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Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawning singeth all night long.

—William Shakespeare

Mrs. Evelyn Griffin

Let's pretend that it is your birthday. Some nice person is going to have a birthday party for you and you feel quite pleased. When the day arrives, many guests come to your party, each one bringing a gift. You feel very happy; you had not realized that it would be such a big party. In a short time the party begins. Nothing is said yet about you or the fact that it is your birthday. At the proper time the food is served, but still no mention is made of your birthday. After a while the gifts are brought out. The first few go to different ones of the

guests. You feel that this is a nice idea, that there are gifts for other people too. More gifts are distributed, each one going to a different person, but when all the gifts are presented, not one was for you. Everyone seems very happy, talking together, showing their gifts, but nobody looks at you or even speaks to you. In a short while the party is over. Everyone seems to be saying good-bye, but nobody says goodbye or happy birthday to you. When all the guests are gone, you feel confused at the happenings of your birthday party.

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That would be a very strange way to celebrate a birthday, but have you thought that this is what we do to Jesus many times? Whose birthday do we celebrate at Christmas? Jesus' birthday. Have we thought of doing something special for Him, or does He stand quietly by watching us celebrate His birthday without even mentioning His name?

Many children find joy in thinking of some family that does not have very much money. They can either buy or make gifts for them, especially for the children. They may become just as excited in preparing gifts for others as they do about receiving gifts for themselves. Other children like to save a portion of their money to give as a special offering at church on the Sabbath closest to Christmas. They might give it as a birthday offering, in honor of Christ's birthday.

Unfortunately, some feel that at Christmastime they cannot afford to give very much offering since they have already spent so much for Christmas. Perhaps priorities are being confused. Christmas is the time when we should give *more* to Jesus instead of less.

"Letters of inquiry have come to us asking, Shall we have a Christmas tree? Will it not be like the world? We answer, You can make it like the world if you have a disposition to do so, or you can make it as unlike the world as possible. There is no particular sin in selecting a fragrant tree and placing it in our churches, but the sin lies in the motive which prompts to action the use which is made of the gifts placed upon the tree... God would be well pleased if on Christmas each church would have a Christmas tree on which shall be hung offerings, great and small, for the houses of worship...let its boughs be laden with the golden and silver fruit of your beneficence, and present this to Him as your Christmas gifts." (The Adventist Home p. 482)

Some churches have a tree close to the platform. On the Sabbath closest to Christmas, people bring their offerings to the front. The paper money is pinned to the boughs with pins or paper clips, or it can be stapled or clipped together, making a long "chain" to wrap around the tree as decoration. Some have wrapped their coins in brightly coloured paper with a ribbon attached as a loop by which to hang the coin-offerings on the tree. A tree such as this is not only beautiful, but it surely is one that can glorify God.

Many other ways may be planned by which Christmas can be made a special day for Christ instead of being a day of coveting gifts, or a day of selfish amusement.



Shepherdess International's Singapore Chapter wishes you a happy holiday season.

SHEPHERDESS INTERNATIONAL CORNER

The SAUM Shepherdess International women's group has been very active this year under the direction of Dr. Nancy Bassham (SAUM Coordinator) and local president and vice-president, Mrs. Winnie Sim and Mrs. Hazel Ng. Monthly fellowship meetings on topics of particular interest to women and homemakers have ranged from discussion on Grief Recovery to demonstrations on flower arrangements, garnishes, and seasonable decorative craft-making. A list of tapes on a wide variety of topics have been donated by the FED to Shepherdess International for its members use.

The women in attendance have expressed a genuine appreciation for the inspiration and enjoyment they have received during the time spent together. As space permits in future issues of Messenger a SHEPHERDESS CORNER will be maintained for the purpose of acquainting readers with the personnel and activities of Southeast Asia's Shepherdess women.

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— Evelyn Griffin, Secretary, Singapore Chapter
of Shepherdess International

SAUM ROUND UP 1986

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



George C. Johnson

A number of significant decisions and changes have occurred in the Southeast Asia Union Mission since our yearend meetings one year ago. A number of these changes will affect the forward progress of the work in the Union.

Throughout 1986, much of Southeast Asia Union Mission's territory experienced economic recession. Tithes and offerings during 1986 reflect this downturn.

Baptisms and church growth have not been exceptional, but have continued apace. Sabah recently reported 226 baptisms from one crusade. Sarawak had 48 baptisms resulting from a lay-training field school. Thailand's refugee program hit an all-time high with over 2,000 baptisms for this year.

Jurong Church, one of the most expensive and largest church building projects, came to its completion in Singapore in late 1986. Included in the church complex are a large kindergarten program, a Better Living Center, and a proposed mission office for the territory of Singapore. Over \$1 million is yet to be paid over the next two years. (More details on this project will be presented in the next issue of Messenger).

Southeast Asia Union College completed a good year. With affiliation

to Walla Walla College, quality education is ensured and an increased enrollment is anticipated. Already several new expatriate students have discovered that the price is cheaper, yet the education comparable and very enjoyable in the family atmosphere of this beautiful tropical island college.

Changes in the Union departmental staff has brought some instability. Pastor Calvin Smith from Communications/VOP returned to Michigan in June 1986. Miss Peggy Chaw from Health/Temperance plans to leave at the end of 1986. Pastor Ng Gan Theow from Church Ministries plans to upgrade at Andrews University and then teach at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary (Far East). Dr. Steve Bassham has joined the Union staff full time to care for some of the former work of Pastor Smith. Pastor Geoffrey Pauner has assumed the leadership of the VOP. Calls have been placed to individuals who can fill the vacancies left by Peggy Chaw and Pastor Ng Gan Theow.

