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Precious Moments with Prayer

Part 9 – Repentance and Forgiveness through Prayer

Several years ago I was preaching in a church in eastern Texas. As I spoke about prayer, and I came to the subject of forgiveness, I read the text from Mark 11:25-26. I read, "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Suddenly I felt as if the ceiling had fallen on my head. A short time before, a young man had done something against my family, and I had not really forgiven him. But he hadn't asked for forgiveness.

The text I had just read, however, didn't say anything about a person having to ask me for forgiveness; it was saying to me that I had to unconditionally forgive this person whether he wanted it or not. That was difficult for me to accept.

After the service, I had to drive four hours to get back home. I spent a lot of that time talking over this problem with God. Finally I realized that I had to forgive this man and go on with my life. I did forgive him, and inside I felt so much better. Today I could easily walk up to this person at church and be friends, with no hard feelings toward him at all. He has never yet asked for forgiveness and probably never will, but I have forgiven him and have a clean heart where he is concerned.

In *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, (p. 113), Mrs. White wrote, "After completing the Lord's Prayer, Jesus added: 'If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.' He who is unforgiving cuts off the very channel through which alone he can receive mercy from God. We should not think that unless those who have injured us confess the wrong, we are justified in withholding from them our

forgiveness. It is their part, no doubt, to humble their hearts by repentance and confession; but we are to have a spirit of compassion toward those who have trespassed against us, whether or not they confess their faults. However sorely they may have wounded us, we are not to cherish our grievances and sympathize with ourselves over our injuries; but as we hope to be pardoned for our offenses against God we are to pardon all who have done evil to us."

This sounds to me like one of the first steps in being able to ask God's forgiveness is for us to forgive others. This isn't always easy, is it?

In 1 John 1:9 we are told, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This is a beautiful promise.

In *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing* (p.115) is another wonderful thought. "God's forgiveness is not merely a judicial act by which He sets us free from condemnation. It is not only forgiveness *for* sin, but

reclaiming *from* sin. It is the outflow of redeeming love that transforms the heart. David had the true conception of forgiveness when he prayed, 'Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.' Psalm 51:10. And again he says, 'As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.' Psalm 103:12.' Psalm 66:18 brings out that if we regard iniquity in our hearts, the Lord will not hear us. In *Steps to Christ* (p.95) this thought goes a step further. "If we regard iniquity in our hearts, if we cling to any known sin, the Lord

will not hear us; but the prayer of the penitent, contrite soul is always accepted."

Isn't it a real privilege to serve and worship a God that is so loving and forgiving? Forgiveness is ours for the asking.

"God in Christ gave Himself for our sins. He suffered the cruel death of the cross, bore for us the burden of guilt, 'the just for the unjust,' that He might reveal to us His love and draw us to Himself. And He says, 'Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you.' Ephesians 4:32, R.V."

-- Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing (p.114)

-- Rayburn Smith, Publishing Director, SAUM

SAUM Holds Church Ministries Advisory Council

Church Ministries leaders from throughout the Southeast Asia Union Mission (SAUM) convened at the Union headquarters in Singapore from September 18 to 20 for a Church Ministries Advisory Council.

Three world leaders, en route to the Annual Council meetings in Australia, came to the meetings from the Church headquarters in Washington, DC (USA). They were Elder Israel Lieto, the General Conference (GC) Church Ministries Director, Elder Mike Stevenson, GC Associate Church Ministries Director for Youth Ministry, and Mrs. Virginia Smith, GC Associate Church Ministries Director for Children's Ministry. Far Eastern Division Church Ministries personnel also helped with the advisory council.

Some of the topics covered during the meetings included "The Need of Assessment," "Instilling Values in Youth," "Church Ministries Integration," and "Global Mission Challenge."

Time was allotted during the sessions for sub-group planning, so that workers in every area of the Church Ministries Department were actively involved in presenting their concerns from the field and proposing their plans for the strengthening of God's work in the SAUM territory.

To conclude the Advisory, Pastor George Johnson, SAUM President, challenged each worker to be more committed to the Lord's work. Then all those present took part in a communion service before going for a potluck dinner at the home of Pastor Ken Wade, Associate Director of Church Ministries for the SAUM.

*--Shupinar Koubong,
Church Ministries Director, SAUM*

More Asian Students to Benefit from Scholarship Fund

The Chan Shun Loma Linda University Scholarship Loan Fund, originally established to help educate denominationally-sponsored students and workers in the Far Eastern Division, is now available to all who qualify in all Asian countries.

The fund was set up by the Chan Shun Foundation in 1985 to help those students and workers attain graduate or professional degrees at Loma Linda University who were unable to obtain financial assistance from the US or Canadian governments.

Students and workers who wish to upgrade by taking short-term non-degree programs in the graduate or professional schools of Loma Linda University or La Sierra University may now apply for scholarship assistance. The students must be sponsored by Far Eastern Division organizations that will employ them and be responsible for the repayment of the loan after completion of their studies. The repayment percentages currently reflect the economy of the country of the sponsoring organization.

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*-- Eugene Hsu, Secretary, Eastern Asia Committee,
General Conference of SDA*

ICPA Holds Eighth World Congress

The 8th World Prevention Congress of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency (ICPA) was held at the Hilton Hotel in Malaysia's capitol city, Kuala Lumpur, from September 1 to 5, 1991.

Mr. Syed Hamid, the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department of Malaysia, officiated at the opening ceremony of the congress, attended by 200 delegates representing 30 countries around the world.

