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Ordinary Pathfinders + Jesus
= Super Pathfinders

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ADRA Aids Da Nang Disaster Area

A strong tropical storm named Gail hit the coast of central Vietnam near Da Nang in late May. Storms are not unusual in this coastal country, but it was abnormal for such a severe typhoon to strike at the onset of the rainy season. Coming very suddenly, it took the local residents by surprise and left great destruction in its wake.

Statistics speak for themselves. There were 151 people killed, 106 injured, and 600 reported missing, many of them fishermen. Nearly 36,000 homes were destroyed, leaving 336,000 people homeless. Two hundred fishing boats sank, another 200 were damaged, and 161 were unaccounted for.



Over 336,000 people were left homeless, and hundreds of boats were damaged or destroyed by the recent typhoon in Vietnam.

Church members and government officials in Vietnam appealed to ADRA to respond to this disaster. ADRA Indochina had not yet been organized, but ADRA International, ADRA Far East, and ADRA Southeast Asia pooled resources and provided US\$15,000 to help the people of Da Nang recover from their misfortune.

Recently ADRA Indochina director Dennis Tidwell visited Da Nang to deliver the ADRA aid. ADRA planned to build houses for the homeless, but government officials explained that the ADRA funds would provide only 10-12 houses, thus benefitting very few of the storm victims. They suggested that ADRA instead help provide a storm shelter for the fishing fleet so that the economically important fishing industry would not be so vulnerable to future storms. This project would include construction of a 150-meter-long canal to connect the sea with a nearby lake. The officials estimate that up to 500 boats could find shelter there during storms, and hundreds of families would benefit. ADRA has agreed to help with this project, and has signed an agreement with the officials to implement it.

— Dennis Tidwell, Director, ADRA Indochina

ADRA Donations To Armenia Relief

Cash donations for the Armenian earthquake victims last winter, amounting to S\$6,591.98, have been channeled to ADRA Germany, the agency in charge of operation of the relief project. The funds will go toward the building of a children's rehabilitation center and seven rural poly-clinics. The poly-clinics will be the only medical facilities for those villages.

Clothes have continued to come in from church members and their friends and work associates. Beyond the initial shipment of clothing to Armenia, however, clothes which came in later have been distributed to refugees in Thailand and Vietnam.

ADRA continues to need donations in the form of funds, materials, and volunteers for projects around the field.

— George C. Johnson, President, SAUM

Rayburn Smith Joins Publishing Department

The most recent addition to the Southeast Asia Union Mission staff is the Rayburn Smith family. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, along with their daughter Mandy, arrived in Singapore on August 21.

Although the Smith family is new to Singapore, they are not newcomers to the Far East. The family served in Thailand in the late 1970s, where Mr. Smith was the Publishing Department Director of the Thailand Mission. His current assignment is Publishing Department Director for the Union. He began his denominational service as a literature evangelist, and has served as director or assistant director in several conferences in the United States. He comes to Singapore from the Upper Columbia Conference in the state of Washington, where he served in the same capacity.

The Smiths have two more daughters in the United States. Charmaine is attending Southwestern Adventist College in Texas, and Jacqueline is attending Walla Walla College in the state of Washington.

The SAUM staff extend a most hearty welcome to the Smiths, and look forward to their leadership in the literature ministry.

— Gus Brodeur, Acting Director, Publishing Department, SAUM

■ PENINSULAR MALAYSIA ■

L.E.'s Convene at Port Dickson



Peninsular Malaysia Mission L. E. Convention at Port Dickson.

In the year 1905, R. A. Caldwell, one of the pioneer colporteurs of Southeast Asia, left Singapore where he was working in the fledgling Singapore Mission and traveled up the Malay Peninsula selling Adventist literature. Today, faithful literature evangelists are still selling Adventist literature throughout Malaysia.

The 1989 annual literature evangelist convention was conducted August 13-17 at the Golden Sands camp near Port Dickson, on the west coast of Malaysia. Forty-one L.E.'s, along with some family members and guests, enjoyed fellowshiping and studying together for four days. Pastor David Leoh, president of the Peninsular Malaysia Mission, gave the keynote address, and Pastor George Johnson, SAUM president, presented a challenging spiritual message each morning at 7:00 A.M.



Lim Gim Chew (left) and Rama (right).

Pastor Russell Thomas, publishing director of the Far Eastern Division, inspired the literature evangelists with his unique and informative sales instructions. Almost every L.E. had an opportunity to assist Pastor Thomas to illustrate some selling point during the four days of instruction.

During the retreat, two L.E.'s were given special recognition, Brother Rama as the youngest L.E., and Brother Lim Gim Chew who is in his 37th year as an L.E. When asked what has been his motivation through the years, Brother Lim replied, "I am inspired to continue working by knowing that I am reaching many people with our literature."

Mr. Sam Govindasamy, publishing director of the mission, along with his two assistants, conducted a well-organized convention. He expressed much optimism regarding the future. "We are expecting to start ten new workers in the next two months, and I predict that our sales will show a good increase in 1990," stated Mr. Govindasamy.

The last evening of the convention, trophies were presented to the L.E.'s who had excelled in soulwinning and sales activities. Pastor Johnson challenged each person to covenant with the Lord to be even more dedicated and consecrated in the days and months ahead.