Around the world, including the Far East, funds available for church operation have remained static. This means that in the future more self-dependence will be encouraged and less programs funded by the Division

and Union. As a result of this, it behooves us to plan very aggressive programs of lay training during 1987.

In February and March of 1986 the funding pattern of Adventist Health Systems Asia (AHSA) was changed so that 80 percent of the contributions remitted to the Division will be returned to the Union health-care board to be used for capital improvement. This money will be used for capital development of the five hospitals in our union.

The publishing houses in Singapore and Thailand are on a sound financial base at the end of 1986. TPH has updated all but two major pieces of equipment in the last four years and SPA has purchased several new pieces of equipment. Job business is on the increase. The literature ministry workers have sold over S\$900,00.00 during the year.

Adventist World Radio broadcasts in Thai, Karen and Bahasa Indonesia are expected to commence January 1, 1987. Local fields are responsible for advertising the AWR station and for circulating the radio log to the public in their local area.

We look forward to the new year with great anticipation. As we plan and move together, let us never forget that we urgently need the blessing of God for all our endeavors in HIS work.



Personnel attending Treasurer's Council, 1986.

THAILAND

GOOD NEWS FROM THAILAND

The challenges that face the workers in Thailand today are indeed great. Whether one faces the great commission of Christ to reach "every creature" (the 52 million people of this land) or the hundreds of large cities yet untouched by the gospel, or reach into the refugee camps with their hundreds of thousands of displaced persons, all present an almost overwhelming impossibility. Yet we know, through the mighty working of the Spirit of God, the work will be finished and Jesus will come. We must have precious souls ready to meet Jesus through the divine power from heaven. Here are some of the ways we have been trying to reach these goals in Thailand during 1986.

"TEACHINGS FOR LIFE"

Special materials from the "Teachings For Life" project by Pastor Clif Maberly are now coming off the press. The first booklet of 64 pages on "Smoking and Religion" has just been completed. It contains many graphic illustrations, including several pages of 4-colour pictures. These publications are written in a way to appeal to the Buddhist mind. Around 15 of these booklets are being planned, many of which are nearing completion. Three more should be off the press by the end of December, 1986. These materials will be used in special exhibitions to acquaint the people of Thailand with the special messages of the Adventist Church. The booklets will also be distributed by the literature evangelists, by our institutions, and the laymen of Thailand. In order for Pastor Maberly to give this project closer supervision in testing these new evangelistic tools, the Maberly family has moved from Chiangmai to Bangkok.

NEW CHURCHES

The year 1986 has seen several churches organized as well as new church buildings constructed. Among those organized this year or voted to be organized, are Ti Ulu, our first Pwo Karen church, as a result of the work of Keng Gregory; Kunsa, one of our Hmong churches; and Ti Thay Ki, a Karen church in the northwestern area of the Thailand Mission.

New buildings have been constructed and dedicated at both Doi Sang and Tung Sai, which are Hmong churches. The Doi Sang church was built by the gifts and dedicated work of our brethren and sisters from Japan. A village church was also completed this year at Sirtorn Dam, and another church building almost completed at Donchee in northeast Thailand. New churches to be constructed during 1987 include the new Chiangmai city and Bangkok churches, Ban Mai Pattana, and Khao Toh.



About 200 attended the Workers' Retreat at Hua Hin on the Gulf of Siam, Thailand. This included about 40 pastors, besides office staff and their families.



The first of a series of books put out by Pastor Clif Maberly for his "Teachings For Life" project. This one considers smoking and religion.



Church members and visitors in front of the newly built and dedicated church at Tung Sai in north Thailand.

EDUCATION

The Chiangmai Academy in north Thailand is operating at full capacity with an enrollment of about 330 students. Almost 100% of these are dorm students who work in various areas and departments of the academy. The majority, however, are employed on the farm and in the gardens of the school. Between 30 to 40 students graduate each year from this very fine secondary school.

Two more boarding schools are being operated by the mission—one at Kler Ko and the other at Ti Thay Ki, both for our Karen young people. Kler Ko has about 100 in its secondary department, and 200 in the elementary school. At Ti Thay Ki there are 91 secondary and elementary students.

Our largest school is the Adventist Ekamai School in Bangkok. There are approximately 1300 students in the two departments of this educational facility, namely the English and Thai schools. Presently a totally new building is being constructed for the Thai section so that it can develop into a full high school program. The old administration building on the campus is being enlarged as well. When this present construction is completed the future should see the enrollment increase to 1800 to 2000 students.

Our schools in both Haadyai and Phuket are also having growing pains. Just recently a new classroom block at the Phuket school was completed. In Chiengkong we have a kindergarten with 110 students. One is also being operated in Ubon.

THE THAILAND COLLEGE

For many years the Bangkok Adventist Hospital operated a very well known and well thought of Nursing School at its facility in Bangkok. Several years ago the Thai government requested that this 3-year program be updated to a full collegiate nursing program. Miss Salinee, the director of this nursing school, worked many months and many long hours on the curriculum and other aspects of the collegiate program. Just this year a permit was granted by the Bureau of Private Schools to open our collegiate program. This was in May of this year, and a few months later full recognition was given by the Thai government to this new college, which is known to them as "The Mission College". This quick recognition was accomplished because of the very thorough and careful work of Miss Salinee and God's blessing.