The Congress focused on the theme "Prevention: Shaping our Future," giving special attention to primary prevention strategies. Workshops during the congress focused on prevention through health communication strategies, community action, the medical profession, peer pressure resistance education, and general methods and techniques.

Congress participants were able to apply for continuing education credits through Andrews University (USA).

From the Southeast Asia Union Mission, delegates included Dr. Russell Standish, SAUM Health/Temperance Director; Pastor David Leoh, President and Health/Temperance Director of the Peninsular Malaysia Mission; Pastor Petrus Kuju Ngadan, Health/Temperance Director of the Sarawak Mission; and Pastor Jonathan Ng, Health Educator of Youngberg Adventist Hospital in Singapore.

According to ICPA Executive Director Thomas Neslund, the congress was a great success in that participants would return to their posts of service better equipped to address the challenges that the legal industries of alcohol, tobacco and the illegal drug trade pose on all mankind.

The ICPA, although not controlled by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is closely associated with it. The Executive Director of the ICPA serves also as the Associate Health and Temperance Director of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The ICPA has been spotlighting primary prevention principles, policies and programs since 1952, and is recognized by the United Nations as a non-government organization and has an official relationship with the World Health Organization. It operates volunteer committees in 66 countries serving as an education body for professionals and others concerned with alcohol and

other drug problems facing society. The work of ICPA through seminars, world congresses, and special consultations with governments and organizations serves as a catalyst for community primary prevention efforts.

The 8th World Prevention Congress was co-sponsored with the Alcoholism Foundation of Malaysia and in cooperation with the Ministry of National Unity and Social Development of Malaysia. The next world congress is scheduled to be held in Germany in 1994.

--Jonathan Ng,
Regional Consultant of the ICPA

■ CAMBODIA ■

ADRA Aids after Cambodian Floods

A severe tropical storm passed over northern Cambodia recently, dropping heavy rainfall over northern Cambodia, Laos and northern Thailand. Many of the rivers in the three provinces surrounding Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia, overflowed their banks and spread out to cover much of the low-lying area including parts of the city itself.

Thousands of homes were flooded. From one to four meters of water covered recently-transplanted paddy fields. Many irrigation and water-control structures were either heavily damaged or totally destroyed. Nineteen people died, along with much livestock. Roads were heavily damaged, making it difficult to even get information regarding the extent of the damage.

Various rehabilitation and relief agencies in Cambodia, including the recently-opened ADRA/Cambodia, joined forces to try to alleviate the human suffering. Still lacking staff to deal directly with relief work, ADRA joined forces with OXFAM and the Cambodian Red Cross to make disaster kits available to thousands of families. The kits included basic cooking equipment, some dried foodstuffs, buckets, and simple plastic sheets for temporary shelters. The World Food Program supplied rice to all who were in need and could be reached.

Before the first floodwaters could subside and allow families to return to their damaged homes and crops, the great Mekong River reached near-record levels, threatening to flood Phnom Penh itself. Fortunately Phnom Penh was spared, but many villages across the river from Phnom Penh were flooded, resulting in more



Many roads were damaged or destroyed by recent floods.

people fleeing their threatened homes. Again ADRA/Cambodia helped in taking supplies and disaster kits to the newly-affected people.

ADRA/Far East, ADRA/South Pacific Division, and ADRA/International made funds available for the relief work. In addition, ADRA/South Pacific Division was able to get space on a Royal Australian Air Force Hercules transport plane to send some relief supplies into Cambodia.

-- Charles H. Tidwell, Director, ADRA/Cambodia

Adventists Establish an Official Presence in Cambodia

Although the Seventh-day Adventist Church has had various activities in Cambodia for many years, only recently has an official presence been established with the Cambodian government.

On July 24, 1991, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) signed an agreement with the Foreign Ministry of the State of Cambodia. Deputy Foreign Minister Long Visalo signed for the State of Cambodia, and Pastor George Johnson, President of the Southeast Asia Union Mission, signed on behalf of ADRA/Southeast Asia.

Since 1989 ADRA has been working on a project to rebuild an ancient irrigation system near the famous Angkor Wat monuments. Using local labor and funding from the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau, ADRA has helped to reconstruct an extensive canal system that makes it possible to produce multiple crops in an area that otherwise has a limited growing season. Recently a seed-distribution project was begun in the same area to further enhance agricultural production.

The agreement signed in July allows ADRA and the Seventh-day Adventist Church to set up offices and enter into agreements with various ministries of the nation to carry out additional projects. Other major projects currently under consideration are the construction of a technical school and a health facility.

Progress in peace talks makes it seem likely that thousands of refugees who have lived in camps in Thailand for more than a decade may soon return to Cambodia. Among these are several thousand who became Seventh-day Adventists while living in the camps. Many of these members are being trained as lay Bible workers and church leaders. The Cambodian government has given the Adventist church leaders assurance that there will be religious freedom in their nation, so the SDA Church should have a strong presence in Cambodia in the years ahead.

Retiree Charles Tidwell, who has served for many years as a missionary in the Southern Asia and the Far Eastern Divisions, was appointed in April of this year to serve as Director of ADRA/Cambodia and as leader for the new work there. He has established an office in Phnom Penh to carry forward this work.

*-- Kenneth R. Wade,
Communication Director, SAUM*

Adventist Company Meets in Cambodia

Four weeks in a row, special Sabbath meetings were held in Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia, where the Seventh-day Adventist Church and ADRA/Cambodia established an official presence in July.



It is a joyful occasion for Seventh-day Adventists to be able to worship together in Cambodia, even in a hotel room.

