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Something Worth Sharing

What does it mean to be a Christian in a non-Christian world?

As I write this, I have been living in Southeast Asia for just over one year. It is my first experience in living outside the United States, and these 12 months have been filled with interesting learning experiences. I have tried to expose myself to many different cultures and religions in order to better understand what it is that I, as a Christian, can offer to people from other religious backgrounds.

I have sat quietly at the back of the Marble Wat in Bangkok, watching the ritual as a family gave one of their sons to be a monk. I have visited Wat Phra Kaeo in the same city, and pondered the representations of gods and demons there, trying to fathom the meaning of the religion that has given birth to these icons.

I have prowled through the ruins of two ancient Khmer temples--relics from the time when Hinduism was the dominant religion in Southeast Asia--pondering the meaning of the religion that inspired them, and I have attended the dedication of a new Hindu temple in Singapore. I was near the front row of spectators on October 28 when the priests started the procession of runners across the red-hot coals at Singapore's Sri Mariamman Temple.

In Singapore, I have visited Chinese temples, and watched devotees offering food to photographs, and burning paper houses and money to send to their deceased loved ones. I listened to the chants of young people attending a Buddhist "Sunday School."

I have also visited mosques where the Muslim faithful come to pray.

In all of this I have carried several questions in my mind: What does it mean to be a Christian? What does Christianity have to offer to the people of this region who do not know Christ as their Saviour? What can I offer to these people, and how can I make them aware of what Christ offers to them?

Fear of Sharing

I believe that many Christians are fearful of sharing their faith with people of other religious backgrounds. Perhaps it is because we have never taken the time to stop and think about what it really means to be a Christian, and what Christianity can offer to the world.

In the next several issues of *MESSANGER*, I will share ideas as to what we as Christians can offer to our

non-Christian neighbors. For this time, I'd like to suggest one word: Peace.

The world today hangs by a thin thread over a chasm called war--yet it has the finest opportunity in centuries for achieving peace. People want peace, but people only seem to know how to wage war--no one seems to know quite how to "wage peace."

We have armies, war colleges, and combat training schools. But we have no peace colleges. We speak of the peace process in Cambodia, but the truth of the matter is that the only schooling many of the Khmer people have had has been in the art of war. Who will teach these people the art of peace?

Have you ever noticed that the Apostle Paul began every one of his epistles writing about **grace and peace**? He lived in an era when peace could be enforced on Europe by the threat of the Roman sword. But it was not this peace that he referred to in his greetings to the churches.

Paul's peace lies at the root of all peace. For the peace he speaks of is peace with the Creator of the universe--peace with the universe itself.

It is this peace that we can offer to our friends and neighbors: the knowledge that the Creator wants to declare a permanent truce--that we need no longer be His enemies--that God wants so very much to be at peace with us that He was willing to take upon Himself the cruel results of the estrangement caused by sin (see Romans 8:3-11).

Peace with God. Peace with ourselves. Peace with our fellow man. Often these commodities are undervalued or ignored in the heat of emotion. But who can attach a value to something so priceless as peace? Peace that means we need no longer appease the spirits. Peace that declares a truce with our brother or sister who has wounded us.

As Christians we have something most worthwhile to offer to those around us. Take time to consider what peace means to you, how God gives it, and how you can share it with your acquaintances.

If the Prince of Peace rules the territory of your heart, you have something important to give to the world!

— Kenneth R. Wade
Ministerial Secretary, SAUM

Voice of Hope Construction Begins

Construction is now underway on the Voice of Hope radio station on the Indonesian island Pulau Belakang Padang. The contract to begin construction was signed on December 16, 1991 on the island of Batam.

The station is owned and to be operated by the West Indonesia Union Mission (WIUM) with input from the Southeast Asia Union Mission, the Singapore Mission and the Peninsular Malaysia Mission. When the station begins broadcasting about the end of 1992, it will provide quality Christian programming to the Riau Islands of Indonesia as well as Singapore and parts of Johor.

Taking part in the signing of the contract were WIUM representatives Alex Hendricks, president; Datuk Pius Panjaitan, secretary; Maruap Sitompul, treasurer; and Jonathan Wagiran, communication department director. Invited to witness the signing of contract were Thomas G. Staples and Kenneth R. Wade.

A company located on the small island where the station is being built is doing the construction. Pastor Lingga from Batam will visit the site frequently to assess progress.

Once the station is completed, it will broadcast gospel music and other Christian programming on the FM band six hours per day. After an initial test period, the broadcasting hours will be lengthened, and it is hoped that the station will eventually be able to broadcast 24 hours per day. By Indonesian law, one-half of the broadcasting must be done in Bahasa Indonesia, but this refers only to the announcing, and does not affect the music that will be aired.

Many Seventh-day Adventists in Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia eagerly anticipate the day when the station will begin broadcasting. The Far Eastern Division initially set aside funds for the purchase of land. Now churches in Peninsular Malaysia and in Singapore are collecting one offering each quarter of 1992 to help raise funds for the station. Hopefully after it begins broadcasting the station will become self-supporting through sponsorships and limited advertising.

People in this world need hope. The Voice of Hope, broadcasting from Pulau Belakang Padang, will direct people to Jesus, the real source of hope.

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

At Rest

Elder Harry W. Bedwell, a former president of the Southeast Asia Union Mission, passed away on December 11, 1991 at Loma Linda, California (USA). Funeral services were conducted in Loma Linda by Elders R. H. Roderick and Henry Berg.

Pastor Bedwell graduated from Walla Walla College, and then served as a pastor-evangelist in Canada until he received a call to mission service in 1952. He served a total of 22 years in the Far Eastern Division.

During his years in the Far East, he worked first as the editor of the Philippine Publishing House, then in various capacities in the Philippines. In January 1962, Elder Bedwell took up the responsibilities as Secretary-Treasurer of the Southeast Asia Union Mission. Ten months later he became the SAUM President, and stayed for four years before his transfer to the Far Eastern Division (FED) headquarters.