About two years ago the Bangkok Adventist Hospital together with the Thailand Mission and Adventist English School purchased a 200-acre tract of land at Muak Lek on which to develop a full college for the training of our Thai speaking young people. Now that we have full recognition for our college in Thailand, with the first



Adventist English School, Ekamai, Thailand.

department being Nursing, we can add different departments as we work up the curriculum and train the faculty and build the facilities needed.

The various committees that are working on the development of the college have tentatively endorsed the proposal that in 1987 Theology will be added to the curriculum. In 1988, a major in English will be developed; and in 1989, a Business Department. Later as faculty is available, Secretarial Science and vocational training will be added.

Already some income is being realized from the sale of fruit from the large orchards on the property. Recently 1,000 cashew trees were planted—a gift from the Thai Agriculture Department at Muak Lek.

Dr. Jon Dybdahl, of Walla Walla College, has been appointed as president of the college at Muak Lek. He was recently in Thailand helping with the development of the school. He will be coming out permanently to head up this facility in 1989. Plans are now underway to build the first buildings at Muak Lek during 1987.

EVANGELISM

Thailand has many different aspects to its evangelistic Program. A strong radio outreach is underway. Several groups of Adventists have been organized who had their first contact with the truth through our radio programs.

There is very fine cooperation between the medical work and the mission. Through the hospitals and health ministry several hundred souls have been brought into the truth. Of course, we have the traditional evangelistic meetings in the small village areas and towns. We are also attempting to reach the large cities of Thailand with different types of approach. At the time of this writing, already more than 300 souls have been baptized this year.

In July, a medical/dental team from BAH conducted an outreach program at Chiengkong Clinic and among the hilltribe villages. A total of 525 patients received medical treatment and 210 received dental care. Health talks were given and thousands of Baht worth of medicine were distributed.

REFUGEE PROGRAM

The Lord has abundantly blessed the refugee evangelistic outreach during 1986. This year alone almost 2,000 precious souls have been baptized in the refugee camps. This is nearly double the number for the previous 12 month period. Pastor Bartolome and Judy Aitken have been working diligently in this area. Of course, many others have also been involved with this work, and God has blessed their efforts greatly.

Many other things could be mentioned that have taken place in Thailand during 1986 to strengthen the work here. These include our workers' retreat the last of October; new equipment for our radio department, donated by the Far Eastern Division and Southeast Asia Union; our new assistant treasurer in the Mission office—Brother Poh Sing Peng; new young workers returning from their college studies, such as Brother Pakdee, Tom Atikom, and Prasit Comewinit.

But, most of all, the great need of this hour is for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the work and workers of this mission. Please pray for us that this power from on high will be seen moving in Thailand in a mighty way.

— W. L. Wilcox, President, Thailand Mission.



Bible worker Judy Aitken with a friend.



Pastors Bartolome and W. Wilcox baptizing in the Site II Refugee Camp on Thailand's border with Cambodia, Sabbath November 2. At this time 347 new members joined God's people preparing for His second coming.

DEDICATION OF NEW AMBULANCE FOR BAH

August 22, 1986 a dedication service for BAH's new ambulance was held at the BAH Church. Mr. T. Y. Billones, Vice-President of Financial Affairs, expressed thanks to Dr. Chulee for speaking to a patient concerning the hospital's need. The patient, who wishes to remain unidentified, donated enough money to buy and fully equip the new ambulance. The generosity of this individual is deeply appreciated.

BAH President Dr. Ronald Brody urged that the things of God should be dedicated to God and be used for His service alone. Dr. Arturo Weiss gave the dedicatory prayer and Mrs. Paitoon Kotchpoom, Assistant Nursing Director designated to supervise the ambulance's use, cut the ribbon.

— Pr. N. M. Penaflores, BAH Chaplain



New Bangkok Adventist Hospital Ambulance.

BAH EMPLOYEE FITNESS

During the month of October, BAH Health Education Department offered to the hospital employees a pilot program on exercise. The objectives of the program were to educate and train workers in all departments to exercise at a level to obtain fitness, but do so safely and independently. Other goals included: motivating employees to have a regular exercise program, experience the sense of well-being that accompanies fitness, and foster the prevention of illness.

The program consisted of a brief lecture period, followed by a 10 minute warm-up period, and then 20-25 minutes of aerobics during which each participant was assisted in maintaining his target heart rate. Exercises included jogging, rope skipping, stair climbing, and aerobic dance. Creative cool down, exercise were incorporated such as soaring like an eagle, walking like a sailor, or strutting like a peacock.

Employees have commented "let's do this all year." So many more employees have asked to join the group that BAH is considering offering the basic program again next year.

— Dr. Cari Hammonds,
BAH Health Education Dept.

AN EVENING IN A JUNGLE MISSION HOSPITAL

Night falls early in the tropics. In the jungle all is pitch dark. There are no stars in the heavens during the rainy season. I thread my way from house to hospital by the aid of a flashlight. It is only 50 feet away, but I must pick my way slowly on the rough dirt path.

Inside the hospital I meet Rebecca, the Burmese Karen nurse. She graduated from our Rangoon SDA Hospital many years ago. Rebecca has come to check the patients.

I look around me and see walls of split bamboo about six feet high. The raised roof is a thatch of overlapping large dried leaves laid in rows while the floor is packed dirt. There is plenty of ventilation provided in the construction of tropical jungle buildings. The three bamboo beds in each of the two wards are occupied. On one bedside table in each ward and on the table in the outpatient room is a kerosene lamp. Their yellow flickering flames do little to penetrate the darkness.