— Gus Brodeur, Acting Director, Publishing Department, SAUM

New Chief for Penang Adventist Hospital



Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Robbie.

Penang Adventist Hospital lost a great leader when Dr. Russell Standish was appointed the SAUM Health Care director. PAH's loss, however, proved to be double gain. Firstly, the Southeast Asia Union Mission gained a capable leader, Dr. Standish, and PAH gained a very experienced surgeon in its new president, Dr. Bruce Robbie.

In 1966 Dr. Robbie served as a relief doctor in Penang for 10 weeks. Later, from 1971 to 1974, he served at Youngberg Adventist Hospital as chief surgeon. He has been doing private surgical practice in Australia since 1974.

Dr. Robbie and his wife Beverly have two sons living in Australia. The elder, David, is a builder, and Gavin is studying business in Northern Rivers University.

— *Pastor Albert Phua, Public Relations Director,
Penang Adventist Hospital*

■ SABAH ■

Lay-Professionals Meet at Kinabalu

A convention for Adventist lay-professionals took place over the weekend of July 14-16 at Perkasa Hotel, Kinabalu National Park. Leaders and lay members of Kota Kinabalu Seventh-day Adventist Church (Chinese and Malay sections) initiated and organized the convention, the first of its kind held in the Sabah Seventh-day Adventist Mission.

The prime focus of the meetings was to promote an awareness among Adventist professionals of their widespread influence and the vital role they can play in witnessing for God within their spheres of work. Dr. Hulman Sinaga, guest speaker and advisor for the convention, and Dr. Charles Gaban, mission president, both elaborated upon this theme in their sermons during Friday vespers and Sabbath divine service respectively.

Seventh-day Adventist professionals face diverse challenges, difficulties and temptations as they attempt to perform their duties in a non-denominational setting. These were clearly stressed by four professionals: Dr. Hulman Sinaga, educationalist, Dr. Elvin Chong, a medical doctor, Dr. David Chung, a businessman, and Mr. Ariffin Gadait, a District Officer. The discussions also touched on many church-related concerns of a spiritual and social nature.

With so many enthusiastic and enterprising lay-professionals



Officers of the organizing committee of the Lay-Professional Convention.

within the church working alongside the pastors and Mission leaders, God's work in Sabah must certainly continue to progress.

— *Constance Gaban, Shepheress International, Sabah*

Ordinary Pathfinders + Jesus = Super Pathfinders – from front page

“Ordinary Pathfinders + Jesus = Super Pathfinders” was the theme chosen by the Church Ministries Department for this year’s week-end camp cum Pathfinder Fair at Tamparuli, Sabah. The Lord saw to it that fine weather prevailed during this year’s fair. And so, 1250 Pathfinders, representing 46 of Sabah’s 79 Pathfinder Clubs, from all over the West Coast and Kudat, converged at the Sabah Mission Headquarters/Sabah Adventist Secondary School (SASS) campus for this year’s Pathfinder Fair.

The weekend program began with vespers on July 28, and climaxed with the Fair on July 30, 1989. It was thrilling to see a fine group of enthusiastic Pathfinders and their leaders camping together on the SASS soccer field. The conditions were hardly ideal — it was cold and windy at night and hot during the day — yet they were willing to attend the Fair. Facility-wise, campers were blessed with a dry field, a big, clean river nearby (for washing, bathing and swimming), two large places of worship, and the basic facilities of SASS.

Vespers for the juniors and seniors were held separately. Mrs. Constance A. Gaban, wife of the Sabah Mission President, talked to the seniors in the Tamparuli sanctuary, while Pastor Mansor Ginging, Director of the Church Ministries Department, counselled the juniors.

On Sabbath morning, Dr. Charles Gaban, Sabah Mission President, shared from God’s Inspired Book in the adult worship, while Dr. Edmund Siagian, the Mission Secretary-Treasurer, spent the worship hour with the juniors in the school auditorium.



Tuaran District Officer, Mr. Ariffin Gadait, came to officiate the Pathfinder Fair opening, accompanied by Daniel Bagah, Mission Youth Director.



EVERSHINE Pathfinders during the march past.

After a thrilling nature hike and Bible treasure hunt, the Pathfinders sat on the soccer field to close the Sabbath hours with Mr. Edwin Siagian, a very active lay member and church elder. Truly, the Pathfinders had a “feast” from God through the church leaders.

On Sunday, the Pathfinder Fair was declared open by the District Officer of Tuaran, Mr. Ariffin Gadait. In his speech, Mr. Gadait, an active Seventh-day Adventist member, challenged the Pathfinders to be of greater service to the church and to the public, and to live up to the theme of the Fair, “Ordinary Pathfinders + Jesus = Super Pathfinders!” He also presented a portable PA System, complete with microphones. The sound system, costing M\$2500, was a gift to the SDA Mission from the Honorable Mr. Gisin Lombut, the Assemblyman for Kiulu.

In the day’s events, 44 Pathfinder clubs participated fully in craft, collection and agricultural produce exhibits; uniforms; drill downs; knot tying; monkey bridge building; semaphore signalling; cooking without modern utensils; first aid; and basic drill and fancy drill. All the participants showed excellent sporting spirits.