These meetings were possible because of the visit of Pastor Thy San Sam, who spent all of his annual leave and took some extra leave without pay to visit Cambodia. A convert from the refugee camps in Thailand in the early 1980's, Pastor Sam is now the pastor of the Cambodian SDA Church in Lowell, Massachusetts (USA).

Back in Cambodia again, Pastor Sam began his meetings with several of his own relatives and the relatives of American Cambodian Seventh-day Adventists. The day after his arrival in Cambodia, he had a home service with three SDA's, including a layman returned from the refugee camps, Sokhai Pov, and Dr. Charles Tidwell, director of ADRA/Cambodia.

Pastor Sam brought with him a supply of Khmer Bibles and other literature. He used these to contact people and hold studies in their homes. Then he invited them to come for studies in his hotel room.

On the first Sabbath of Pastor Sam's visit, 16 people attended the meeting. By the fourth Sabbath, there were 28. Hopefully the interests begun by his visit will result in a number of baptisms and in the establishment of a Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cambodia, the first since the troubles started in that country almost 20 years ago.

-- Charles H. Tidwell, Director, ADRA/Cambodia

Prime Minister's Mother Receives Hearing Aid

Madam Dee Pop, mother of Cambodia's Prime Minister, Hun Sen, was all smiles when Dr. Charles Tidwell put a hearing aid in her ear, adjusted it a bit, and she could hear normal voices again. Madam Dee Pop's niece, Mrs. Sahmbo, and a translator accompanied Dr. Tidwell when he made the presentation.

During a visit to the home of this elderly lady in July, Pastor George Johnson, Director of ADRA/SAUM noticed her difficulty in hearing and promised to get her a hearing aid. He later purchased the aid in Singapore and had it hand carried into Cambodia to be personally delivered to her.

The first contact with Madam Dee Pop was in July, when General Nal Pel, his wife, and Judith Hyder of California (USA) visited her along with Pastor Johnson. As they discussed the ADRA work, she was eager to report her own efforts to help the poor in Cambodia.

Following the severe floods affecting Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, and five surrounding provinces, Madam Dee Pop has been very active in personally going to the affected areas and giving much-needed supplies to those in need. She invited ADRA to assist in the relief work. In fact, she insisted that the ADRA director to go with her for the distribution of relief supplies.

— Charles H. Tidwell, Director, ADRA/Cambodia

■ PENINSULAR MALAYSIA ■

Touched by God's Love

Every Friday afternoon, Hospital Ministry members visit patients in their rooms at Penang Adventist Hospital (PAH) to invite them to the Sabbath morning worship services in the hospital.

One Friday the Hospital Ministry personnel noticed a 41-year-old journalist, Mr. Pachimuthu Ayakano, lying on his sick bed apparently quite depressed. Members of the group began to talk with him and encourage him, sharing their love, care and concern. Later Pachimuthu commented, "Through my few days' stay here, I have felt the presence of God and want to learn more about Jesus." He received God's love not only through the tender, loving care of the nurses while he was hospitalized, but also through the Sunshine Band on Sabbath afternoons.

Pachimuthu, a Hindu by birth, came in touch with Christianity by attending a Christian church occasionally, but he did not take religion seriously at that time. Then, about eight months ago, doctors discovered that he had diabetes mellitus. Because of a complication of the diabetes, he had to have his right forearm amputated in a Kuala Lumpur hospital. There he received God's love and care through a Seventh-day Adventist doctor, Dicky Ng.

After his discharge from the hospital, Pachimuthu returned to his hometown, Penang. Some time later,

when he found an abscess on his right thigh, his family members advised him to go to Penang Adventist Hospital. There he came into closer contact with Christianity.

For financial reasons, Pachimuthu was transferred to a government hospital. Even there, however, he continued to receive visits from the PAH Hospital Ministry members on Sabbath afternoons. Some members of the group shared religious audio cassettes with him, and gave him Bible studies two or three times a week.

Pachimuthu had persistent diarrhea, and the dirty wound in his right thigh prevented him from walking. Despite his medical condition, however, words of praise always came from his lips. He always asked for more spiritual food, and would tell his family members and others around him that God was sustaining him. Even though he had diarrhea each night also, he would say confidently, "When I sleep at night, I surrender all to God and I was not disturbed by my diarrhea or pain, praise the Lord." After a series of Bible studies, Pachimuthu accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour.

As his medical condition finally seemed to improve, the medical team were hoping to do skin grafts on his thigh. PAH Hospital Ministry personnel had other hopes—they looked forward to Pachimuthu getting well and becoming a dedicated worker for God, as he had a

great desire to share the Good News with his family and friends.

Then Pachimuthu suddenly collapsed. His heart and lungs quit working, and he failed to respond to the resuscitation team's efforts to revive him.

Although Pachimuthu did not have the opportunity to be publicly baptized, Hospital Ministry members believe that he was baptized by the Holy Spirit and was ready to meet his coming Saviour. Pachimuthu's life was a testimony to his closely-knit Hindu family, who invited the Hospital Ministry members to attend the funeral and to conduct a memorial service for Pachimuthu. They have responded to God's love also by opening their minds to the Gospel message.

-- Steve Kuan, Assistant Coordinator,
PAH Hospital Ministry

Sungei Way Church Leads in PEM

The Sungei Way Church is a leading church in all aspects among the Indian churches in Peninsular Malaysia: in membership, attendance, tithes and offerings, baptisms, and in Christian witnessing.

September 7 was another special day for the Sungei Way Indian Church. The church members fasted and prayed on that Sabbath. On the same day, seven people were baptized, five from Sungei Way and two from nearby Banting. The baptism took place at Morib Beach, about 50 miles from Sungei Way in Selangor State. About 70 members from the two churches gathered for the occasion. More candidates are now preparing for baptism at Port Dickson in mid-November.