Most of the patients, wrapped in old army blankets and laying on mats on the split bamboo beds, are asleep by 7:30 p.m. The mosquito nets rise like white specters in the shadowy room. On the three bamboo pole benches in the passageway family members and friends who are staying with loved ones are rolled in their blankets. A daughter is sitting in a wooden lawn chair at the end of a ward beside her mother's bed.

Most of the patients have acute attacks of malaria, but between the episodes of chills and high fever they are fairly comfortable. However, one malaria patient is causing us much concern. This young man was brought in late this afternoon following an eight hour trip by truck and boat in the river nearby. He has cerebral malaria and has been unconscious since this morning. Rebecca started an intravenous and gave quinine on admission, but his temperature remains high and he shows no signs of regaining consciousness. One of the friends who brought him squats on the ground beside the bed watching the patient. He will rotate with two other friends during the night.

Another patient about whom we are concerned is a 54 year old man who came to the clinic this morning complaining of a stiff neck from carrying rice bags on his shoulders. Upon examination Rebecca discovered a B/P 190/112, 4+ albuminuria, and moderate edema. He was admitted to the hospital for bed rest, diureses, and observation. Since there are no antihypertensive medicines in stock to try to reduce his blood pressure, I have come to help the student give hot fomentations to his back and neck followed by sedative massage. This will be the third application today since his admission.

Fortunately, I began teaching the unit on Natural Remedies a few days ago so the students have learned the principles. Today there also were two opportunities for giving cooling sponge baths to adults. We are not always this fortunate in correlating theory and practice so closely together.

It is 8:30 p.m. Rebecca, the student, and I leave the hospital. Rebecca will return every three to four hours during the night to see the patients. Meanwhile, should anything unexpected occur a family member will go for her. All is quiet in the jungle mission hospital.

Muriel Chapman, RN, Ed.D.



Group of Japanese young people and friends who built the Doi Sang church in north Thailand in April 1986.

NEW BELIEVERS DISCOVERED IN PATTAYA

On August 16, 1986, BAH chaplains and some nursing students visited Pattaya following an invitation given by Khun Bunchuay, a member of the Korat SDA church. They discovered there a new group of 14 adults and several children regularly meeting for Sabbath School in a barber shop owned by one of the group members.

The group is under the direction of Khun Bunchuay who was baptized two years ago in Korat and since has moved to Pattaya. While he earns his livelihood he shares his faith, and thus the group has grown.

The new believers were thrilled to have the chaplains and nursing students visit them. The morning was spent in sweet fellowship and Bible study discussion of the exceeding love of God. In the afternoon an open forum was held to answer any questions about vital facets of

Bible doctrine. The new believers expressed a strong desire to become members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the near future.

BAH Public Relations.

The Voice of Prophecy



"The course of love never did run smooth". How true this statement is with the VOP. Since its inception in 1948, the VOP has faced serious challenges. Basically the core of the matter is opposition to the propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. At first, opposition came from ministers of other churches as well as principals of various Christian schools. In the late 40's and early 50's the countries known today as Malaysia were still in the hands of the British and so religion was not the main issue. Times have changed. Today Islam is the national religion in Malaysia and the ground rules have also changed. Christians cannot work to win converts among those of the Moslem faith. There are existing laws today regarding this matter that were absent in the 40's and 50's.

The VOP has been in the news many times in the past. Individuals alleged that we deceive people, especially of the Moslem faith, to accept the teachings and literature of Christianity. In the last few months the VOP was alluded to very strongly in the papers in Malaysia. Should we take precautionary steps to protect the VOP? The feedback we get from our representatives in the missions and institutions suggests very definitely that we must do something. We are now ready to stamp on all our lessons and cards the words "For non-Muslims only". We feel that this action is not over reacting to the present situation, rather we want to be perceived as a law-abiding organization.

The work of the VOP is forging ahead. At present we have over 18,000 active students and the trend is on the increase. The Lord as led so convincingly in the past. We believe that this is His work and He will take care of it. At the same time we ought to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves".

We want to thank the administrations of the missions, hospitals and other responsible leaders in the field for their valuable feedback and their strong support for the VOP. We are making concerted efforts in the office to streamline the day-to-day workings of the VOP. We look forward to the day when we can secure the services of someone to brighten the layout of our courses and update some of the material.

In 1987 we expect to see a big increase in enrollment. With the Lord's blessing and guidance we believe the VOP will still be allowed to reach many more people.

— Geoffrey Pauner, VOP Director, SAUM.

SINGAPORE

... a look at its schools

SDA SCHOOL, 1986

A successful school year is just finishing despite many unfavourable factors beyond human control. We praise the Lord for His guidance and present help.

A workforce of 21 full-time and 3 part-time teachers and 5 non-teaching staff members helped to guide 465 students through their studies this year. Many come from neighbouring countries and some from farther away. The varied background of the student body complicates the learning process, but the challenge has been well met by students and staff alike.

Some highlights of our activities include: various singing appointments by the Primary School Choir under the active leadership of volunteer Mrs. Loralyn Horning, the beginning of a series of Bible studies by 11 teachers to students who have indicated a desire to study into God's word, and an interesting fun-type sports where everyone enjoyed themselves. We praise the Lord for 10 baptisms in our school this year.

— Michael Lim, Vice-Principal, SDA School.

Phoons Return to SAUC



Drs. Phoon (Sally and Chek Yat) with daughters Michelle and Rachel.