At the end of the day, all clubs received their participation awards from the Tuaran District Officer and the Mission President. The coveted TOP SEVEN Senior Clubs honors went to Dolphin (Menggatal), Evershine (Tenghilan), Muhibbah (Tenghilan), Orion (SASS), Sanggora (Kota Belud), Sunny Dale (Goshen), and Sunrise (Tenghilan). In the Junior Section, Evershine, Orion, and Sunrise were awarded the TOP THREE Junior Clubs. All clubs were winners, however.

The Pathfinding spirit is alive and growing in Sabah. Hopefully more churches will start their clubs. By doing so, their children will be protected from the attraction of the world, and the churches will grow and stay healthy.

– Daniel Bagah, Associate Director, Church Ministries,
Youth Ministry, Sabah Mission

■ SARAWAK ■

24 Baptized at Kellog Youth Camp

Twenty-four young people were baptized in the clear water of the South China Sea on July 29, at Bintulu, Sarawak. Meanwhile 60 other youth sang "All To Jesus I Surrender" as they witnessed the baptism of their fellow campers at the climax of the Kellog Youth Camp.

The camp, organized in conjunction with the Sarawak Youth and Sports Week, was organized by Pastor Stephen Agong of the Tatau District and Pastor David Ngali Mina of the Bintulu District.

Guest speakers from the Bintulu area included an assistant superintendent of police speaking on the role of policemen and civilians, a medical officer speaking on first aid, and an assistant secondary school principal talking about discipline. In addition, Pastor Edmund Liah, Youth Director of the Sarawak Mission, gave the spiritual emphasis for the camp.



Newly baptized youth at Youth Camp.

Prior to the camp, district pastors challenged the youth and elders in their districts to work for the salvation of friends in their schools and longhouses. Adventist youth brought their friends for Bible studies and later accompanied them to the camp.

Among those actively working in preparation of souls prior to the camp was Jackson Minda, an elder of Pasir Nangka Church. Although only 26 years of age, Minda is well respected in his community as an adviser as well as a religious figure. From the time the Adventist faith came to Pasir Nangka, it received great opposition from Minda's grandfather, an influential community leader (penghulu), and from his own father who is a village chief. However, Minda was determined, by the grace of God, to spread the Adventist faith. He began to work first among his brothers and sisters, and then among the rest of his relatives. To date, he has won all his brothers and 40 other souls for Christ among the people in his longhouse. At the Kellog Youth Camp, Minda presented

for baptism a man and his wife with their three children, along with other youth from his church.

Youth Camp is becoming a popular witnessing outreach in the Sarawak Mission. Three camps have already been conducted this year, and many more camps will be held before the year end.

— David Ngali Mina, Pastor, Bintulu SDA Church
— Edmund M. Liah, Secretary, Sarawak Mission

Bintulu Church Reaches Into Community

In conjunction with the Sarawak Youth and Sports Week in mid-July, 17 Bintulu Church youth donated blood. According to the Medical Department in Bintulu, this was a good turn-out.

Other Adventists joined in the Agriculture Department project to help beautify the Roman Catholic Church at Rumah Agam.

Two new Branch Sabbath Schools have recently been organized in the Bintulu District. At Rumah Jamel, about 65 Sabbath School members hope to build a jungle chapel in October. Of the hundreds of villages along the Kemana River, Rumah Jerangku is the first to accept the Adventist message. Two families there have accepted the truth, and at present there are eleven Sabbath School members.

— David Ngali Mina, Pastor, Bintulu District

Note

The Sarawak Mission
phone number has
changed to
613132

ADRA Village Sanitation Projects

"Can we have a three-week training?" asked one of the Village Sanitation Inspectors who attended a 20-hour basic course July 17-19 at the Roban ADRA Center, about 200 miles from Kuching, Sarawak. The training course included hygiene, germ theory, water supply, diarrhea, oral rehydration, and waste and fecal disposal.



Village Sanitation Inspectors learnt about maintenance of a manual well pump.

Petrus Ngadan, who led out in the training, is the ADRA Sarawak Director and is the Project Director for the Roban Rural Sanitation and Water Project. The project also employs two extension workers who have led out in the completion, to date, of 30 safe wells, 31 waste disposal pits, and 301 latrines.

The project started off with 60 students and teachers from Far Eastern Academy in Singapore, who completed five wells, eight rubbish pits, and 47 latrines during their 10-day trip last March.

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and ADRA Canada have allocated a grant for the completion of a total of 77 safe wells, 80 rubbish pits, and 800 latrines in the Roban Rural Sanitation and Water Project. In addition, the project plans to train 38 Village Sanitation Inspectors.

— Petrus Ngadan Kuju, Director,
ADRA Sarawak

Adventist Fellowship/ Stewardship Forum

Eighty-two Seventh-day Adventists gathered July 27-30 at Santubong beach resort, 25 miles from Sarawak's capital city of Kuching, for a weekend of fellowship and inspiration. Among them were government teachers, businessmen, government servants, farmers, church elders, pastors and lay members.

