedwig Jemison and Mrs. Norma Collins.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY RESEARCH CENTERS SPREAD THROUGH FAR EAST

Until the 1970's only Andrews University and the White Estate in Washington, D.C. contained extensive Spirit of Prophecy collections. Today as a result of Elder Arthur White's far-reaching vision, seven major research centers and eleven mini research centers dot the globe.

During the months of August, September, and October 1985, five mini centers in India, Singapore, Indonesia, and Hong Kong were established under the direction of Mrs. Hedwig Jemison and Mrs. Norma Collins from the E. G. White Estate.

In Singapore, Southeast Asia Union College and the Far Eastern Division now entertain these quality mini centers. With the materials and laser-disk E. G. White Concordance, considered to be ten times more complete than the three-volume Index, these institutions are now well equipped to provide indepth study into the writings of Ellen G. White.

We appreciate the services of Mrs. Jemison and Mrs. Collins in providing this gold mine of truth for our study.

— **Randy Horning, Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator, SAUM**

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PUBLISHING DIRECTORS COME VIA VOP CARD

Michael Chia, our present Union accountant and VOP treasurer, was given a VOP card by a friend when he was a secondary student. The friend had picked up the card in the Youngberg Adventist Hospital's lobby magazine rack. Michael was interested in religious things and, in fact, had already taken 10 other Bible courses. He sent the card in and soon began the "Way of Life" Voice of Prophecy course. Following his baptism he worked with the Balestier Youth diligently passing out tracts door to door with a specially prepared tract showing a picture of the earth taken from the moon. He delivered this tract along Bendemeer Road in Singapore.

About 12 years later he was visiting with a group of literature evangelist leaders. They each began sharing God's leading in their own lives. Peter Ching, the publishing director of the West Malaysia-Singapore Mission, said that someone had left a tract under his door on Bendemeer Road, thus acquainting him with God's present truth. Upon description it appears to quite possibly be the tract that Michael had left.

Colin Choo, Publishing Director for the Sabah Mission, continued the evening of sharing by relating how Peter Ching had later been in Malacca selling books. Out of curiosity he bought two and later responded to God's call for his life.



Enthusiastic students attending Ipoh Crusade.



Baptismal candidates with Pastor Samuel Money (far left) and Pastor V. N. Joseph (far right).



Michael Chia and Peter Ching

Michael Chia later joined the publishing staff for a while as manager of the ABC and HHES. He also colporteurd for a six-month period before taking up his present duties. The chain reaction from that one VOP card continues on, for through their literature ministry Michael, Peter and Colin have won many others to the truth.

— Calvin Smith, VOP Director,
SAUM

VOP STRENGTHENS IPOH CRUSADE

Eight followed their Lord in baptism at the close of the May-June evangelistic crusade in Ipoh. Under the faithful leadership of Pastor V. N. Joseph the members worked diligently to meet the needs of each aspect of the meetings. Pastors Samuel Money and Calvin Smith spoke each evening. The Holy Spirit's presence was felt. Nine follow-up "Bible Speaks" classes were established in various areas of the city for the benefit of the many sincere seekers of truth.

— C. L. Smith, LA AND
Communications Director, SAUM

VOP STUDENTS BRING CROWDS IN NIBONG TEBAL

In August, an overflowing attendance of about 265 VOP students and friends crowded into the Community Hall for nightly meetings in Nibong Tebal, a small town along the highway between Kuala Lumpur and Butterworth, Malaysia. Currently about 160 VOP students living in this previously unentered area are studying from our correspondence school in Singapore. The pioneering work of Pastor V. Thevarajulu and his wife is reaping good results. Follow-up meetings from this crusade continues to be well attended.

— Loralyn Horning, Managing
Editor, Messenger

SNIPPETS ON THAILAND



Thailand's health directors at BAH

THAILAND'S HEALTH DIRECTORS ATTEND BAH'S STRESS CLINIC

Early this summer Honorable Samarn Sangmali, vice president of Thailand's Ministry of Education, sent a representative to BAH to inquire into their health education programs. Result: the Ministry of Education sent 150 city-education directors from 73 provinces of Thailand to receive training in stress management. The government additionally invited BAH to conduct various health-programs in its 73 provinces. This is a timely opportunity for Seventh-day Adventists to meet the health needs of many of these previously unentered areas.

— Velda Sansri, Health Education Dept. BAH



Enjoying group activity during stress class.



Learning stress - relieving exercises

BANGKOK ADVENTIST HOSPITAL 48TH ANNIVERSARY

Bangkok Adventist Hospital celebrated its 48th Anniversary this summer in the hospital church. Red roses were given to 32 workers who had served BAH for 20-35 years. Dr. Brody, President of BAH, honored Dr. and Mrs. Waddell, the hospital's founders, during his commemoration speech. Dr. Brody attributes the hospital's success to God's leading and long-term faithful employees. Currently the hospital has launched a massive redevelopment program to enhance present health concerns for the city of Bangkok.

— Edwin Timple, PR Officer, BAH



Members of Administration pose in front of the cornerstone.