-- Benjamin Paramiah,
Church Ministries Director, PEM

■ SABAH ■

Andrews University Volunteers Help in ADRA Project

Thirteen volunteers from Andrews University (USA) came to help villagers install water systems in the Mandahan area, about 60 miles south of Sabah's capital city, Kota Kinabalu, during June and July.

The volunteers, together with the villagers, took five weeks to construct two gravity-flow water systems, which required building two small dams at the water source and two reservoirs made of bricks and concrete, and laying over six kilometers of pipes through jungles and plains.

Although it was a tough project, the volunteers and villagers worked very well together, and even had some energy left to play games together in the evenings. Some took time to learn what they could of Malay and the local dialect, Dusun, and were able to communicate to some extent as they worked.

This is the fourth ADRA water project in which overseas volunteers have assisted recently. The first group of volunteers came from Japan in March 1989, followed by a group of high school students from Far Eastern Academy in Singapore during March 1990. Later in 1990, a Pacific Union College (USA) group also helped. ADRA/Sabah is thankful for volunteers who are willing to give their time and energy to help in needy areas of Sabah.

-- James Lai, Director, ADRA/Sabah



Volunteers help lay six kilometers of pipe through the jungle.

■ SARAWAK ■

Pathfinders and Red Crescent Club Hold Joint Camp

On July 5, a total of 45 young people from the Marudi Pathfinder Club and the Red Crescent Club began their long-awaited combined camp.

During the five-day camp, the youth practiced their skills in bandaging, knot tying and fire building. They also had camp cooking demonstrations and other activities. At the camp the young people also heard truth-filled messages.

Many of the campers had never before attended such a camp, and found it a real eye-opening experience. A large number expressed the desire to have more such camps in the future. In response to that request, another joint camp is being held in November.



In Sarawak, many Seventh-day Adventist teachers work in government schools, and many of the Adventist youth attend the government schools as well. Because of the efforts of these teachers, the Pathfinder Club has come to be recognized as an approved extracurricular activity, along with other similar organizations such as the Boy Scouts, the Girl Guides, and the Red Crescent Club. In fact, in some schools the Scouts and Guides have given way to the Pathfinders, and students are encouraged to attend the Pathfinder Club because it offers more activities and honors than the other clubs can provide.

In Marudi, the Red Crescent Club leader is a Seventh-day Adventist. When he suggested a joint club camp-out, he was told that he must get permission from the district youth director of the Sarawak government. As it turned out, the government official is also an active church

member, and he readily gave the needed approval. Furthermore, he attended the camp and took an active part in all of its activities.

Organizing the camp were two active laymen, Encik Steward Bujang and Usi. Both are government workers, but are active leaders in the Pathfinder Club in Marudi. They also have a very strong desire to help other youth to know God.

Already many youth in the country have learned of God's love in this way, resulting in numerous baptisms. Truly the Pathfinder Clubs provide a tremendous opportunity for helping other young people to know Christ.

*-- Shupinar Koubong,
Church Ministries Director, SAUM*

Junior Pathfinders Have Camps

Juniors are naturally always on the go! They like to have something going on all the time. So, on August 18-21, they had another junior camp in Lanchang, Sarawak, planned by Pastor Edmund Liah, who is Secretary and Church Ministries Director and currently Acting President of the Sarawak Mission.

Six junior Pathfinder Clubs gathered at Lanchang Village, where they learned drilling, fire building and swimming during the camp. They also had contests in fishing, knot tying and other skills.



The juniors returned home with new ideas and improved skills, as well as a determination to help other juniors to join their Pathfinder Clubs. Helping to direct the camp were Mrs. Jeros Liah and Mrs. Naris Suboh, both teachers at Sunny Hill School and College.

*-- Shupinar Koubong,
Church Ministries Director, SAUM*

Stewardship Seminars Reach Northern Sarawak

Pastor Gilbert Tan, the Stewardship Director for Sarawak Mission, and Pastor Shupinar Koubong, Stewardship Director for Southeast Asia Union Mission, traveled into northern Sarawak during early August for several stewardship seminars.

The churches in the Bintulu, Miri and Marudi districts have many government workers and oil company employees, as well as a number of businessmen. District pastors David Ngali and Matthew Mambu assisted in the stewardship meetings, which were held on Sabbaths and in the evenings so that the working people could attend. The Stewardship Directors and the pastors spent the daytime hours in visitation.

Many of the members renewed their vows to support the work of God in their area and to faithfully return their tithes to the Lord's work. As a result of the visitation, several individuals who had been missing from services for some time returned to church. Prayer is needed that in these districts and in every part of God's work the members will not grow cold in their allegiance to the great God in Heaven, the Creator and Owner of the whole universe.

*-- Shupinar Koubong,
Stewardship Director, SAUM*

New Building Is Officially Opened

The new four-storey classroom-cum-administration building at Sunny Hill College in Kuching was officially opened on September 1 by The Honorable Dr. Wong Soon Kai, State Minister of Infrastructure Development for Sarawak.

Other officials from the government education department, community leaders, representatives from the Far Eastern Division (FED) and the Southeast Asia Union Mission (SAUM), as well as many alumni, local church leaders and members attended the opening and dedication ceremony.

Other guests leading out in the program included Dr. David Wong, FED Church Ministries Director, Mr. T. G. Staples, SAUM Treasurer, and Dr. Edmund Siagian, SAUM Education Director.