At the FED he served as Secretary, as Field Secretary, and then as Assistant Treasurer until his return to the USA in 1974. At the time of his retirement in 1980, he was an assistant ABC manager in the Northern California Conference.

Elder Bedwell is survived by his wife, Marvel, daughter Carol June, and son Darrel.

-- D. A. Roth, General Conference Representative

V.O.P. Reports

At the end of 1991, the Voice of Prophecy had about 20,000 students in the correspondence schools. Most of these students have come from contacts made by literature evangelists. In Alor Setar, in the far north of Peninsular Malaysia, a group of colporteurs have flooded the town with VOP cards. Today many of the VOP students in Alor Setar are attending the local church.

Other students currently enrolled have been introduced to the courses by present or previous VOP students. Some churches are running a quarterly VOP enrollment campaign. Where this is done regularly, the VOP has many students.

During 1991, VOP rallies were held in Kuala Lumpur and Penang (Peninsular Malaysia), Kuching (Sarawak), and Kota Kinabalu and Sandakan (Sabah).

During the past year, a total of 149 VOP students have been baptized. Hopefully that number can grow in 1992, as volunteers work through prayer, faith and sacrifice to harvest souls for the Kingdom.

-- Samuel Money, VOP Director, SAUM

Longest-Serving Publishing House Worker Retires

Mr. Wu Han Kong joined the Malayan Signs Press--now Southeast Asia Publishing House (SAPH)--as a printer in 1948. For 15 years he worked in printing before transferring to the Graphics Reproduction Department to serve another 15 years as a pressman and cameraman. Mr. Wu then became the press foreman, and continued there until his official retirement in December 1988.

Retirement for Mr. Wu, however, was not yet to be. The SAPH manager at that time, Mr. John Ho, requested him to continue as a part-time worker. Finally, after working under one roof for 41 years without a break, this faithful denominational worker has finally retired.

Mr. Wu had the privilege of serving under seven Publishing House managers: Elder V. D. Bond, Elder E. N. Wendth, Mr. Choo Yau Fong, Pastor Samuel Tsai, Mr. Lim San Hoe, Mr. John Ho, and currently Mr. David J. Tan.



Mr. Wu Han Kong packs books for shipment to Sabah.

His own personal testimony is, "I am thankful to God's providence and protection that during the past 40-over years I did not have to be hospitalized even for a day, despite three serious accidents involving machines in the press." Mr. Wu's own pride and joy was to be able to give his four children, two boys and two girls, a Christian education in the SDA School, and then a tertiary education during his denominational service.

As a memento of appreciation, Southeast Asia Publishing House presented Mr. Wu Han Kong with a pewter plaque at a farewell lunch in his honor on January 31, 1992.

-- Alfred Low, Sales Manager, SAPH

Publishing Has Top Year

The year 1991 was Literature Evangelism year for the Southeast Asia Union Mission. And what a tremendous year it turned out to be! Each of the five Missions in the SAUM showed an increase in sales over the previous year. Each Mission had at least one L.E. contact baptized, with a total of 138 baptisms for the entire field in 1991.

Singapore Mission had the highest year in both sales and baptisms since the Mission separated from Peninsular Malaysia in 1988. Colporteurs in Singapore sold nearly S\$191,200 in books, and had six baptisms in 1991.

In Peninsular Malaysia, book sales amounted to slightly over M\$411,780 (S\$247,068), an 11% increase over the previous year. PEM also had 11 baptisms from L.E. contacts.

Sabah L.E.s had M\$250,105 (S\$150,063) in sales and six baptisms. The sales in Sabah were up 58% over the 1990 sales. While this is an excellent increase, it is even more exciting because the Sabah L.E.s had already experienced a 54% increase over the previous year, 1989.

In Sarawak, colporteurs had sales of M\$205,885 (S\$123,530), a 33% increase over the year before. There was one baptism as a direct result of colporteur efforts.

Thailand Mission literature evangelists sold a total of Bhat 1,469,830 (S\$108,875) in books, leading the Union with the highest percentage of increase, 66% over the previous year. In Thailand, colporteurs were also very active in soul-winning, and reported 114 baptisms directly attributable to colporteur contacts.

Overall, the Southeast Asia Union Mission had a total of S\$840,756 in sales, a 23% increase over the previous year. This is especially gratifying when one realizes that the Malaysian Ringet and the Thai Baht both lost considerable value measured against the Singapore dollar.

During 1991, the SAUM colporteurs experienced real blessings from God, both in sales and in soul-winning. May He continue to grant such success during 1992 as literature evangelists seek to reach souls for Christ's soon-coming kingdom.

*-- Rayburn Smith
Publishing Department Director, SAUM*

■ CAMBODIA ■

Cambodian Education Ministers Visit Thailand

At the invitation of ADRA/Cambodia, the Minister of Education for Cambodia, Mr. Yos Son, and the Director of Higher and Technical Education, Mr. Pich Sophoan, recently visited several Adventist educational facilities in Thailand.

For several months, negotiations had been taking place between ADRA/Cambodia and the Education Ministry of Cambodia about the opening of a technical school. Thus it seemed to ADRA personnel that such a visit could be very profitable. It would answer many of the questions that the ministry officials had raised about how private organizations can successfully operate educational programs for society in general, not just for their own constituencies.

ADRA leaders thought that the visitors should see all types of Seventh-day Adventist educational work, from that at the grass roots to that at the tertiary level.

Upon the ministry officials' arrival at the Bangkok airport, ADRA/Cambodia director Charles Tidwell took them first to Chiangmai, where they visited the Academy and the Adult Education Center. There school leaders Marilyn and Don Beveridge showed the guests around the school and answered many questions. The education ministry officials showed a keen interest in the work

program and in the subsidies and assistance given to poor students at Chiangmai.

On their second day in Thailand, the officials returned to Bangkok and then went to Mission College, Muek Lek campus. College administrator Art Bell showed the men around the new and growing campus. Again the visitors were concerned with the financing and operation of the institution.