Speakers and their topics for the convention included: Pastor Gilbert Tan, Stewardship Director for the Sarawak Mission, developing a personal relationship with God; Pastor Shupinar Koubong, SAUM Stewardship Director, putting God first; Pastor Daniel Walter, Sarawak Mission President, contributions of the laity toward mission development; Mrs. Dorothy Walter, Home and Family Director, family commitment; Pastor Robert Burton, Education Director for the Sarawak Mission, the importance of Christian education.

Those attending the forum separated into four groups for brainstorming and discussion of two issues: "What contribution can I make to strengthen the stewardship program in my church," and "Should Christian education continue in Sarawak?" During the weekend, there was also time for fellowship and swimming.



Adventist Stewardship Forum group joined in by the Pathfinders from Bunga Church that Sabbath.

On Sabbath, two bus loads of Pathfinders and members of the Bunga Church joined the forum delegates for worship services, where Pastor Shupinar spoke on "The Expression of Love."

At the close of the weekend, Pastor Shupinar gave another inspirational message, Pastor Gilbert led out in a testimony service, and then Pastor Walter held a commitment service.

— Gilbert Tan, Stewardship Director, Sarawak Mission
— Shupinar Koubong, Associate Church Ministries Director,
Southeast Asia Union Mission

Sarawak Mission Harvest Sabbath

Harvest Sabbath was celebrated in several churches in Sarawak during May 1989, organized by Pastor Gilbert Tan, the Stewardship Director for the Sarawak Mission. On that day, members brought their tithes, some in the form of cash, but mostly in the form of rice padi.

Harvest Sabbath was just after the harvesting season. Traditionally the people celebrate their "Gawai," or harvest festival, to thank the spirit for the good harvest. The Christians, instead of thanking the spirit, however, turned to God first and gave back one-tenth of their harvest.

On the same occasion, the members also brought their seeds for the next year's planting. They especially prayed that God, in His great mercy, would bless their coming crops, and they pledged to turn in their tithes to God.

They made a special commitment to God, who is the owner of everything.

The program, which was conducted in 16 churches by Pastor Gilbert Tan and by Pastor Shupinar Koubong, the Stewardship Director of the Southeast Asia Union Mission, brought great blessing to all the members who participated. They not only recognized God as their source of everything, but grasped the importance of being faithful stewards for God. Members showed a spirit of unity, faith, and right spirit of giving. Tithe and offering graphs show that the tithes have greatly increased in the various churches as a result of stewardship promotion.

— Shupinar Koubong, Stewardship Director, SAUM

■ SINGAPORE ■

Jurong Church Reaches Out

Since 1982, the members and friends of Seventh-day Adventists Churches in Singapore have given liberally to build a new church to the glory of God. Today, the Jurong Church houses two congregations, an English-speaking church with a membership of 126, and a Mandarin-speaking Chinese church with 37 members.

On Sabbath afternoons, church members from both congregations go out to the surrounding high-rise apartment complexes to invite residents to enroll in the Voice of Prophecy correspondence courses. So far over 100,000 households have been contacted, but another 200,000 remain to be reached.

During the week, 310 children of ages 2-5 years attend the Adventist Child Development Centre program at the Jurong Church.

For the past six years, Singapore church members have been working hard to raise the S\$3.5 million to pay for the land and construction. Over 500 donors have contributed generously to the project. At this time, if each donor would give a total of S\$240, the goal could be reached, and the church dedicated. It is hoped that this total of S\$120,000 can be collected before December 24 so that this year's Singapore-wide Christmas service can be a victory celebration.

— Sim Chor Kiat, President, SAM

Small Group Ministry Seminar

During June, Dr. Victor Brown, of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (Philippines), conducted a four-session training seminar in small group ministry for church members in Singapore.

The programs, held in the evenings on the Southeast Asia Union College campus, attracted 62 church members from the eight SDA congregations in Singapore. Some of the topics covered include: Small Groups as a Means to Fellowship; Personal Covenants and Group Contracts; The Body of Christ; Positive Change for Good



Toh See Wei received a certificate from Mr. Victor Brown while Pastor Matthew Yuen makes the announcement.

in Our Church; and Do You Believe God Wants You to Start a Small Group Ministry in Your Church?

Already, several Adventist homes in Singapore are having mid-week Bible study groups, and more are beginning month by month. There is a great potential for church growth through the close fellowship of a small group ministry, and the Singapore Mission is encouraging all of its churches and church members to become more active in this means of strengthening their own religious experience and reaching out to bring others to Christ.

— *Sim Chor Kiat, President, SAM*

San Yu High School Week of Prayer



Mr. Samuel Siew speaks to San Yu High School students.

The Singapore San Yu High School had another Week of Prayer during the middle of August 1989. The speaker for this series of talks was Mr. Samuel Siew, the Associate Publishing Director of the Singapore Mission.

Mr. Siew chose "To Know God" as his theme, and the students appeared to enjoy his presentations which were sprinkled with numerous anecdotes and illustrations. Mr. Siew also visited each class and talked to students.

At the close of the week, 95 students indicated their decisions to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour. Another 37 Christian students, many of them non-SDA Christians, also re-dedicated their lives to God.