In spite of heavy rain that day, over 900 people attended the ceremony, had a guided tour of the new facilities, and later ate lunch together in the school



Dr. Wong Soon Kai and Mr. Thomas Staples prepare to cut the ribbon as Principal Gordon Chong (center), looks on.

auditorium. The local Public Works Department provided hundreds of chairs, banners and bunting, potted plants and flowers for the occasion.

Mr. Gordon Chong, the school principal, and Mr. Roland Suboh, the senior assistant, along with other Sunny Hill College faculty have worked hard to make this opening a reality.

-- Edmund Siagian, Education Director, SAUM

Kuching Church Holds Family Camp

In mid-August, 45 families left their various trades and vocations in Kuching for a three-day Family Camp at the Sri Matang camp site.

Mrs. Shirley Chapman, the Home and Family Associate Director for the Southeast Asia Union Mission (SAUM), and Pastor Shupinar Koubong, SAUM Church Ministries Director, presented talks and dialogues on parenting and on family worship. Those who attended also had adequate time for social activities.

Organizers for the camp were the Kuching Church pastor, Lawrence Banyie, and assistant pastor, Chai Mien Seng. Even though he is still a bachelor, Pastor Chai is well aware that strong family ties help to form a strong church.

At the end of the camp, many members went away determined to strengthen their family ties with God through regular worship, and to use their family influence as a tool to win other souls to Christ.

*-- Shupinar Koubong,
Church Ministries Director, SAUM*

■ SINGAPORE ■

Jurong Church Hosts Pathfinder Day Celebration

Jurong English Church celebrated Pathfinder Day on September 21, as its Makarios Pathfinder Club held a joint investiture service with both the Eagles (senior) and the Falcons (junior) Pathfinder Clubs from Seventh-day Adventist School. Two other clubs, Jireh from San Yu High School and the group from Dunman Road Church, also attended, to make a total of about 70 uniformed Pathfinders present.

Pathfinders led out in both the Sabbath School and the Divine Worship. During Sabbath School, the Makarios, Falcon and Jireh clubs each presented a special song. For their part in the program, the Eagles showed the one- and the two-handed finger spelling for communication with the deaf. A slide presentation featured various Pathfinder events from the previous two or three years.

During the 11:00 worship hour, Elder Mike Stevenson, Youth Director of the General Conference, spoke on "God's Plan for Youth." He also took a major role in the Investiture Service, assisted by Youth Directors Dr. David Wong, Far Eastern Division, Pastor Shupinar Koubong, SAUM, and Pastor Chan Shee Wai, Singapore Mission.

During the investiture, a total of 53 awards were given out, ranging from the junior classes to the senior classes. Pastor Jonathan Cheong, the assistant pastor of Thomson

Road Chinese Church, and Mrs. Marilyn Johnson, a teacher at Southeast Asia Union College, were invested as Master Guides.

After years of working toward it, Mr. Samuel Siew, Publishing Director of the Singapore Mission and leader of the Makarios Pathfinder Club, received the Gold Award. This is the highest award for physical and cultural excellence. Pastor Stevenson mentioned that this is the first time in all of his 30 years of youth work that he has presented anyone with that award.

After lunch together, all the Pathfinders and guests had the opportunity to look at a display of Pathfinder crafts, collections, and other exhibits. Later the Eagles and Falcons met again to receive the honor badges which they had earned during the past few months.

The interest in Pathfinding has recently been revived in the Singapore Mission, and about 15 people are currently taking a Pathfinder leadership training course. If the efforts of the individual Pathfinder Clubs in striving toward excellence is any indication, the youth ministry of the Singapore Mission looks promising.

*-- Samuel Siew, Director,
Makarios Pathfinder Club*

Youngberg Hospital Has Week of Prayer

Pastor George Johnson, President of Southeast Asia Union Mission, shared with the staff of Youngberg Adventist Hospital the blessed hope of the soon-coming Saviour during the hospital's annual week of prayer from September 23 to 27.

In his daily presentation, Pastor Johnson heightened the awareness of the hospital staff on the world events that clearly demonstrate the love of God in calling for personal preparation in having a saving relationship with the Lord.

The hospital family found the messages simple and relevant to their needs, and have enjoyed a week of spiritual refreshing in this time of Bible study and prayer.

*-- Jonathan Ng, Director of Chaplaincy,
Youngberg Adventist Hospital*



Singapore Pathfinders convene for a special Pathfinder Day celebration and investiture.

Singapore LEs Have Convention

The Singapore Mission held its annual Literature Evangelist Convention in Le Village Beach Resort in Kuantan, Peninsular Malaysia, from September 8 to 12.

For some LEs, the annual convention is the only time they take off from their daily door-to-door canvassing. Thus it offers them a time to learn, relax, and fellowship with their fellow literature evangelists and leaders.

At the convention, Pastor Howard Faigao, Associate Publishing Director of the Far Eastern Division, and Southeast Asia Union Mission Publishing Director Rayburn Smith presented the morning talks on Sales Psychology and Salesmanship. Mr. David Tan, General Manager of Southeast Asia Publishing House in Singapore, gave the morning worship talks. The LEs had free time for swimming and recreation during the afternoons.

The evening programs were somewhat more relaxed. In addition to video presentations, Mr. Samuel Siew, Singapore Mission Publishing Director, gave publishing reports. Various literature evangelists gave testimonies of how God had blessed them.

Near the end of the convention, the group took a tour of Kuantan and nearby places of interest. On the last night, literature evangelists received awards and recognition for top sales and for the four baptisms resulting



Singapore Mission literature evangelists enjoy their annual retreat in Peninsular Malaysia.

from L.E. contacts. At the conclusion of the program, Rayburn Smith shared his testimony during a recommitment service, and all of the literature evangelists rededicated their lives to serving the Lord until the work on earth is finished.