On the last day of their tour, the Cambodian leaders visited various Adventist institutions in Bangkok, including Bangkok Adventist Hospital and the Mission College nursing school, the Adventist English School in Ekamai, the Overseas Church School, the English Language School, and the Thailand Mission and ADRA headquarters.

As the two ministers left to return to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, they repeatedly expressed their appreciation for having the opportunity to see how Adventist education is working in Thailand. Their response seems to have answered many of their earlier questions. Hopefully an agreement can soon be reached between the Ministry of Education and ADRA/Cambodia for the setting up and operation of school work in Cambodia.

— Charles H. Tidwell, Director, ADRA/Cambodia

■ LAOS ■

S.D.A. Dental Clinic Proposed for Vientiane

For a number of years prior to 1975, the Bangkok Adventist Hospital (BAH) in Thailand sent its orthodontist to Laos on a monthly basis to care for the dental needs of expatriate workers there.

BAH had also taken an interest in the medical care of Lao citizens, especially in the northern part of the country. Numerous medical teams had gone to assist in health care under the direction of Richard Hall. Some of these medical teams assisted in the Dooley Clinic. In fact, it was at Bangkok Adventist Hospital that Dr. Tom Dooley's cancer was discovered, and he spent six weeks as a patient at BAH.

More recently the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) has been actively involved in providing various forms of assistance in Vietnam, Cambodia,

Thailand and other countries. Currently ADRA is conducting a schistosomiasis project in Laos.

The dental needs of overseas workers in Laos, however, have not been met, and they have requested that a service similar to the pre-1975 arrangement be resumed in Vientiane.

At this time, ADRA has proposed to obtain the services of an American dentist—preferably also trained in the specialty of orthodontics—and set up a modern clinic which would provide both general and orthodontic care for the patients. The project would be funded entirely by ADRA but would be under the supervision and administration of Bangkok Adventist Hospital.

In this project, the dentist would also be made available as a part-time lecturer in general dentistry or orthodontics

at the Vientiane Dental School as a free service to the university.

In addition, ADRA hopes to set up a mobile dental unit which would be available for missions to the rural areas of Laos. Under the supervision of the appointed dentist, the mobile clinic would be staffed primarily by senior dental students so that they can obtain valuable

practical experience using modern dental equipment and following modern dental techniques. This service would also make dental care available to many villages and areas where currently there is no dental practitioner.

-- Russell R. Standish, AHSA Director, SAUM

■ PENINSULAR MALAYSIA ■

K. L. Church Has Revival

The Kuala Lumpur Church has recently had a series of revival meetings in the church and later at Port Dickson camp meeting. Eighty people, ranging in age from three months to 83 years, attended the series.

The new church pastor, Sammy Lee, presented the series entitled "Analysis of the Bible's Magnificent Seven Assures Faith Uplift as well as Face Uplift." He talked about such characters as Samuel who wore six hats; Jephthah, the Robin Hood of the Bible; and Andrew, the simple lay member who always won.

Pastor Lee, who has worked as a self-supporting missionary for the past four years and previously was a departmental director and evangelist in Sarawak Mission, plans to hold an evangelistic effort in the Kuala Lumpur Church during late February. During the effort he will have the help of his son, Victor Lee, with the Talking Hands puppet group from Singapore.

-- Sammy Lee, Pastor, Kuala Lumpur Church

Church Organized in Mentakap

The Peninsular Malaysia Mission had 25 companies and churches until recently. Now a new church group has been organized in the small town of Mentakap, about 90 km. from Kuantan, the capital of Pahang State.

The Kuantan church pastor, Janssen New, found that the 16 members of three Adventist families in Mentakap had no regular Sabbath School or Sabbath worship services in their town. After visiting them several times, Pastor New invited them to join the believers in Kuantan for worship on Sabbath mornings.

The distance was great, but God opened a way for them to attend the services. An army officer who is the



Mentakap Adventists are happy that God provided a way for them to attend worship services.

husband of one of the Mentakap members, Major Christopher, is not a church member but is very interested in the Seventh-day Adventist message. Using an army truck to transport members to Kuantan, he attended the Sabbath meetings very regularly for several months.

After careful study of the situation, however, Pastor New decided to start separate services for the people in Mentakap. Now they have their own church service every Sabbath evening at the home of Major Christopher. About 35 people attend regularly. Three of these, including Major Christopher, have decided to be baptized in the near future.

-- Benjamin Paramiah
Church Ministries Director, PEM

■ SABAH ■

Sorinsim Villagers Accept Adventist Message

Sorinsim Village is located way up in the mountains of the Marak Parak district in the Kota Marudu zone of Sabah. There the "Sidang Injil Borneo"--the Gospel Church of Borneo--has been the predominant religion.

That was up until last September 18, when a group of Pathfinders and their leader went in to conduct a 10-night public evangelism program. It was difficult at first, as few people turned up for the meetings. By the end of the series, however, eight people expressed their desire to have more Bible studies, and were later baptized by Pastor Patrick Godwan.

Next came a request for a church building. The members were happy to help. Some donated 300 wooden planks, another contributed zinc roofing, and others provided the posts and beams for the church. Pathfinders and their leaders joined the lay members to do the building.

Now Sorinsim Village has a new church, with a new group of Seventh-day Adventists meeting together each Sabbath to worship the loving God.

And now Pathfinders in Zone 6, Kota Marudu, are on the move to locate another unentered area where they can have a similar project. And they hope to continue to be actively involved in such projects until Jesus comes.

-- Nelson Tompong

Zone 6 Pathfinder Coordinator, Sabah Mission

Pathfinders Build Church

In the village of Paradason, in the Kudat district of Sabah, one Seventh-day Adventist family lived among 250 people of the Rungas Tribe with its own traditional religion.

Some time back, the Pathfinder coordinator for Sabah's Zone 6, Mr. Nelson Tompong, visited Paradason, and received an invitation into the homes of the Adventist family members. After a short time of Bible study and prayer, the local Adventist family shared their eagerness to have a church where they could worship God properly.