— *Toh See Wei, Chaplain, San Yu High School*

Balestier Church Undergoes Renovation



Balestier Road Seventh-day Adventist Church in Singapore launched a major renovation project in early July 1989. The project will cost an estimated S\$400,000, of which half has already been raised.

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists purchased the church in 1951 from the Assembly of God church, who had built it in 1940. Pastor W. Patterson became the first pastor of the Balestier Road Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In recent years, leaking roofs, falling ceilings, rusty pipes, white ants, and various other problems have required costly repairs. However, according to Dr. Ng Eng Lim, coordinator of the renovation project committee, these repairs did not solve the underlying problems. With 60 years remaining on the lease from the Singapore government, church members felt that it was essential to preserve the church by correcting the basic existing problems.

The fully renovated church will also include an elevated stage, a choir pit, a baptismal pool, more modern audio-visual facilities, a better sound system, better indoor and outdoor lighting, a larger mothers' room, and other improved facilities. Dr. Ng and his committee anticipate a truly beautiful and more worshipful church when the renovations are completed later this year.

— *Chan Shee Wai, Youth Pastor, Balestier Road Church*

Southeast Asia Union College

Alumni Homecoming '89

Southeast Asia Union College Alumni Association held its 1989 Homecoming on August 12 and 13. Dr. Hulman Sinaga, a professor of education at the university in Brunei, was the guest speaker during the divine service on Sabbath morning. With his years of experience as an educator in the Adventist educational system and later in the University Science Malaysia, Dr. Sinaga admonished the college to sharpen its role in preparing young people for service in the fast-changing society of today.

The Cultural Show on Saturday night and the International Food Fair on Sunday were very well accepted and appreciated by all present. A special commendation goes to the SAUC Student Association for making these events possible.

The new officers to serve the Alumni Association for 1989-1990 are as follows:

President	Pastor Jonathan Ng, Director of Chaplaincy & Public Relations, Youngberg Adventist Hospital
Vice-President	Mrs. Dolly Goh, Sales Manager, Digital Equipment (S) Pte. Ltd.
Secretary	Mrs. Dorren Ng, Registrar, Southeast Asia Union College
Public Relations Officer	Pastor John Lee, President, Adventist Health Services/Asia, Far Eastern Division of SDA
Committee Members	Dr. Linda Koh, Chairman, Education Department, SAUC Mr. Matthew Hutabarat, Asst. Professor, Business Administration Department, SAUC Joshua Goh, President, Youngberg Adventist Hospital.

— Joshua Goh, President, SAUC Alumni Association (1988-1989)



Bible Camp



SAUC Bible campers at their classmates' baptism.

Dr. Danny Oh, a surgeon from Penang Adventist Hospital, spoke for the 7th annual Student Association Bible Camp held at the Halcyon Guest House in Port Dickson, Malaysia during the school holidays in June. The theme of the camp centered around practical Christian living, and the topic chosen by Dr. Oh for his messages was "How to Manage Conflict."

Group worships and Bible studies led by students also brought out numerous spiritual lessons from God's Word and from nature. Time for organized recreation helped to create a well-balanced camp.

One highlight of the camp was the baptism of four SAUC students on Sabbath afternoon in the Straits of Melaka. At the close of the service, tears of joy flowed as the whole group sang "I'm so glad I'm part of the family of God."

— Rena Leong & Ivan Henry, Students, SAUC

Ministerial Student Attends Asian Theological Conference

John Tan Kong Eng, a sophomore theology student at Southeast Asia Union College, represented the college at the Asian Theological Student Conference, sponsored by the Association of Theological Education for Southeast Asia and the World Council of Churches.

The theme of the conference, which was held in Hong Kong during April, was "Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation." As a result of the conference, John feels that he has become even more sensitive to the needs of the poor, the oppressed, and the victimized.

— Yan Siew Ghiang, Student, SAUC

Youngberg Adventist Hospital

First Mandarin NEWSTART

August 13-17, Youngberg Adventist Hospital held its first NEWSTART Wellness Seminar in Mandarin. This was the largest NEWSTART group thus far in the four and a half years that the Seminar has been held.

The NEWSTART program in August had both English and Mandarin sessions, with eight in the Mandarin-speaking group and fifteen in the English-speaking section. Lectures were given separately, but both groups joined together for the food demonstrations, meals, and exercise sessions.

This was an excellent opportunity to share with others a more healthful lifestyle, which is actually the Adventist lifestyle. Guests were given the opportunity to see, enjoy, benefit from, and experience the advantages of healthful living.

Many of the individuals who have been through the NEWSTART Seminar have made permanent changes in their lifestyles, and have received the benefits of improved health and wellness. An article in the Singapore *Sunday Times* of June 18 described the Seminar. A guest from the Seminar was interviewed, and shared his experience in decreasing his weight by 13 kg. and being able to control his blood pressure now without the use of medication by regular exercise, a good diet, and a more healthful lifestyle. Many of the participants of the 20th NEWSTART Seminar joined because of the newspaper article.

YAH personnel follow up Seminar participants from week to week by phone and personal visits. One man who quit smoking and stopped using coffee and alcohol as a result of NEWSTART related that for the first week he had a bad headache, but once the withdrawal from nicotine and coffee was over, the headache left and he has felt much better.