-- Samuel Siew, Publishing Director, SAM

■ THAILAND ■

Chiangmai School Reaps Harvest

July 13 may not have any significance of most people, but to 18 students of Chiangmai Adventist Educational Center it is a very important date--their birthday. It was the day of their new birth in Christ when Pastor Boonrat Moolkeo, the speaker for the Week of Prayer, baptized nine boys and nine girls at the school.

Besides the students who were baptized that day, many others indicated that they would like to study for baptism. It is a thrilling experience to see these young people take their stand, youth who had never known of the Lord prior to attending this Christian school.

*-- Danny Pung,
Communication Director, TAM*



Pastor Boonrat Moolkeo (left) recently baptized these 18 students following a Week of Prayer in Chiangmai.



LE Institute Held in Thailand

The literature evangelists of the Thailand Mission (TAM) met together in Chiangmai from August 7 to 9 for their annual institute.

In this group of L.E.s there are several former pastors of other denominations, along with many colporteurs who have come from a variety of other Christian and non-Christian religions. They are a group of workers intent on doing more than selling books to earn a living. Their aim is to bring in souls for the Kingdom. During the past 19 months, this group of literature evangelists have had 175 baptisms. It is exciting to see how the Holy Spirit works to bring people to the Lord through the literature ministry.

One member of the group, Pastor Sookjai, was formerly a Pentecostal pastor. After he became a Seventh-day Adventist, he worked as a regular literature evangelist. Now, however, he is serving as a part-time L.E. and part-time pastor. In the past year and a half, he has seen 68 baptisms result from his contacts. Recently he met a village chief, who said that although he was a Christian he really did not know much about Christianity. He requested Pastor Sookjai to send someone to the village of Kamphangphet to teach the people more. Pastor Sookjai took the TAM publishing director, Chamee, and several other helpers to the village and held a series of meetings. Since that initial contact, 32 people have been baptized.

In Thailand Mission, the 12 literature evangelists have also worked on improving their sales. Already this year they have had a 40 percent increase in sales over their



Literature evangelists from all over Thailand meet at Chiangmai for the 1991 institute.

1990 year-end figures. They expect to reach 50-60 percent increase by the end of 1991.

The Thailand Mission literature evangelists are always looking for friends to join their ranks. This Christ-centered group would love to have more dedicated workers join them. It would be an experience that would never be forgotten. If you love to serve the Lord to the fullest of your ability and want to see souls won for the Kingdom of Heaven, contact your Mission Publishing Department Director for a place in this important work.

-- Rayburn Smith, Publishing Director, SAUM

Women Fill Leadership Posts in Thailand

Women in the Thailand Mission (TAM) are now holding leadership roles which were once occupied almost entirely by men.

The Mission Treasurer, Mrs. Betty Chin-Jongsuksathoporn, is the only woman in the TAM Executive Committee. Mrs. Lila Tidwell also serves the Thailand Mission as the Associate Director of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA/Thailand). In other departmental leadership positions in the TAM are Mrs. Nancy Bassham, Director of Family Ministry, and Miss Rianthong Boontem, Director for Child Evangelism.

With the exception of the large twin schools in Bangkok--Adventist Ekamai School and Adventist English School--which are headed by men, all the other Mission schools are practically run and administered by women.

Mrs. Marilyn Beveridge is the Administrator of Chiangmai Adventist Educational Center. She works hand in hand with Mr. Thaworn Khwasirisaringkarn, who is the Principal of Chiangmai Academy, and with Mrs. Buaket Phayae, Principal of the Adult School. The educational center often yields students with good results in the government examinations, and some of their teachers have received citations for excellent teaching performance from the Thai government Department of Education.

Miss Helen Hall, of Australia, leads the Eden Valley Academy almost single-handedly as far as administration is concerned. Miss Hall runs the 12-grade school, which has a total enrollment of 240 students, with the help of Pastor Ler Htoo and 11 teachers, student missionaries and interns. The school has a strong mental, physical and spiritual program, along with an excellent work program.

Mrs. Amporn Eiawasakul manages the Haadyai Elementary School and Kindergarten. Although she has

recently retired as a chaplain in the Haadyai Mission Hospital, she still maintains an active role in the SDA school with its 311 students and 10 teachers. In spite of acute financial problems and stringent government requirements, Mrs. Amporn has been able to hold the school program intact with the help of the principal, Mr. Narin, ministerial student Lee Sakumporn, and a staff of dedicated teachers. Mrs. Amporn has also been recently appointed by the Thailand Mission to be the senior pastor of the Haadyai SDA Church.

The driving force behind the Phuket Elementary School is Dr. Nantje Twijnstra. As the Associate Chairman of the school board, she not only chairs the board meetings but also helps financially by giving scholarships to teachers and students, and by donating to the school operating funds. She is aided by Pastor Pakdee Tawino and other members of the school board.

Mrs. Salinee Navamaratana is the President of Mission College. She is a long-term teacher and administrator in the Bangkok Adventist Hospital School of Nursing. She was also largely responsible for upgrading the three-and-a-half year nursing program into a four-year collegiate degree program. She is also the first president of Mission College, Muak Lek campus.

Miss Pat Gustin has also served for many years in

Thailand. She has been the successful administrator of several educational institutions, and is now the Director of the English Language School in Bangkok.