Later, Mr. Nelson and his wife talked over the matter and decided to donate some money to buy all the materials. The Paradason village chief was very happy to have a church constructed in his village, and he gave half an acre of his own land for the church.

A layman, Mr. Lee Pan Lai, leveled the land free of charge. Then a group of Pathfinders constructed the church building, which cost about M\$3,000 (S\$1,800).

After the completion of the church, Mr. Tompong, the Pathfinders, and four pastors conducted a 10-night evangelistic effort. At the same time, they held a Vacation Bible School which drew about 60 children.

At the end of the evangelistic series, 32 villagers took Bible studies, and 27 were later baptized. Today there are 35 people worshipping in the Paradason village church every Sabbath.

-- Nelson Tompong

Zone 6 Pathfinder Coordinator, Sabah Mission

Sabah Mission Ordains Pastor

On December 7, the Sabah Mission ordained Pastor Malim Enggang to the gospel ministry. He is presently pastoring the Telupid District churches.

After completing his primary education at Tenghulan Church School and attending Forms One and Two at Sabah Adventist Secondary School, Pastor Enggang began working for the church in April 1969.



Pastor Malim Enggang, shown with his wife Justina, was recently ordained to the gospel ministry.

Pastor Enggang is married to Justina Gilung. They have four sons. One of their sons is studying Theology at Hong Kong Adventist College, and will return home in July 1992 to begin work for the Lord in the Sabah Mission.

-- T. G. Staples, Treasurer, SAUM

Eight Baptized in Tawau

Tawau may be a long way from Southeast Asia Union Mission headquarters--even a long way from the Sabah Mission office. But no place on earth is far from the heart of God.

On December 7, 1991, eight new members responded to God's love as they joined the Tawau Church in a baptismal service conducted by SAUM President George Johnson.

The church in Tawau, pastored by Escend Chong, is an active young group of Indonesians, Malaysians, Chinese, Indians, Filipinos--quite a United Nations--eager to share the love of God with friends and family members.

— George C. Johnson, President, SAUM



Tawau Pastor Escend Chong (left), Pastor G. C. Johnson (center), and active layman Dr. Dickie Ng stand with the happy new members of the Tawau Church.

■ SARAWAK ■

One-Offering Plan Yields Fruit

Many blessings have come to the Sarawak Mission since its implementation of the One-Offering Plan. This is especially true in its church building program. Now, with more funds available for the local churches, church leaders begin to see their development dreams realized.

In the Sarawak Mission, the One-Offering Plan replaces the old system of calling for a special offering for different projects each week. Or, as one church leader described it, the church "sounded like a market place, where members just heard 'money, money, money!'" Now members are encouraged to have a planned personal



In addition to their offerings, church members in Ampungan donate their Fridays and Sundays to the completion of a new church.

giving program, not worrying about how or where the money will be distributed. Instead they should give systematically to the Lord as an act of worship and gratitude for His blessings.

Prior to the implementation of the One-Offering Plan, the Sarawak Mission had virtually no funds available for mission development. Very little more than just the tithe came in to the Mission. At that time, church members were giving an average of 3.5% of their income as offerings in addition to their tithe.

Now 20% of the One-Offering funds are channeled into mission development. This money is used for church construction, school building and improvement, establishment of evangelistic centers and youth camp facilities, and opening new work. Within one year of beginning the One-Offering Plan, church giving has increased to 6.7% of income in addition to the 10% tithe. Church members now feel that they are giving to the Lord, and they like it.

In Ampungan, with a M\$5,000 (S\$3,000) grant from the local government, church members began to erect a new church building measuring 40 x 60 feet. Yet the new building remained only a skeleton until the Sarawak Mission approved M\$2,500 (S\$1,500) from the mission development fund which was the direct result of the One-Offering Plan.

Church members contributed another M\$680 (S\$410), and they agreed to work on the construction two days a

week. Meanwhile, they will continue to contribute through the One-Offering Plan to help complete the church building this year.

The Sarawak Mission has a goal of reaching what they call "10 + 10-plus." Members are encouraged to systematically return their tithe and another 10% (their One-Offering) at payday. Then on the other Sabbaths they may give additional free-will offerings to the Lord.

*-- Petrus Ngadan Kaju
Health/Temperance Director, Sarawak Mission*

Miri Has Seminar on Total Health

Church members and friends of the Miri Seventh-day Adventist Church enjoyed the new year season with a Seminar on Total Health, presented by Pastor Jonathan Ng, Director of Counseling Service and Community

Relations at Youngberg Adventist Hospital in Singapore.

At the request of the local church, this January 10-11 seminar was a part of the Youngberg Hospital's Health Evangelism Outreach Ministry, presented with the primary objective of sharing hospital expertise with the local missions.

According to Pastor Ng, God created man in His own image, and man was physically well, mentally alert, socially concerned, and spiritually committed. It was a perfect condition on earth. Then sin changed everything. But redemption and restoration is found in Christ Jesus. Therefore, total health is possible through a return to God.

Pastor Ng also emphasized the elements of relational health and family life. Using Paul's writing in Philippians 3, he shared with the seminar participants the four elements of spiritual growth: concentrate on this important thing, forget the past, press forward to what is ahead, and keep moving with Christ.

-- Lawrence Randig, Pastor, Miri SDA Church

■ SINGAPORE ■

Lightbearers to S.A.U.M.

The name "Lightbearers" has become well-known in the Southeast Asia Union Mission, as a group of young people from Singapore goes out each year-end on a missionary venture in another country.

The first Lightbearers went to Sarawak in December 1987 to build a church and hold evangelistic meetings in the jungle village of Reteh Mawang. The impact upon the village was very encouraging, but the impact upon the Lightbearers themselves may never be fully known.

Several members of the original group have continued to go back year after year on other projects. Lives of Lightbearers were turned around. One young man previously without any definite aim in life found his calling, and is currently completing ministerial training. The one non-Adventist on the first team was later baptized and has been instrumental in bringing his brother and others into the church fellowship. Other changes may not be so measurable, but have left a lasting concern for missionary endeavor in the hearts and minds of those first Lightbearers.