Drs Phoon (Sally and Chek Yat) have returned to Southeast Asia Union College after a two-and-one-half-year's study leave at Andrews University.

Both Phoons returned with PhD's and many books for the library.

One staff member said that the Phoons' return makes the school family complete again.

Dr Phoon Chek Yat concentrated his study on counseling. Dr Sally Phoon earned her degree in education.

— John Keyes, English Professor, SAUC

RECOGNIZING A BARGAIN AT SAUC



Sometimes one misses a great opportunity by being unable to recognize when he is being presented with a bargain. This seems to be the situation with some who say Southeast Asia Union College is too expensive. It cannot be denied that living in Singapore is more costly than living in the rural areas of Malaysia or Indonesia. On the other hand, if one wants a location where a quality education is possible he would expect that the cost would be more.

We are concerned at Southeast Asia Union College (SAUC) that so many Seventh-day Adventist students fail to take advantage of what the school has to offer. Non-Seventh-day Adventists seem to be more aware of the advantages of attending SAUC. This is the trend which could make SAUC a school of predominately non-Adventist population.

SAUC has been established primarily for members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and their children. Its purpose is to educate individuals to become spiritual leaders in their communities whether they remain laymembers or accept denominational employment. A review of what SAUC has to offer may be of interest.

SAUC offers to the student:

1. *An education which helps prepare the student for heaven but at the same time prepares the student for this life in which service should play a major part.*
2. *An education in which one may learn and grow spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially.*
3. *A pluralistic society in which the cultures of many students blend together allowing the growth of understanding among them. such a blending is similar to what heaven will be.*
4. *A chance to develop latent leadership qualities not available in a larger institution.*
5. *Fellowship with faculty where individual help is provided.*
6. *Opportunity to develop independence and responsibility for one's action.*
7. *A quality education which equips one for higher education at any institution of higher learning. The following table indicates that SAUC graduates are very capable of meeting the challenges of higher education. The table is based upon the incomplete alumni records of 344 two-year and four-year graduates.*

Types of Degree	Number of Students
Doctoral Degrees	41
Master's Degrees	64
Bachelor Degrees (Non-SAUC)	47

8. *An opportunity to earn part of the school fees by working for the college. Students who are willing to work and who work faithfully are able to earn S\$100 per month and more while attending the school.*
9. *A recognized degree from a college in the United States of America at a fraction of the cost it would be if one were to travel to the United States. SAUC is affiliated with Walla Walla College which has evaluated our programme and has expressed a willingness to assist us by granting to qualifying students their Bachelor's Degree. Other U.S. colleges offer similar programmes in Asian countries, but charge fees comparable to those charged in the U.S. A comparison of expenses among SAUC and similar colleges in the U.S.A. might clarify the issue. The following example fits only members or children of members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Others are charged slightly higher fees at SAUC. The amounts are given in Singapore dollars and the length of time is nine months, which is the usual length of the school year in the U.S.*

	SDA College in U.S.	State School in U.S.	SAUC
Tuition & Fees	S\$14,000	S\$6,000	S\$1,200
Room & Board	5,200	5,200	1,900
Total	S\$19,000	S\$11,200	S\$3,100

10. *A certificate of completion of a four-year college programme from SAUC plus the opportunity to qualify for a Bachelor of Science Degree from Walla Walla College in the following areas:*

Accounting
Management
Business Education
Elementary Education

Nowhere in Asia is it possible to obtain so much for so little as in Southeast Asia Union College.

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

CAMPUS EVANGELISM AT SAN YU HIGH SCHOOL

GOSPEL WEEK

Two Gospel Weeks were held on March 31-April 4 and July 14-18 by Pastor Ng Gan Theow of SAUM and Mrs. Pat Bailey of FED, respectively. Both efforts helped to reap scores of students to prepare for baptism and many more for group and personal Bible studies. The combination of Gospel songs, visual aids, inspiring messages, evangelistic fervor, and informal approach brought tremendous results.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Bible study was carried out in two levels. The group Bible study led by the teachers was moved to Sabbath morning to enable the students to adjust to the church environment. The same students were given personal Bible study during the weekdays to cultivate their spiritual maturation and preparation for baptism. One year of advanced Bible study was also implemented for the newly baptized students.

A few baptized students, who were former graduates, were trained to give Bible study in groups. Their first "fruit" was baptized during the fourth quarter of this year.

EVANGELISTIC CAMP

About eighty youths will be attending the Christmas Camp 86 on December 12-15 at the Christian Conference Centre. Eight youth speakers will present the messages on the "Titles of Jesus" during the 3-day reaping camp. Some of the interests will be baptized on December 20 Christmas Baptism Day. This is our third consecutive evangelistic youth camp since 1984.

Other forms of campus evangelism were the two Gospel Concerts held during the Easter and Mooncake Festive seasons. About four outdoor evangelistic worships were organized this year.

NEWSLETTER

The school's newsletter has entered its second year. It has provided the opportunity for students to share their thoughts and testimonies. Two different testimonies appeared in every issue to inspire the receptive students and to help them to make decisions. Through the newsletter, the students were informed of all spiritual activities throughout the year.



Mrs. Pat Bailey speaking during Gospel Week, July 14-18.

SUPPORT YOUTH GROUPS

In addition to the two existing youth Sabbath Schools (Chinese-speaking group & English-speaking group), the Sanyu Youth Fellowship was formed in April. This new group consists of six baptized students working with twenty other non-baptized students from Sabbath to Sabbath. The three youth groups on each Sabbath morning serve to provide the "spiritual home" and identity the youth greatly need. They have a combined attendance of 80 youth.