Mrs. Nursia Supunavong became the first woman director of an Adventist hospital in Southeast Asia when she was appointed as president of Phuket Adventist Hospital in late 1990. Her administrative committee is made up of four ladies and two men.

In Bangkok Adventist Hospital, women such as Mrs. Apsorn Dabanand, Dr. Rapeepan, Dr. Siriporn Tan, and Mrs. Jongkolnee hold key positions in the administrative committee.

Recently Miss Barbara Spencer has been appointed as Pastor of the Ekamai English SDA Church in Bangkok. Mrs. Oratai Intaepa and Mrs. Nantawan Srisuk are both now in an experimental program for one year, during which they will receive a stipend to work full time as assistant pastors alongside their pastor husbands. Mrs. Nantawan is also serving as an evangelist, working with Pastor Tino, a contract minister and project director, to bring the Gospel to the Egaw Tribe.

-- Edmund Siagian, Education Director, SAUM
W. Steve Bassham, President, TAM

-- Mark Wong, student, Southeast Asia Union College

■ SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE ■

Hands "Talk" for the Lord

Chucky McChook is the youngest chick in the McChook family. Stuck at the bottom of the pecking order, he finds it hard to grow a healthy comb of self-esteem. Hen-pecked Chucky is lonely, sickly, and depressed. Then along comes Cathy the Caterpillar, who crawls up a tree and spins herself into a cocoon. As the morning sun dries up the dew, the cocoon vibrates, a butterfly emerges and takes flight, teaching Chucky a lesson about resilience and flexibility in life.

Chucky is one of the favorites in the "Talking Hands" puppet group's growing repertoire. Since March, this group of Southeast Asia Union College students has performed for schools, orphanages, shopping center audiences, a hospital stop-smoking campaign, and a Daniel Seminar. It has taken part in an evangelistic outreach in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) and neighboring Kajang, previously unentered by Seventh-day Adventists. And the group recently completed Week of Prayer programs for both Southeast



Asia Union College (SAUC) and the primary section of Seventh-day Adventist School in Singapore.

In the Kuala Lumpur/Kajang programs alone, the puppet group made contact with about 3,000 people. Seventeen teachers and students enrolled in the follow-up workshop in Kajang, where "Talking Hands" received an open invitation to perform and conduct training sessions for the local Sunday Schools.

Presently the group is winding up its three-month "Wise Men and Dreamers" Daniel Seminar at the Balestier Road Seventh-day Adventist Church in Singapore.

During the week of October 7 to 12, the "Talking Hands" presented the entire Week of Prayer series at Southeast Asia Union College. Called "The Magazine Show," the program combined puppets with music, slide and overhead transparency presentations, and thought-provoking devotional messages to convey the message that Christ cares for each individual.

The "Talking Hands" puppet ministry is being refined and prepared as an evangelistic package which can be conducted at churches and schools. The programs involve the use of about 50 puppets, with portable framed stage equipment, rear-projection audio-visuals, music and Gospel preaching. The group also trains the children and youth in the local churches to help out with the puppeteering.

Anyone interested in the ministry of "Talking Hands" may contact senior ministerial students John Tan or Victor Lee at Southeast Asia Union College.

-- Brenna Lynch, student, SAUC

SAUC to Offer English Major

The English Department of Southeast Asia Union College (SAUC) plans to offer English as a major field of study beginning in January 1992. At present, the English Department offers only a minor in English.

Dr. Mary Wong, Chairperson of the English and Communications Department at SAUC, began seriously planning the options for the English program during her sabbatical leave last year. This resulted in a proposal to Walla Walla College for expanding the SAUC English program to include a major.

The English major will be divided into two main streams. Students may opt to pursue an English major with concentration in the English language, including communication, literature, speech and writing. Or they may choose to specialize in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL). This program is especially important because of the ever-increasing need for competent teachers of English in an Asian context.

Both the English Department and the Curriculum Committee at Walla Walla College approved the proposal for an English major at SAUC prior to June this year. The proposal is currently on the agenda for the Walla Walla College Senate meeting scheduled for later this year.

-- Mark Wong, student, SAUC

College Has Annual Homecoming Festivities

On August 10 and 11, the Southeast Asia Union College (SAUC) Student Association held its traditional cultural show and food fair on Alumni Homecoming weekend. This annual event is one of the highlights of the SAUC school year. It is a time when the alumni can come together to interact with old friends and also with the present SAUC students.

The 1991 cultural show began with the clashing cymbals and throbbing drums heralding the lion dancers into the auditorium. Students representing 18 countries presented cultural dances, songs, and skits. During the intermission, Dr. Koh Kang Song, SAUC President, presented the Hack Memorial Awards to Bryan Bissell, David Ng, and Terrence Koh for academic excellence.

On Sunday morning, the SAUC basketball court was a bustle of activity for the International Food Fair. Many people gathered around the food stalls to sample the wide variety of dishes prepared by students from around the world.

SAUC is a melting pot where students come to study, work and play together. At the time of Alumni Homecoming, SAUC had students from Australia, Bangladesh, Burma, Cambodia, China, Ethiopia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Marshall Islands, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, and the United States of America.

-- Mark Wong, student, SAUC

College Has Faculty Changes

Recently, several changes have occurred at SAUC. The Business Administration Department of SAUC is now being chaired by Mr. James Segar. Arriving in Singapore in September, he was formerly the chairman of the Business Administration Department at Atlantic Union College (USA). He has three assistants in the department. Mr. David Wu, former SAUC Business Manager, has now joined the teaching faculty full-time. Mr. Matthew Hutabarat, currently acting Business Manager, and Mr. Joseph Manual are also helping in the Business Department. All four of the business faculty members have Master's degrees.