In 1991, two groups went out, one to Sarawak for projects there, and another going into the remote northwestern part of Thailand.

Lightbearers trips have certainly not been without their dangers, and each year the groups have been most

grateful to God for His guarding care during the many miles of travel by various modes of transport and for His protection from injury and illness during the projects.

In 1991, however, tragedy struck. It came in the form of a virulent strain of malaria attacking the youngest member of the Thailand group of Lightbearers. (See "Shalom, My Friends...") Two days after Christmas, 20-year-old Sim Hong Luan succumbed to the fever and pain that accompanied the shut-down of her body's vital organs. Her memorial service and funeral were a reunion of Lightbearers past and present, with a feeling of love and a unity of spirit and purpose.

As one of their organizers said, "The trip will now have an even greater meaning for those who go because now they know that such a trip will involve a sacrifice of not only their time and money but also even their lives." Or, as another former Lightbearer asked, "If Hong Luan gave her life for God through the Lightbearers, how can we do any less?"

*-- Marilyn Johnson
Managing Editor, MESSENGER
(Lightbearer 1987)*

“Shalom, My Friends...”

On November 30, a group of 10 Lightbearers from Singapore left for Thailand to work among the Karen people. Among them was 20-year-old Sim Hong Luan.

Baptized only the previous March after a long struggle with the decision to accept Jesus publicly, Hong Luan had nevertheless been enthusiastic to serve God. Even before her baptism, she had gone with an earlier Lightbearers group to Sarawak to help build a church and share the good news of salvation.

Later she went to Malacca for several months to learn about health and healing and how to apply nature's remedies. There she volunteered her help with various treatments and necessities of the guests in the live-in health care program.

The prospect of going to Thailand was an exciting one for Hong Luan. Each week she sorted and packed used clothing and books to share with the Karen people. Her eagerness bubbled over and rubbed off on several of the older members of the Lightbearers team.

Once she reached Thailand, though she was the youngest in the group she did her fair share of the work--teaching English to the Karen students, and helping out with the children's Sabbath School and their first-ever campfire program. Her constant good humor generated laughter and good spirit among her fellow workers and the children she went to serve. She seemed to enjoy every minute of her mission trip.

After the trip, Hong Luan had already begun to envision a second trip to Thailand at the 1992 year's end. However, she had not reckoned with Satan's contentions. Unknowingly, Hong Luan had returned home infected with a very strong malaria virus which multiplied at an alarming rate. On Christmas Eve she was admitted to the hospital, and, although she received the best available medical assistance in Singapore, Hong Luan passed away on December 27.

Hong Luan truly believed in Jesus' second coming and in the hope of the resurrection. Shortly before she was hospitalized, Hong Luan wrote a letter to some of her new-found friends in Thailand, but never had an opportunity to mail it. Her final words to them were, "Shalom, my friends, shalom. May God be with you, may peace be with you. Shalom, till we meet again."

Those who knew Hong Luan mourn her loss. Yet each one of them fully believes that if they are faithful they can expect to meet Hong Luan again. And they believe that this sacrifice will not have been made in vain.

-- Mary Anchant, 1991 Lightbearer
and Youngberg Church Clerk

Lightbearers Undertake New Projects

Thailand

The Lightbearers, usually involved with church-building projects, broke new ground in December when they ventured to teach in two Karen refugee schools.

Arriving at Eden Valley Academy, nestled in a valley surrounded by green hills, the Lightbearers found themselves learning and having many new experiences.

For the next few days, the several teachers among the Lightbearers exchanged ideas with the local Karen teachers and taught classes in Biology, Chemistry, English, History, Home Economics, Literature, Arts and Crafts, Church History, and Bible. The Lightbearers found this a most satisfying task, as the Karens seemed hungry for knowledge and very responsive in their desire to learn.

While the Lightbearers were at Eden Valley Academy, Dr. David Wong, Youth Director for the Far Eastern Division, was also conducting a Week of Prayer. He encouraged the staff and students with God's love and the hope of reuniting with God's family in the new earth. During the last meeting, several students wept softly. Some were orphans whose parents had been killed in the war, and how they must have yearned for the heaven and peace that Dr. Wong spoke of! More than 30 students went forward for the altar call.

The Lightbearers had earlier divided into two groups so that some could help at another school. The students



The ladies of the Lightbearers to the Karen schools (with school leaders, center) happily wear the local costumes presented to them as gifts before they left. Sim Hong Luan (see "Shalom, My Friends...") is pictured third from right.

and teachers there were so eager to learn that they had asked the Lightbearers to teach, even on Sunday.

On their last evening at the school, the Lightbearers organized a campfire for the school. It was the first these children had ever experienced, and everyone seemed to enjoy the songs and games. After the campfire, several lingered on to sing Christmas carols.

The needs at this jungle school are so great--needs for teachers, books, stationery, medication, and so many other things. At the final chapel program that they attended, the Lightbearers presented a gift of Baht 20,000 (S\$1,500) to the school treasurer.

In addition, the Lightbearers had solicited funds to purchase 25 used typewriters from Southeast Asia Union College for donation to the two schools, 15 of which they carried in when they went. The other 10 will be taken to the schools as transport is available. The Lightbearers also took primary and secondary level textbooks for the two schools as well as used clothing for the children.

-- Rosie Ng, Bales-tier Road Church Member

Sarawak

Six Lightbearers braved storm and traffic jam to barely catch their plane to Kuching in mid-December, enroute to Ayer Manis School for the first part of their mission trip.

The group had raised money to help with the construction of a bathroom for the girls' dormitory. The existing bathroom was located down the hill from the dormitory, and the path leading to it was overgrown with tall grass. Inside, it had no partitions; its walls, made of zinc (aluminum) sheeting, were full of holes. The Lightbearers were happy to be able to provide safer, more convenient facilities for the girls of Ayer Manis School.