BAH WEEK OF PRAYER

Pastor and Mrs. George Johnson conducted the Week of Prayer at Bangkok Adventist Hospital October 14-19. The theme for the Week was "The Right Way - God's Way" Pastor Johnson spoke every morning to the combined audience of student nurses, workers, staff of the hospital, and church members. The afternoon meetings were attended mainly by student nurses and some hospital workers. Every afternoon there was a video presentation on the life of Christ.

Pastor Johnson had conducted another Week of Prayer earlier in 1985. This second week afforded an opportunity to invite several students and staff to make decisions for Christ. A number of students responded to the invitation. Mrs. Johnson was involved with coun-



Pastor Narciso Penaflorida (standing far right) with 13 new believers. Khun Sorn (front row, far left)

BAPTISM AT UBON

BAH chaplains baptized 13 new believers into the Ubon SDA church early this summer. Mr. Khun Sorn, an ordained Buddhist monk of 25 years, was among those baptized. In conducting outreach at Ban Sai Lao Village, church members had found this man bedridden. For nine months he had suffered with severe back pain. They prayed for him. A week later, upon return they found him well and strong, praising God. He began Bible studies.

The evening prior to his baptism, however, strange noises of people fighting could be heard in his house. Mrs. Boontheng, church leader, went to his home and discovered on the mantle a small spirit house. "Two different spirits cannot live in one house," she told Khun Sorn. Upon removal of this Buddhist object of worship the strange fighting noises ceased. Peace and joy came to the former monk's home.

Narciso Penaflorida, BAH Chaplain

selling various students who came to visit both Pastor and Mrs. Johnson.

Pastor Penaflorida, Mrs. Ural, and others in the chaplain's department are continuing with follow up and Bible studies with students and workers. A baptism is expected in the month of December, 1985. The presence of the Spirit was felt, and God blessed during the Week of Prayer. Please pray that the Lord will continue to advance His work at BAH.

George Johnson, President, SAUM



The waterfall at the back of the school provides refreshing recreation for the 180 students.



Miss Helen Hall, principal of Karen Adventist Academy. Since no electricity is available, an electronic keyboard is run by a wet cell battery.

PATHFINDER PROGRAM BEGINS AT KAREN ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Karen Adventist Academy in Htee Tahy Kee, Thailand is a dream come true for many parents. The founding of the school two years ago now offers their children the long desired Christian education. The enrollment keeps increasing each year despite the poverty conditions of many of the homes. Under the direction of Miss Helen Hall, the principal, the school continues to operate without a regular budget. Many of the expenses are met by donations from Australia.

There has been no pathfinder program prior to this summer. So in response to their request Rungsit Saejang and Ng Gan Theow conducted

a Pathfinder Staff Training Course and a Voice of Youth Evangelism Seminar in August for about 50 selected students of the school.

The trip to Htee Thay Kee was not easy. A few close calls occurred. The old army jeep skidded and overturned near the top of a mountain, hurling two oil drums, ten sacks of rice, and more than ten passengers to the ground. On the way back the group had to hike about 35 km through rough mountain terrain in knee-deep mud! We praised God for our safe return to Mae Sariang having acquired only a sore arm and a few bruises.

— G. T. Ng, Sabbath School and Youth Director, SAUM



Participants of the Pathfinder Staff Training Course and Voice of Youth Evangelism Seminar.

"MOTHER" VIOLET

She was a tiny wisp of a girl only 12 years old when she first entered her baptismal waters in 1927. Helen Phang, a young Seventh-day Adventist woman, had befriended Violet, thus bringing about this special culminating event.

Together Helen and Violet began colporteur. They sold *The Way to Health* book at many homes in Ipoh, Malaysia. Helen's sweet Christian spirit had a profound influence on Violet and left impressions that helped to guide her during the years to come. However, not too long after the baptism, life became quite difficult for Violet. She found herself responsible for the household and four younger sisters and a brother while her mother worked. Faced with poverty, the necessity to quit school, and the insurmountable problems at home, Violet gradually lost faith in people and eventually God.

Violet married and began raising her own children, but she continued educating her siblings and in time, her grandchildren. Tragedy struck in many forms, leaving physical and emotional scars. However, throughout her life she constantly showed compassion to those in need, and displayed remarkable ingenuity in meeting the unusual demands life placed upon her.

Violet was characterized by family and friends as generous, compassionate, determined, and courageous. Dozens of young people, who were in no way related except through her kindness, came to call her "Mother" throughout her lifetime.

During World War II she took responsibility for the safety and welfare of the family during their forced escape to the mountains of Malaysia. Every day she cycled down the mountain going from one small town to another searching for food. Many times she met enemy soldiers, but they always allowed her to go on her way. Once they advised her for her own safety to dress like a boy.

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One day she was cycling down the mountain when friends passed by on a truck. Recognizing her they stopped and took her to a town where she found another friend in charge of food distribution. From that time on she was able to receive the food they needed.

God watched and cared for her through the many difficult years that followed. Gradually she regained her faith and trust in God's goodness until once again this tiny woman entered baptismal waters. She was assisted by her physician, Dr. Neil Thrasher from Bangkok Adventist Hospital, and rebaptized by Pastor Wendell Wilcox, President of Thailand Mission.