Mrs. Mary Lou Segar has joined the Office Administration Department. She most recently taught in the same department at Atlantic Union College.

With the addition of these individuals and the reassignment of others, SAUC continues to strengthen its academic program and adjust to necessary and expected changes.

-- Gary Brendel, Academic Dean, SAUC

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR AWR!

Adventist World Radio just had a birthday--its 20th!

On February 18, 1971, the General Conference Committee voted to approve a one-year contract for radio broadcasts of the three angels' messages from Portugal. Thus Adventist World Radio-Europe was born.

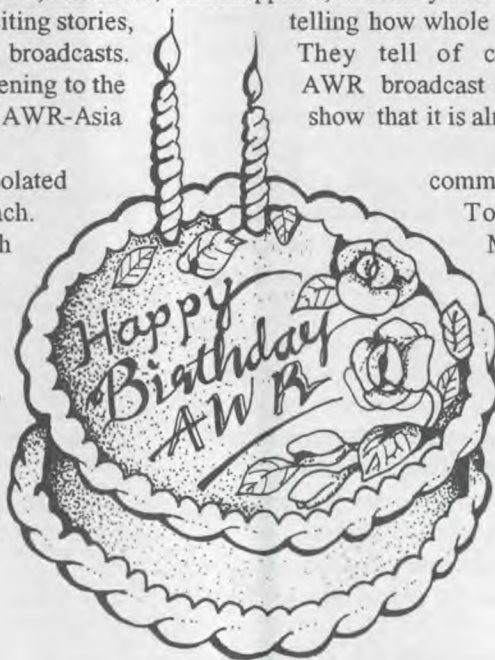
And then it grew. Gradually AWR expanded to include facilities broadcasting into Latin America and Africa. But a major challenge remained -- China, Southeast Asia and India. Then, on March 5, 1987, AWR-Asia went on the air at 2:35 p.m. Guam time, while its staff members shouted with joy, hugging each other and crying tears of happiness.

Four years later, in March this year, AWR began sending the message of God's love into Russia, with one hour a day on weekdays and two hours a day on weekends. Reports from the Baltic countries across to Siberia indicate that reception is good throughout the Soviet Union.

In the city of Tula, south of Moscow, a new AWR Media Center, under the direction of Peter Kulakov, houses studios and offices for the production of programs in several languages. Currently the center is preparing programs in the Russian and Ukrainian languages, and plans to add several more languages in the near future.

From China, Burma, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, and many other countries, letters come to AWR-Asia. They are exciting stories, family through the radio broadcasts. They tell of communities worshipping together on Sabbaths, listening to the Sabbath service. Letters to AWR-Asia show that it is already reaching at least 114 countries.

AWR can penetrate isolated communities where the gospel might otherwise never reach. Today, the AWR Board Chairman, Kenneth Mittleider, is calling for an added 1000 hours of AWR broadcasts in 1992. He says, "Recent events in Europe and the Middle East tell us that the Church must find ways to take advantage of its opportunities to witness while they are available." He continues, "The greater the response, limited to 30 minutes a week, when we should have daily broadcasts." But hours cost money.



telling how whole families are joining God's show that it is already reaching at least 114

communities where the gospel

Now it is AWR's birthday...

*What would you like to give
-- to AWR and to God?*

■ DEVOTIONAL ■

My God Is Faithful

Back in July 1986 I first entered medical school at the National University of Singapore. From the start, I faced many problems because of my stand on the Sabbath.

My final medical school examinations would be in March 1991. Failing this examination would mean six additional months of reporting to hospital duty, paying school fees and taking the supplementary examinations.

A few months before the examination timetable came out, I approached the registrar of the Medical Faculty, requesting that none of my papers be scheduled on a Sabbath. To my dismay, she said it was impossible, and even threatened that my supplementary papers six months later would most likely be on Sabbath too.

I cried out to God and struggled with Him. After five tough years in medical school, I badly wanted to graduate and start serving as a doctor. At that moment, I just could not reconcile why God allowed such a cruel thing to happen to me. I began to reflect and re-examine the true meaning of Sabbath.

Thank God that during my quiet moments with Him, He reminded me that He had not only created me but had also redeemed me by His precious blood. He loves me and desires those special moments with me every Sabbath that together we might celebrate. From then on, Sabbath took on a new meaning in my life. It was no longer an obligation but a joy and privilege to communicate and worship my Creator and Redeemer. He also encouraged me with the assurance that we have no fear for the future unless we forget how the Lord has led us in the past.

Indeed, as I pondered upon His past faithfulness and grace, I was overwhelmed. It was only by His many miracles that I had stayed in medical school that long. Throughout the five years, God had sent classmates who were willing to take notes on Sabbath lectures for me or to present my case studies for me. He had softened doctors' and lecturers' hearts to overlook my Sabbath absences. So why should I now fear the future?

The examinations finally came and went. Because I chose not to take an exam on Sabbath, I had to repeat six months of posting at the hospital. It was the best six months I've ever lived! I learned so much that can help me be a better doctor. Jesus became a closer Friend than ever before. I experience such love of Christian brothers and sisters who prayed for me. Moreover, God gave me many opportunities to witness to my professors and my friends.

When the time came for the supplementary examinations, God scheduled my exam on weekdays. God has indeed been faithful to me, and at last I am able to graduate.

If you are struggling with decisions about Sabbath work or study, but you wish to be faithful in obeying God's commandments, trust Him and give thanks. God will show you His faithfulness if you will allow Him to.

—Tan Pik Yee, Thomson Road Chinese Church, Singapore

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