During their stay at the school, the Lightbearers also helped in various other ways. While Steve Sage tuned all the pianos on campus, his wife Philamae painted run-down blackboards and gave health counsels. Another mixed cement for the new bakery being constructed, others helped with digging and with carrying lumber to the work site. The other Lightbearer organized vesper programs for the students.

The group visited the Iban village of Kapayang, where the church members are praying for a bigger church because of their fast-growing membership and the poor condition of their present church facility. Members are already cutting timber from the jungle and doing what they can, but they also expressed the hope that the Lightbearers could assist in some way in the future.

-- Alicia Chow, Bales-tier Road Church Member

Bales-tier ACDC Holds Christmas "Graduation"

Sixteen children received their diplomas from the Bales-tier Road SDA Church Adventist Child Development Center (ACDC) on November 28. Some 200 parents and other relatives were present for the program, the theme of which was "Jesus Is the Light."



In addition to the cap and gown diploma-awarding part of the evening's program, there were numerous musical numbers and drama scenes, including the manger scene complete with human "lamb." All 75 of the ACDC students were included in the program.

The Bales-tier Road Church ACDC began in 1984 with a small group of children in attendance. Today Miss Victoria Liyanage, supervisor, with her staff of 12 care for children ranging in age from two to six. Some of the children also attend Sabbath School on Sabbath mornings.

-- John Griswell, Pastor, Bales-tier Road Church

Y.A.H. Has Strong Health Promotion Team

With the recent return of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Ing from study leave at Loma Linda University (USA), Youngberg Adventist Hospital now has a total of six staff members holding Master of Public Health degrees from Loma Linda University School of Public Health.

This strong health promotion team includes Internal Medicine and Preventive Medicine specialist Dr. David McFadden; Ophthalmology and Preventive Medicine specialist Dr. Clarence Ing; Clinical Dietitian Miss Diana David; Staff Nurse Ms. Cheryl Miner; Nutritionist Mrs. May Ing; and Director of Counseling Service and Community Relations Pastor Jonathan Ng.

Now that the Ings have returned, one NEWSTART program has already just ended, and further NEWSTART programs in English and Chinese are scheduled once a month. With so many full-time workers trained in public health, the hospital administration hopes to achieve a real teamwork approach in the various health promotion programs in the community.

— Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, YAH

Student Wins Top American Dental Award

Mr. Vincent Chee, a final year dental student at Loma Linda University (USA), placed first among all of the best dental student clinicians throughout the USA in the 1991 American Dental Association/Dentsply Student Clinician Program. He is a Malaysian, and a 1980 theology graduate of Southeast Asia Union College.

Students from 54 dental schools in the USA presented their research projects—complete with pictures, posters, write-ups on the results, and other demonstrations—to a panel of eight to ten judges. The judges were so impressed with Vincent Chee's presentation that they had each made the same independent decision on the first place winner even before they convened for lunch to make the final decision.

The first prize will give him an all-expenses-paid opportunity to attend the mid-winter meeting of the Chicago Dental Society on February 15-18 at the American Dental Association headquarters. Many interesting and valuable activities await him on this educational trip.

Asked about his success, he cited three main factors: First, his dedicated research partner and classmate, Helen Song; second, the help and encouragement of two teachers; and third, his deep faith in the Lord.

Mr. Chee is sponsored by Youngbergthe Adventist Hospital in Singapore.

— Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, YAH

■ THAILAND ■

Adventist Doctor Upholds Religious Liberty

Dr. Henry Chotchuang Chutienthorn, a dedicated Seventh-day Adventist layman who is a pediatrician in private practice in Bangkok, along with two university professors, presented a petition to the National Legislative Assembly and the Constitution Scrutiny Committee urging the deletion of one sentence from Article 27 of the draft of the new Constitution for the kingdom of Thailand.

Article 27 deals with religious liberty, stating that Thai citizens are free to believe in any religion provided that their beliefs are not against the good morality of the public. The last sentence, however, stated that "legislation to promote and protect religion could be enacted."

Dr. Chotchuang and the others recognized that such a sentence could be used in the future to give preferential treatment to one religion at the expense of others. It could, they stated, lead to religious discrimination and conflict.

On November 4, the committee agreed to delete the offending sentence. All religions in Thailand owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Chotchuang for his perceptive analysis of the new constitution and his courage in pursuing this matter of religious liberty.

— Russell R. Standish, AHSA Director, SAUM

Kler Ko Clinic Helps Heal Souls

One of the most colorful of ADRA/Thailand's projects is the Moei River Health Project, being implemented along the Thai-Burma border. It is one of the most isolated and widespread projects, with no roads into most of the clinics and no communication by phone, even at the field center at Kler Ko.

The project began in 1983, as Dennis and Lila Tidwell responded to obvious health needs they observed among the Karen people. The Karens are an ethnic minority—or "hill tribe"—people group. Originally from the eastern region of Myanmar (Burma), many have been forced to flee to Thailand to escape the political situation in their homeland. These Karen people are basically out of reach of organized health services of either Thailand or Myanmar.

At first a simple hospital was built on the banks of the Moei River as a treatment, health education and training center. Patients started coming even before the facility was officially opened. The first class of six Karen young people received training for nine months before getting their basic medical kits and going off to work in a Karen village for a year.

Subsequently four batches of selected young people took the 10-month course which prepared them to care

for a wide variety of health problems in areas where there are no doctors or health services available.

The health workers are trained in suturing wounds, delivering babies, and extracting teeth. They treat many cases of skin infections, respiratory diseases, diarrhea diseases, and much malaria. Among other things, however, they are sometimes called upon to diagnose and treat even such severe conditions as cerebral malaria and meningitis. The students' training also includes methods in Bible study and some agricultural training.

Presently there are 13 health workers covering seven locations along the Moei River. In addition to caring for the health needs of the villagers, these health workers are involved in Branch Sabbath Schools, Bible studies, health education, and school teaching.