NEW FEATURES

The first school Annual will be ready the beginning of 1987. One of the items will be the testimonies of baptized students and past evangelistic activities.

A new song book will be published in December, 1986 for the students to use during chapel in 1987. This song book contains about 500 contemporary Gospel songs for worship and youth gatherings.

— Daniel Lim, San Yu High School Chaplain,
Singapore.



Two baptismal candidates with Pastor Daniel Lim.

YAH SNIPPETS

WEEK OF PRAYER

Pastor Larry Colburn, Administrative Field Secretary of Far Eastern Division, spoke on the theme: "Ready to Meet Him" during the Week of Prayer at Youngberg Adventist Hospital on September 29 to October 3, 1986. Pastor Colburn encouraged the staff to draw spiritual resources from the blessed hope of the soon coming Saviour as they minister to the sick.

STRESS MANAGEMENT SESSIONS

Chaplain Jonathan Ng conducted three sessions on stress management for nurses and staff after he had completed a similar course at the National University of Singapore recently. Popular demand for this course provided Chaplain Ng with opportunities in reaching the factory supervisors, trade union members, and more recently students of the Raffles Hall at the university.

AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mdm Cheah Saw Neo, fondly known as Antie Chew by YAH staff, retired from active service recently after having been with the hospital for 30 years. In an interview, she expressed her emotional attachment with the hospital and her appreciation to God and fellow staff for the support given her.

TELEVISION INTERVIEW

With Singapore government's strong promotion aiming to provide a smoke-free environment, television crew of the Singapore Broadcasting Corporation visited the hospital recently in conjunction with a 5-Day Plan. Dr. Clarence Ing and Chaplain Jonathan Ng spoke of YAH experience in smoking cessation program during the TV news coverage which provided excellent publicity for the hospital.

AMSTERDAM CONFERENCE

With the invitation of Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Chaplain Jonathan Ng attended the International Conference for Itinerant Evangelists held in Amsterdam, Holland from July 12 to 21, 1986. With a total of 10,000 delegates from 180 countries, Chaplain Ng, who was-recently elected president of Far East Hospital Chaplains Association, participated in a workshop on hospital evangelism at the conference.



Pastor L. Colburn at YAH Week of Prayer.



Madame Sum during her baptism at the College Church.

BAPTISM

Mdm Sum Ah Ho, age 81, became the 8th patient to be baptized in 1986. She is a former patient of Dr. Clarence Ing and has been receiving Bible studies from Mrs Esther Khor of YAH Chaplaincy Department for the past 2 years. She is now an inmate of the Adventist Home of the Elders.

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

*The Christmas assurance
supremely is that God
has not forgotten
human needs.*

Cleland B. McAfee
Near to the Heart of God,
1954

MALAYSIA

PROGRESS IN WEST MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE

During the last three quarters of 1986, 60 individuals were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church. Two new churches in Bukit Mertajam, Malaysia and Jurong, Singapore were built. In Kuala Lumpur a new Tamil-speaking meeting was started in September. Until now Kuala Lumpur has had an English and a Chinese church group. With the starting of this Tamil group it is hoped that one day soon a Tamil Church can be organized.

————— **David Leoh, President, WMSM**

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS— ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTH

On November 8, 1986, the Balestier Road Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated its 35th anniversary. The auditorium was filled to capacity with former and current members present to enjoy the festive occasion resplendent with flowers, music, and special thank yous to 49 local founding members. Present to represent the nearly 100 former founding members now overseas was Elder Don Roth from the General Conference.

A most interesting history of the early work in Singapore was given by Ms. Rosie Ng. She told of how a group of Balestier church members decided to branch off and begin work in the Queenstown area. For years the Queenstown group met in their rented quarters - a lovely Catholic church. Four years ago the Lord opened up the possibility of purchasing land in Jurong to build a church. The churches of Singapore banded together in pledge to support the efforts of the Queenstown membership. Many wondered if a relatively small working group of 500 church members could possibly raise the needed \$4 million to finance this project. But faith took hold of God's opening providence and moved forward. The money began to come, the structure to rise. An overflow audience turned out to witness the ribbon-cutting opening ceremony on the very afternoon that its original parent church celebrated its 35th anniversary.

LWH



FIRST SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR BOOSTS PAH IMAGE

Penang Adventist Hospital's chief goal is to provide medical care of the highest quality. The hospital has equipped itself with highly qualified personnel and an excellent nursing staff in recent years. Dr. Ng Tat Low and Dr. Eric Looi, trained in Urology and orthodontics, respectively, will soon return to add their expertise to this staff of individuals.

One method of achieving the hospital's chief objective towards excellent medical care is to learn from experienced professionals in their fields of current medical science and practice. Thus, the hospital decided to host a Scientific Seminar on September 4, 1986.

Invitations were mailed out to doctors throughout the city of Penang. More than 80 responded. Three of PAH's physicians, Dr. Russell Standish, Dr. V. Arumugam, and Dr. Alfred spoke on "The Impact of Life Style Changes in Cardiovascular Disease", Thoracic Epidural Analgesia in Post Thoracotomy Pain Management", and "Review of Surgical Treatment", respectively. Discussions followed during which the doctors exchanged notes and discussed similar problems.

A vegetarian meal was served during which several of the doctors expressed surprise that vegetarian food could be so tasty. Some urged that PAH begin a vegetarian restaurant stating that "it was unjust that the public should be deprived of the privilege of this good food."