Participants often send their spouses or other relatives to later Seminars. One man who has totally changed his lifestyle and has reduced his weight by nine kg. is very enthusiastic about his improved health, and is anxious for his wife, who is the principal of a primary school, to attend so that she too may begin to enjoy the same benefits that he has received. The wife is very happy for her "new husband," and is encouraging other teachers on her staff to attend the next Seminar.

Since the first NEWSTART Seminar was held in Singapore in February 1985, a total of 224 people have attended the 20 Seminars.

Heart disease and cancer are the two most common causes of death in Singapore. By helping the participating guests to lower blood cholesterol, their risk of heart disease is decreased. For every one percent the blood

cholesterol decreases, the risk of heart disease decreases by two percent. As a part of the Seminar, participants have their blood tested before and after to see if there is a change in their blood cholesterol levels. Of 140 individuals tested before and immediately after the Seminar thus far, the average decrease of cholesterol level has been from 216 mg/dL down to 185 mg/dL, a decrease of 31 mg/dL, (14.2%), or a 28% decrease in risk of heart disease.

Through the NEWSTART Seminars, the Lord has also blessed with baptisms. Thus far four NEWSTART participants have been baptized, along with three family members of one participant. Eight or ten guests are continuing to have Bible studies regularly, and hopefully some of these will join in baptism in the near future. YAH and NEWSTART staff praise and thank the Lord for the work of His Holy Spirit upon the various guests who attend the Seminar.

— Clarence S. F. Ing, MD, Program Director, YAH

Volunteers for YAH

A number of volunteers have rendered valuable services to Youngberg Adventist Hospital during its renovation phase in 1989. Miss Shamini Nair, a local student who completed her 'A' level education from a local junior college, spent a few months working in various departments of the hospital while awaiting her admission to medical school.

Miss Kathy Clark, a registered nurse from Sydney Adventist Hospital, spent two months in the nursing department. She also helped out in the recent NEWSTART lifestyle wellness program.

Hospital staff will not forget the smiles of Miss Erika Lam of Loma Linda Academy, who volunteered her services at the reception counter.



Student volunteer Erika Lam at the reception counter.

Another valuable volunteer has been Mrs. Shirley Lam, who recently conducted a CPR training course for all YAH personnel. She also assisted in the Chinese section of the NEWSTART program.

The hospital administration is appreciative of the willingness of these volunteers who have chosen to serve at Youngberg, and trust that their involvement in the hospital setting has helped them gain a proper perspective in medical ministry.

— Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, YAH

C.P.R. Training for Staff

A two-month training program consisting of theory and practical sessions on cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) was recently held for all nursing staff and paramedical personnel of Youngberg Adventist Hospital. Mrs. Shirley Lam, a registered nurse and a Certified CPR Instructor with the American Heart Association, volunteered her services in conducting the program for the hospital.



Photo shows Shirley Lam, R. N. giving instructions on CPR training.

According to YAH Nursing Director Ampai Amsiri, all nursing staff passed the examination at the end of the course and are now certified in CPR. Since the end of the training program, two successful resuscitations have been carried out by those who went through the training sessions.

Another upgrading service of YAH was a course on patient relations, conducted by instructors from the Thames Consulting Group. The main objective of this two-day course was for all hospital staff to understand the concept of putting patients first in all hospital services, and for the staff to develop skills in making patients feel important in the hospital environment.

The hospital administration is pleased with the staff

response to the in-service education programs, and trusts that human resource development will continue to move ahead in step with the upgrading of the physical plant and facilities of the hospital.

— Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, YAH

Redevelopment of YAH

Youngberg Adventist Hospital is presently going through redevelopment. Total renovation of the existing hospital block began in February 1989, and will continue until the end of the year.



The oldest building, which previously housed the administration and dental clinic, was demolished in July 1988. The dental clinic moved into the first floor of the two-storey building by the side of the hospital block, while the administration shifted to the second floor of the same building, where there is also a small conference room for staff morning worship and for health promotion programs.

According to Mr. Joshua Goh, YAH President, the extensive renovation will involve the interior as well as the exterior. While the renovations are going on, the outpatient clinic is still operational, and a number of inpatient beds are still available. After the completion of renovations, the construction of a three-storey centre for health promotion and a new kitchen-cum-cafeteria will begin in early 1990, constituting phase two of the redevelopment plan.

The hospital has enjoyed tremendous support and help from various church members, especially in various programs sponsored by the health promotion department. Now, with a practically new building, and with medical equipment and staff skills being upgraded, YAH hopes to provide better health care services to the community.

— Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, YAH

■ THAILAND ■

**Dr. Kittiporn Joins
PKAH Staff**



On July 5, Phuket Adventist Hospital welcomed the arrival of Dr. Kittiporn Tantrarongroj, who joined the hospital as a general surgeon. After September 1, 1989 he will also serve as the Vice President for Medical Affairs.

Dr. Kittiporn, a native of Haadyai in southern Thailand, completed his Bachelor's Degree in Science from Philippine Union College in 1976. He went on to finish his medical training in Manila Central University in 1981.

On his return to Thailand, and after his internship, Dr. Kittiporn joined Bangkok Adventist Hospital as a medical officer.