Rebecca Dee and her husband Schweleong manage the project from the Kler Ko Primary Health Care Clinic, located near Eden Valley Academy, about two hours from the Thai town of Mae Sot. A skilled "jungle nurse" and midwife, Rebecca has earned the respect of the local midwives and mothers. Schweleong travels to the various clinics collecting reports and carrying medicines and other supplies as needed.



Rebecca Dee teaches mothers how to make Oral Rehydration Solution.

ADRA supporters in Australia have donated several much-needed microscopes to the project. These are vital in identifying malaria, one of the most serious and widespread health problems in the area.

In addition to financial support, the project has many needs, both small and great. Picture rolls, good used clothing (especially for children), dental extraction tools, bandages and medicines, simple Bible story and character-building books, and sports equipment are just some of the Moei River Health Project needs.

An even more serious need is for water. The river, 20 minutes' walk away, is the only source of water. Villagers volunteer on shifts to carry water for the clinic, which does not charge fees for medicines or health services. Well drilling has been unsuccessful because the soil is very rocky and water is very far below the surface. ADRA/Thailand is

currently trying to work out a system for pumping water from the river.

When an organization sets high goals, it is truly exciting to see all or most of them reached. The staff of ADRA/Thailand and the Kler Ko Primary Health Care Clinic are feeling that joy, especially as they have seen the soul-winning goal not only reached but far surpassed.

At the beginning of 1991, the five regular staff members and one overseas volunteer set a goal of five baptisms by the end of 1991. In spite of long-outdated slide programs and Bible teaching materials, 24 people were baptized in 1991.

During the year, health workers used flip charts and pictures to give 45 health talks in the clinic, in the school, and in village meetings. Also the clinic has been enlarged, and now has two good inpatient wards, one for men and one for women.

The clinic is moving beyond just curative care and preventive activities to include evangelistic outreach. The impact of the clinic is being felt, and it is a major influence in the village. Many people will become Christians in the next few years if this project continues. Sometimes it takes many years for people with animistic background to be convinced by a Christian example, but it is not lost on them.

*— Lila Tidwell, Associate Director
ADRA/Thailand*

Stewardship Programs Go to Northeastern Area

From August 23 to September 8, northeastern Thailand churches had special stewardship emphasis programs. A team of four leaders from Thailand and the Southeast Asia Union Mission stewardship director traveled by Toyota van from one church to another for the meetings.

The stewardship programs involved all members, including the Sabbath School and the children. In some villages, the team conducted meetings in the evenings and visited weak members and interests during the day. In other areas the meetings were both daytime and evening. Several non-Adventists came to listen, and in some cases an interest was aroused for the pastor to follow up.

As the team traveled through the northeastern area of Thailand, they had the privilege of baptizing 13 new members into the church. Those on the team found it an inspiring experience to see the good response of people realizing God's blessings to them and expressing their desire to follow His wonderful plan for His stewards.

When every Sabbath School and church member knows his stewardship responsibility toward God, the programs of the church will be active and alive.

-- Shupinar Koubong, Stewardship Director, SAUM

Children Share Baby Jesus on T.V.

With a potential viewing audience of 58 million Thai people, Mrs. Sheany Pung and her children's choir presented a special Christmas program on the Thai government-owned Channel 11 television.

The program, broadcast in two parts, on Christmas Eve and on Christmas day, came in response to an invitation from Acharn Pomchan Jantawimon, the producer of nationwide children's TV programs.

Recognizing this as a golden opportunity to let young minds throughout the country observe an undistorted version of the Christmas story, Mrs. Pung worked to put together a 30-minute television program which would center not on Santa Claus, reindeer, or Christmas trees, but on the story of the plan of redemption and the Baby Jesus.

With a simple felt-board set borrowed from the Sabbath School, Mrs. Pung was able to display the various scenes of the Christmas story, accompanied by Christmas songs presented by a children's choir. With the choir songs, narration, hand puppets, the felt set and other visual aids, the group put on a very professional program.



The SDA children's choir and leaders appear on the set of Thailand's Channel 11 TV for a Christmas special.

The response by Channel 11 TV was so positive that they have asked Mrs. Pung, herself a music teacher, and her husband Danny, the Communication Director of the Thailand Mission, to consider other programs for the future—not only for Christmas but for other special days as well.

Because of this contact, Thailand Mission has already been able to broadcast other media releases such as the ADRA-produced drama on AIDS and an anti-narcotics film entitled "Feminine Mistake."

— W. Steve Bassham, President, TAM

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SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE



■ Southeast Asia Union College (SAUC) is currently engaged in a comprehensive self-study. The faculty, students and board members of SAUC are reviewing all aspects of the college operation. This evaluation will examine goals, current operations, and past accomplishments of the college.

While review and evaluation is continual at SAUC, the current review will culminate with a visit from a group of educators representing the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, one of the six major accreditation bodies in North America. As a part of the affiliation with Walla Walla College, SAUC is regularly evaluated by this Association. The self-study is part of the process of accreditation.

The study considers the quality, stability and value of all programs--academic, dormitory, and extra-curricular--and each is evaluated by established guidelines.

The analysis that accompanies such a study benefits the college in several ways. It forms the basis for programs of short- and long-range development. Also, through accreditation, it ensures the integrity of the college program. Approval of the programs provides students greater ease of transfer to other colleges and it assures the value of the degrees earned at SAUC.

■ On January 5, 1992, Southeast Asia Union College began its 84th year of operation. The current enrollment is 186, four students below the all-time high enrollment of 190. In January, 49 new students and two new faculty members joined the college family.

Mr. Benny Liem, a former Singaporean and graduate of SAUC, has just joined the music department. For the past 30 years he had been engaged in private music instruction in Singapore and the USA. He has two degrees in music, including a Masters of Music degree from Louisiana State University.

Miss Brenna Lynch, from the USA, has recently joined the faculty in the English department, with responsibilities in the intensive English program. A recent honors graduate of SAUC/Walla Walla College, she has also completed training at the Regional English Language Center (RELC) in Singapore.