As a result of this seminar, PAH feels that more doctors in town will refer their patients to the hospital. The staff at PAH is glad to have a part in promoting the standard of medical care in their community and plan now to hold similar seminars on a quarterly basis.

————— **Albert Phua, Director of PR, PAH**



Dr. Alfred Poey gave his speech to a group of doctors.

SARAWAK

SARAWAK MISSION EVANGELISM

Throughout 1986, pastors, church elders, and leaders of the 127 churches and companies in the Sarawak Mission were engaged in conducting evangelism, training members, and building new church buildings.

October 27, 1986 marked the beginning of the first big scale evangelism field school with Doctors Ray Roth and Steve Bassham conducting daily classes for 12 pastors. A new form of evangelism was initiated at this field school. Satellite meetings were conducted Monday to Wednesday evening in all the villages round about Bunga with pastors and members actively involved. On the weekends those conducting Bible classes brought their interests to the big meetings at Bunga Church. Approximately 400 came to the Bunga Church and another 200 attended the youth tent also conducted by Pastors Roth and Bassham. The meetings were code-named "Bridges of God Evangelism". Hundreds acted as "bridges of God" by bringing their relatives and friends to the meetings. Groundwork for these meetings started in March 1986 with Dan Walter and Edmund Liah teaching our members how to draw up an interest list and how to conduct Bible studies. An initial baptism of at least 50 were conducted when the meetings ended on November 15.

When some congregations enlarged they proceeded to build more representative church homes. The pictures that follow illustrate the Harvest 90 spirit in the Sarawak Mission in 1986.

— Choo Wee Fong, President, Sarawak Mission



New Jungle Chapel and Lamb Shelter at Ng, Lijan, Sarawak.

ORDINATION TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

On September 6, 1986, Pastors James Sagit, Jonathan Basat, and Walter Dindal ak Rahun were ordained to the gospel ministry at the Kuching English Church. Each man has already served in a pastoral role for over 10 years. Collectively they have won approximately 1,000 souls.

Elders Larry Colburn (FED), George Johnson and Ng Gan Theow (SAUM), Dass (Bangladesh Union), Choo Wee Fong, Lawrence Banyie, Edmund Liah, and Daniel Walter (Sarawak) participated in the ceremony. The wives and children of the new ministers were given recognition with flowers and autographed Bibles during the welcoming ceremony of the service.

The ordination service came as a climax to the Sarawak Mission's Workers Meetings. Several Village Lay Pastors and Church Elders from distant Sarawak districts and Ian Grice, treasurer of FED, as well as local church folk witnessed the ceremony.

We welcome these new ministers to the gospel ministry, and invoke the blessing of Heaven on them as they continue in greater service for the Lord.

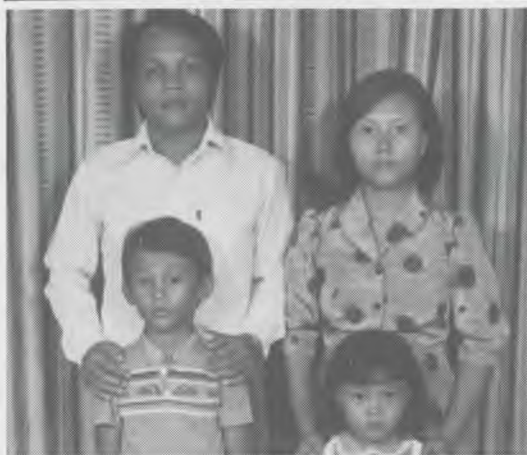
— Daniel Walter, Ministerial Secretary, Sarawak



Pastor Jonathan Basat and family.



School Evangelism at Sunny Hill School.



Pastor Dindal ak Rahun and family



Pastor James Sagit and family.



Literature Ministry Convention participants, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

SABAH

LITERATURE MINISTRY CONVENTION

The beautiful Mount Kinabalu National Park hosted the recent Union-wide Literature Evangelist Convention. Literature evangelists and their families from Malaysia, Singapore, Sabah, Sarawak, and Thailand came together to fellowship, study, and encourage one another in discussion of their own unique form of church ministry.

The literature evangelists of this Southeast Asia Union come from varied backgrounds. Sabah's 20 plus literature evangelists, under the directorship of Shupinar Koubong, are primarily college-age girls. As single girls working the quiet villages and lonely roads, they have had some rather nerve-racking experiences. Men of poor intent have misjudged them as weak and undefenseless. Miraculously God's angels intervened several times within the last year to protect these servants of His.

Sarawak has a team of 8 LE's under Mary Ng. Thailand has a team of regular workers and a large student program under Jerry Potter. West Malaysia has the largest team of Indian and Chinese workers under Peter Ching. And Singapore has a team of 10 workers under Steven

Kan. Several of these workers have been in the Literature Ministry over 15 years. The majority served 3 - 15 years, but there is a large number of new workers. Their enthusiasm and desire to carry the message from door to door is a unanimous goal among them. God is richly blessing their efforts.

Pastor Charles Williams, FED Publishing director, lectured on the specifics of being a successful literature evangelist. Pastor Ng Gan Theow spoke daily on the power of positive thinking and gave excellent morning and evening devotionals. Pastor Randy Horning, lectured on specific sales techniques necessary to good salesmanship. Miss Peggy Chau served delicious meals from the lodge kitchen three times a day.