In June 1986, Dr. Kittiporn was accepted into residency training in surgery at the Chulalongkorn University, where he successfully passed the board examination that qualifies him to practice as a general surgeon in Thailand.

Besides being a doctor, Dr. Kittiporn is an accomplished pianist and a good choir director. As a strong supporter of the church, Dr. Kittiporn will be a great help to the local church, especially with the youth.

Phuket Adventist Hospital warmly welcomes Dr. Kittiporn into the hospital family.

— Ronald Koh, President, Phuket Adventist Hospital

**Phuket Welcomes
Dr. Caagbay Back**

On August 29, 1989, Phuket Adventist Hospital welcomed Dr. Linda Caagbay back as a full-time intra-division missionary.

Dr. Linda Caagbay is no new face in Phuket, as she has served Phuket Adventist Hospital for many years. She left Phuket in 1987 where she and her husband, Mr. Rudi Caagbay, served in Lakeside Medical Center in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

PKAH is glad to have Dr. Caagbay back as a female doctor on the staff. She will be a great help in the area of paediatrics.

The roll of doctors on the Phuket Adventist Hospital staff now consists of Dr. Kitiporn T., Dr. Linda Caagbay, and Dr. Frank Crider, who is presently on relief for six months since June.

— Ronald Koh, President, Phuket Adventist Hospital

Obituary



Mr. Pleng Vitiarnyalaksana (Nai Pleng), a veteran worker in Thailand, was born on October 10, 1910, and died on July 18, 1989. He leaves his wife and one daughter.

After graduating from the Korat School, Nai Pleng studied at Bangkok English School, and also studied by correspondence from Shanghai. He became a teacher,

and later began to work with Dr. R. F. Waddell in a small clinic in the Plaplachai area before World War II.

During the war, missionaries were forced to return to their homelands. Left with the management of the clinic, Nai Pleng had to look after 40 employees but was left with no money for the clinic. He was successful in getting credit from the pharmaceutical companies, and he searched for a doctor to work in the clinic. Little by little business increased.

After the war, Nai Peng had saved 100,000 Bhat. He

wrote to the General Conference requesting the return of Dr. Waddell and family. When the Waddells arrived, Nai Pleng and his friends, wearing patched and threadbare clothes, happily went to meet them.

Nai Pleng's personality, his loyalty, generosity, and management ability during a very difficult time in BAH history were recognized then and are still valued by those who knew and loved him.

– *Piyamart M., Public Relations Director, BAH*

Mission College

Progress On Campus

During the months of June and July, considerable progress was made at the Muak Lek campus of Mission College. On the girls' dormitory, most of the beams have now been poured for the second floor, and the first floor walls are being built. Pre-fabricated flooring will be used to speed up construction.

On the boys' dormitory, workers have encountered the most difficult area to dig, as there are large rocks near the surface. Workers are slowly chiseling out rock with picks and crowbars after the backhoe removed all it possibly could.

Despite cement factory strikes and rainy weather, work has continued on the Conditioning Centre. The floors are almost completely poured, and the walls will go up soon.



Girl's dormitory going up.



High voltage electricity at Muak Lek; the campus first received electricity on August 7, 1989.

Electricity was installed on August 7, supplying power to the college campus, the orchard, and the Conditioning Centre. Only a few days before the ministerial students arrived at Muak Lek, the college well #2 became operational. Submersible pumps will hopefully be installed during September.

Several plots of college land, which will eventually become the dairy, were rented to a local farmer for development last year, and are now being used for growing pasture. Another piece of land is being used as an experimental farm to grow soybean seeds. Other agriculture projects include planting over 1000 forest trees, about 300 kapok trees, several kinds of bamboo, and an additional 300 papaya trees.

– *Wayne Hamra, Developer, Mission College*

Ministerial Training Institute Moves to Muak Lek

It had been raining daily, and Mission College staff and students prayed and kept their fingers crossed that July 10 would be a dry day. And so it was. With Wayne Hamra as the chief supervisor, Pastor Siroj and his students loaded a giant ten-wheeler truck and a small six-wheeler truck with a seemingly endless number of boxes containing books and household articles. In addition, there were bulky classroom arm tables, office furniture, and library shelves. It was an exhausting full day's work for all.

The days preceding moving day had been very hectic ones, too. Office supplies that were either excessively expensive or not available in the small town of Muak Lek, and packing material such as cardboard boxes, paper tapes, labels, etc., had to be purchased. The college was then 'disassembled' in Bangkok and packed away in neatly labeled boxes.

The "disassembled" college arrived at its new campus in Muak Lek on July 11. However, the electricity supply had not arrived. Fortunately, however, the weather was cool the first few days as everybody worked hard to reassemble the college out of a mountain of boxes. Library shelves were set up, but because of limited space, only a small selection of essential books found their way to the shelves while the majority remained in boxes.



Pastor Siroj, Ministerial Training Institute Director, and 20 ministerial students.

For four days, students and teachers worked to put the classroom, office, dormitory, and faculty housing into some sort of order. (The fourplex provides housing for two married students and contains the cafeteria and the classroom. The duplexes constitute faculty housing, boys' dormitory, and library-cum-office.)