Currently there are 19 full-time and 5 part-time faculty on the SAUC staff. Several new programs have also begun this year. They include a four-year degree program in English or in Teaching English as a Second Language, minors in Psychology, Computer Science, and Business, and the Management Information Services concentration in the Business Administration degree.

■ The Business Administration Department introduced two additions to the business degree curriculum in January 1992. The first is a concentration in Management Information Services (MIS), and the other is a minor in Business.

The MIS program emphasizes computer applications within the field of business. It represents an area in high demand in the business world and provides a valuable career option. According to Mr. James Segar, Chairman of the Business Department, "The Singapore newspapers generally advertise about three computer-related jobs to every one that is non-computer-related." SAUC also offers a minor in computer science.

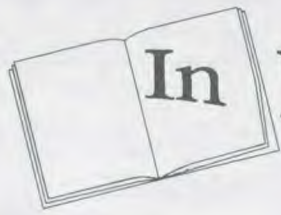
MIS is available within the Business degree program at SAUC. A student currently taking the MIS concentration describes the course work as "the perfect complement to the theories in the business major."

SAUC offers three concentrations in the Business field: accounting, management, and MIS. Currently almost 100 students are enrolled in the four-year baccalaureate degree program in business.

Chairman of the Science, Math and Computer Science Department Pham Kow Seng states that all equipment in the computer laboratories is replaced or upgraded every three years to remain on par with conditions in the world of business and commerce.

Students interested in MIS and business may contact Mr. James Segar, while students interested in computer science may contact Mr. Pham Kow Seng. For general information about the college, direct correspondence to The Registrar, Southeast Asia Union College, 273 Upper Serangoon Road, Singapore 1334. (Telephone 285-7976 or 285-7834, or Fax 283-7850)

-- Gary Brendel, Academic Dean



In Perfect Peace

“Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.”

These words of comfort were spoken to the multitude that followed Jesus. The Saviour had said that only through Himself could men receive a knowledge of God. He had spoken of His disciples as the ones to whom a knowledge of heavenly things had been given. But He left none to feel themselves shut out from His care and love. All who labor and are heavy-laden may come to him....

Tenderly He bade the toiling people, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.”

In these words Christ is speaking to every human being. Whether they know it or not, all are weary and heavy-laden. All are weighed down with burdens that only Christ can remove. The heaviest burden that we bear is the burden of sin. If we were left to bear this burden, it would crush us. But the Sinless One has taken our place. “The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” Isa. 53:6. He has borne the burden of our guilt. He will take the load from our weary shoulders. He will give us rest. The burden of care and sorrow also He will bear. He invites us to cast all our care upon Him; for He carries us upon His heart....

He looks upon every soul who is turning his face toward Him as the Saviour. He knows by experience what are the weaknesses of humanity, what are our wants, and where lies the strength of our temptations; for He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. He is watching over you, trembling child of God. Are you tempted? He will deliver. Are you weak? He will strengthen. Are you ignorant? He will enlighten. Are you wounded? He will heal.... “Come unto me,” is His invitation. Whatever your anxieties and trials, spread out your case before the Lord. Your spirit will be braced for endurance.... The weaker and more helpless you know yourself to be, the stronger will you become in His strength. The heavier your burdens, the more blessed the rest in casting them upon the Burden Bearer....

There are many whose hearts are aching under a load of care because they seek to reach the world's standard. They have chosen its service, accepted its perplexities, adopted its customs. Thus their character is marred, and their life made a weariness. In order to gratify ambition and worldly desires, they wound the conscience, and bring upon themselves an additional burden of remorse. The continual worry is wearing out the life forces. Our Lord desires them to lay aside this yoke of bondage. He invites them to accept His yoke.... He bids them seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and His promise is that all things needful to them for this life shall be added. Worry is blind, and cannot discern the future; but Jesus sees the end from the beginning. In every difficulty He has His way prepared to bring relief. Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us, of which we know nothing.

Those who accept the one principle of making the service and honor of God supreme will find perplexities vanish, and a plain path before their feet....

In the heart of Christ, where reigned perfect harmony with God, there was perfect peace.... But many who profess to be His followers have an anxious, troubled heart, because they are afraid to trust themselves with God. They do not make a complete surrender to Him; for they shrink from the consequences that such a surrender may involve. Unless they do make this surrender, they cannot find peace.

It is the love of self that brings unrest. When we are born from above, the same mind will be in us that was in Jesus....

When our will is swallowed up in the will of God, and we use His gifts to bless others, we shall find life's burden light. He who walks in the way of God's commandments is walking in company with Christ, and in His love the heart is at rest....

Those who take Christ at His word, and surrender their souls to His keeping, their lives to His ordering, will find peace and quietude. Nothing of the world can make them sad when Jesus makes them glad by His presence. In perfect acquiescence there is perfect rest. The Lord says, “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in Thee.” Isa. 26:3.

-- *Desire of Ages*, pp. 328-331

“Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:1. Whoever consents to renounce sin and open his heart to the love of Christ, becomes a partaker of this heavenly peace.

There is no other ground of peace than this. The grace of Christ received into the heart, subdues enmity; it allays strife and fills the soul with love. He who is at peace with God and his fellow men cannot be made miserable. Envy will not be in his heart; evil surmisings will find no room there; hatred cannot exist. The heart that is in harmony with God is a partaker of the peace of heaven and will diffuse its blessed influence on all around. The spirit of peace will rest like dew upon hearts weary and troubled with worldly strife.

Christ's followers are sent to the world with the message of peace. Whoever, by the quiet, unconscious influence of a holy life, shall reveal the love of Christ; whoever, by word or deed, shall lead another to renounce sin and yield his heart to God, is a peacemaker.

And “blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.” The spirit of peace is evidence of their connection with heaven. The sweet savor of Christ surrounds them. The fragrance of the life, the loveliness of the character, reveal to the world the fact that they are children of God. Men take knowledge of them that they have been with Jesus.

-- *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, pp. 27-28