Following the convention, several hardier individuals decided to tackle the 13,450 ft summit of Mt. Kinabalu, Southeast Asia's highest peak. Though they hiked in cold, uninviting weather, the hikers enjoyed many of the spectacular, unique natural beauties afforded them. Mt. Kinabalu hosts 1,500 varieties of orchids - the largest variety known in any one place. It is home to a wide variety of colorful birds. And those fortunate enough, enjoy the one-yearly blossom of the world's largest flower - some two feet across.

The literature ministry of SAUM is progressing under God's leadership to greater days. *Colporteur Ministry* p. 11 states that this sacred form of ministry will continue until the hour of probation closes. We praise God for the new literature evangelists who have joined the publishing work within the last year, as well as those who have served Him for much longer.

— Randy Horning, Publishing Director, SAUM

SABAH PATHFINDER CAMPOREE

More than 300 pathfinders from 27 clubs participated during the first of September in Sabah Mission's annual Pathfinder Camporee. Most of the pathfinders financed their own trips to the Camporee with no subsidies from the local churches. Many hired pick-ups and lorries to carry tents, food supplies, and cooking utensils.

The monsoon rains were incessant. The smaller tents were hardly up before a heavy downpour hit the beautiful Malangang valley. The large central tent had to be pitched amidst heavy rains, and indeed almost collapsed several times during the next two days due to heavy rain. Nevertheless the pathfinders' spirit remained high and pathfinder courage was demonstrated.

The campsite was surrounded by lofty mountains. Breeze from Mount Kinabalu made the three-day gathering a most refreshing experience. A pathfinder staff training course was taught by Pastor G.T. Ng. A variety of honour classes in the areas of woodcarving, knot-tying, camp cookery, star gazing, music, grasses, orienteering, swimming, and communications were conducted.

— Pastor G.T. Ng, Youth Director, SAUM.



Sunnydale Club, under the leadership of Mr. Wellington Sibadogil, is one of the best organized and disciplined pathfinder clubs in Sabah.



Baptism during Youth Congress at Lanchang, August 1986.



Elder Hassenpflug with translator.

GOSHEN CRUSADE

September 7 - 27, 1986 will long be remembered by the people in Goshen district in Sabah. Elder Ben L. Hassenpflug, a retired, yet still dynamic evangelist from Keene, Texas, conducted the Goshen Crusade in the huge auditorium of Goshen Adventist Secondary School.

Interest ran high throughout the duration of the crusade. This was evident from the nightly attendance which averaged about 1,500 people. Over 500 children who came were thrilled to have their very own special program each night at a separate meeting place.

Three baptismal services were planned for the crusade period—one for each Sabbath. The baptism for the first Sabbath (September 15) had to be cancelled due to heavy rains and flooding, but the second Sabbath turned out to be a beautiful day for the baptism of 28 persons. The third and final Sabbath of the crusade began with an overcast sky followed by a slight drizzle which petered out as baptism time drew near. When the 198 candidates stood by the river-bank, even the sun seemed glad as it blazed down in all its midday glory and heat. For the 226 baptismal candidates who had spent months taking Bible studies, the crusade was indeed a period of soul-searching, listening, meditating and finally making a decision.

Elder Hassenpflug adopted a simple approach that appealed to the understanding of the people. An example is his presentation on the importance of the Sabbath. He used young people to represent each day of the week. He said to his assistants, "I want the person who represents Sabbath to be dressed differently from the other six!" The outcome brought great surprise not only to the audience, but also to the preacher himself! Sunday to Friday girls were dressed alike. But the SABBATH girl was dressed as a beautiful bride in white with bridal attendants! After such a striking illustration, it will not be easy to forget the significance of the Sabbath.

One night Elder and Mrs. Hassenpflug were requested to help a sick child. It was after one of the meetings. Earlier, the child had accidentally drunk some kerosene and now it was like a rag-doll, seemingly lifeless and in a coma. The mother had taken the child to a clinic but even the medicine did not help. What really needed to be done was to make the child throw up, but that seemed impossible. The pulse was weak, but the heart was still beating. Elder Hassenpflug heaved a sigh of relief. At least the child was alive! All they could do in their helplessness was to kneel and earnestly plead with the Lord for help, then leave the matter in God's hand. The following night both mother and child were at the meeting. How happy everyone was to see the child alive and well again.

Everyone noted that Mrs. Lucille Hassenpflug never failed to attend a single meeting, sitting in the same seat and giving constant support to her husband's ministry. Many ministers and laymembers commented, "Elder Hassenpflug is nearing 80, but he preaches like a man of 55!" "When is the next crusade? Will the Hassenpflugs be able to come again?"

Following the crusade at Goshen, the Hassenpflugs moved to the headquarters at Tamparuli for another two busy days of meetings with the mission departmental workers and pastors. The short seminar centered around three important areas in the ministry; The pastor and his call, Church growth, and Grief recovery. The two-day study and discussions certainly contributed a great deal towards the professional growth of each worker present at that time.

— **Connie Gaban, wife of Charles Gaban,
President, Sabah Mission.**

The Year Is Done!

By LOUISE C. KLEUSER

*Tonight, dear Lord, the year is done;
Its plans laid bare, its victories won!
Those sunlit skies offset by rain
Brought disappointment, grief, and pain!*

*Yes, gone a year! — But can it be
Its days were spent too heedlessly?
Has human touch spoiled Thine own plan
And marred the pattern Heaven began?*

*I ask myself, Are tasks complete?
Confused, I seek Thy mercy seat!
Kind God, who knowest my poor heart,
Supply its lack — Thy peace impart.*

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