For the first month, prior to the coming of electricity, students studied by candlelight in the evenings. Sometimes, when the generator could be coaxed into working, staff and students enjoyed cool air generated by the fans, and appreciated neon lights.

The first day of instruction was on July 18. Each school day now begins with worship and classes in the morning. The afternoons find most students working at the construction sites. After putting in their usual four hours, students return to eat and relax, playing football and takraw. The day ends with study hall in the library, where students review for quizzes and complete class assignments.

— **Suthathip Sorajakool, Teacher, Mission College, Muak Lek**

Adventist World Radio Transmission

Adventist World Radio-Asia will soon blanket China more effectively with the Adventist message, thanks to a recent US\$500,000 gift from an anonymous donor. The station has been broadcasting to China an average of 16 hours a day for just over two years, and response during the first quarter of 1989 was 300 letters a month, according to the East Asia Administrative Committee in Hong Kong, which prepares the Chinese programs heard on AWR-Asia.

Marvelous stories of people finding God through AWR come from China and elsewhere. When a church worker visited China in May, a deacon in an Adventist church in a large city there told him, "I first heard the Adventist message on AWR-Asia!"

In places where there are no churches, people create them. A 19-year-old man heard the Sabbath School and Church service broadcast on AWR, and invited friends to join him on the Sabbath for these programs. About 20 people now meet regularly in his home, and have chosen him "president" of their congregation. This young man now aspires to be a pastor.

Many more inspiring stories come in each week. But AWR invites YOU to become a part of these wonderful stories by telling your friends about AWR programs in your area. The broadcast schedule is as follows:

	M.B.	FREQUENCY
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7 AM	19	15125
8 AM	19	15125
10 AM	21	13720*
6 PM	21	13720
CANTONESE		
11 AM	21	13720*#
5 PM	21	13720*#
MANDARIN		
4 AM	31	9495
5 AM	31	9495
6 AM	19	15225
7 AM	19	15225
8 AM	19	15225
9 AM	19	15225
10 AM	19	15225*
11 AM	19	15225*
12 Noon	21	13720*
12 Noon	19	15225*
1 PM	21	13720*
1 PM	19	15225*
2 PM	21	13720*
2 PM	19	15225*
3 PM	21	13720*
3 PM	19	15225*
4 PM	21	13720*
4 PM	19	15225*
5 PM	25	11980
6 PM	25	11980
7 PM	25	11980
8 PM	25	11980
10 PM	25	11980
11 PM	25	11980
FILIPINO		
8 PM	21	13720*
INDONESIAN		
6 AM	19	15125
7 PM	21	13720
INDIAN		
12 Midnight	25	11980*
11 PM	21	13720@

* Broadcasts Saturday & Sunday only.

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✓ Sat, Tue, Fri — Tagalog; Sun, Thur — Llonggo; Mon, Wed — Cebuano

■ DEVOTIONAL ■

A study of the book of Job in the Bible reminds me that we are never alone. Always, someone, somewhere is watching us and evaluating our lives. Walking on the streets of Ho Chi Minh City a few days ago, I was approached by several young people. One of them asked me if I was a church worker and a Christian. I replied that I was, and mentioned that I was pleased and flattered that they recognized my religion and convictions by my life, speech, and witness. What good results when people can identify us as Christians. How much harm results when our teachings and our lives are not compatible!

Job did not realize that he was on trial in the great controversy between Christ and Satan. He did not sense in his affliction and trouble the challenge that God faced in the accusations and misrepresentation of the devil. He did not know that all heaven was observing him under the pressure of trouble and sickness. He was not aware that if he slipped and lost faith God's name and reputation would be stained.

Virtually all the readers of the MESSENGER magazine claim Christ's name and belong to His remnant church. We are also witnesses to the transforming power of God's grace just as Job was. As you pastors, teachers, church leaders, youth, and members assess your life and witness, do you realize that you are on display? Does that challenge you to consistency and a close walk with Jesus?

Recently I spoke with a young worker. He had a successful record in God's work. The pressure of being under observation became too great for him, however, and he desired to leave the work. If our teaching and our lives are inconsistent, the dissonance created in our lives brings us tension and strain. Real happiness for us comes when our teachings and our lives are in harmony.

We could never feel alone. Whether we choose to walk with Christ or not, we have a constant Companion. Remember that wherever you are, whatever you do, God is there! Nothing that is said or done escapes His notice. Every deed of yours, every word spoken, has a witness — the holy, caring and sinless God. Before you speak or act, always think of this. As Christians, and as Seventh-day Adventists, you and I are members of the royal family. We are children of the heavenly King. Do not say anything, do not do anything, that shall bring dishonour upon "that worthy name by the which ye are called" (James 2:7)

Ellen White sums up these thoughts with the words, "Powerful is the influence for good that is exercised by a consecrated, active Christian gentleman." She could have stated this truth in the converse with these words: "Powerful is the influence for wrong that is exercised by a careless, thoughtless, Adventist member or leader — in the organization or in the local church."

What about your witness and example. What about mine? Can those who watch us safely follow the example we set? Do we live what we preach and teach? Are we truly like Jesus? "What He taught, He lived ... What He taught, He was It was this that gave His teaching power." (Education, pp. 78, 79)

— G. C. Johnson, President, SAUM

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