Though cancer had taken its terrible toll, peace had come to her heart. On March 3, 1985, three months after her rebaptism, she passed to her rest at the age of 70 years. Mrs. Violet Lee's last whispered words expressed her hope: "The Lord is coming!"

— **Lucille Thrasher, BAH**



Mrs. Violet Lee (Neoh Ghee Choon)

SARAWAK

AYER MANIS SCHOOL — THE PLACE FOR OUR STUDENTS

Recently I attended a large children's Sabbath School conducted by a young lady. My heart was encouraged to see how she used her limited supplies so wisely in carrying on all the standard Sabbath School activities. I had seen many of these activities sadly neglected in other local Sabbath Schools.

"Where did you learn how to lead the children?" I asked.

"Oh, when I attended Ayer Manis School I helped with the children's Sabbath School there. When I started teaching here we had so few children. Now we have so many," she concluded. The lamb shelter was over-flowing. It was obvious that the education she had received had been very beneficial.

Her remarks turned my thoughts back to her Alma Mater, Ayer Manis School of Sarawak. The students continue to receive positive Christian training. Presently two of the students are assisting in assembling Sabbath School teaching aides to use in their home churches. Mrs. Randig teaches others how to tell mission stories, give secretarial reports, conduct song service, and lead out in Sabbath School programs, in addition to their regular school subjects taught by the various teachers. Students are learning about Jesus through the efforts of Matthew Bandan, trained pastor and chaplain of the school.

Recently I asked an Adventist girl whether another girl in the student hostel was an Adventist. "Not yet," she replied, "but the other day she asked me if Jesus was really coming back soon."



Form 4 — 21 students. Mrs. Ondrizek, (far left), Pastor Ondrizek (far right)

My heart is warmed to see the witness carried on by our teaching staff and Adventist students for their fellow classmates. However, I regret that only 25 percent of our students are from church related homes. Well-equipped, free public schools in the area draw on too large a percentage of the church's young people.

The dangerous reality of gaining the whole world and losing the souls of our children must receive greater attention. The concern expressed by Ellen White *Counsels to Teachers* p. 125 that it is no longer safe for Seventh-day Adventist children to attend public school is timely for Sarawak. Of utmost necessity we must consider the souls of our children and give greater support to our church school program here in Sarawak and around the world field.

— **Lettie Ondrizek, Ayer Manis School**



Form 3 — 44 students. Mrs. Randig (far left), Pastor Bandan (far right).

IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS

The Southeast Asia Union Headquarters would like to announce that beginning the month of October, 1985 it will have 24-hour telephone service. The Union phone number remains: 284-7281. Additionally, Elder George Johnson, President, and Mr. Tom Staples, Treasurer, have obtained private phones for your convenience. Elder Johnson's number is: 289-0546. Mr. Tom Staples' number is: 289-0495.

— **Loralyn Horning, Managing Editor, Messenger**

ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO OFFERING REPORT

Many thanks for the strong promotion which each of you gave for the Adventist World Radio offering. The offering reported to SAUM by the time of the GC Session was approximately US\$18,000. During the GC Session, over US\$4 million was accumulated for the project. Shirley Burton from the General Conference Communications Department writes that never in recent times has there been such an enthusiastic response to a project. However, lease time for AWR in Europe, Africa, and Inter-America

needs \$1 million annually to meet its total budget.

This 24-hour broadcast center beaming to half the world needs our continued support. Miss Burton cautions that there has been some confusion adrift regarding Adventist World Radio and Adventist World Radio-Asia (Guam) offerings. This is probably due to bookkeeping ledgers designating AWR-Asia as the "General Conference Session Offering". She concludes by requesting that we earmark the funds to go to the specified project intended to receive our help.

- Loralyn Horning, Managing Editor, Messenger

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO

Adventist World Radio-Asia, with its powerful shortwave station under construction on Guam, is now planning its program schedule in many languages. In its English language service the station is intending to program a 3- to 4-hour block on the weekends that will be of special appeal to Seventh-day Adventists around Asia. Your opinions about this program segment would be very useful for planning these broadcasts. Please answer the following questions, and send the completed information to Adventist World Radio-Asia, P. O. Box EA, Agana, Guam 96910 USA. Thank you.

What time of the day (your local time) on Sabbath would it be most convenient for you to listen to shortwave broadcasts from AWR-Asia? Please circle the time(s):

Table with 3 columns: Friday (1700-1900, 1900-2100, 2100-2300), Sabbath (0600-0800, 0800-1000, 1000-1200, 1200-1400), 1700-1900, 1900-2100, 2100-2300, 2300-0100

Please number in order of preference the following types of programs you would like to hear:

- Children's Stories Sabbath School Lesson study
Sermons from Adventist Churches Religious News
Sacred Music - Hymns Other
Sacred Music - Classical
Sacred Music Magazine
(music and news)

What is your age? Please circle one age bracket:
under 20 20 - 30 30 - 40 40 - 50 over 50

Additional Comments:
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