

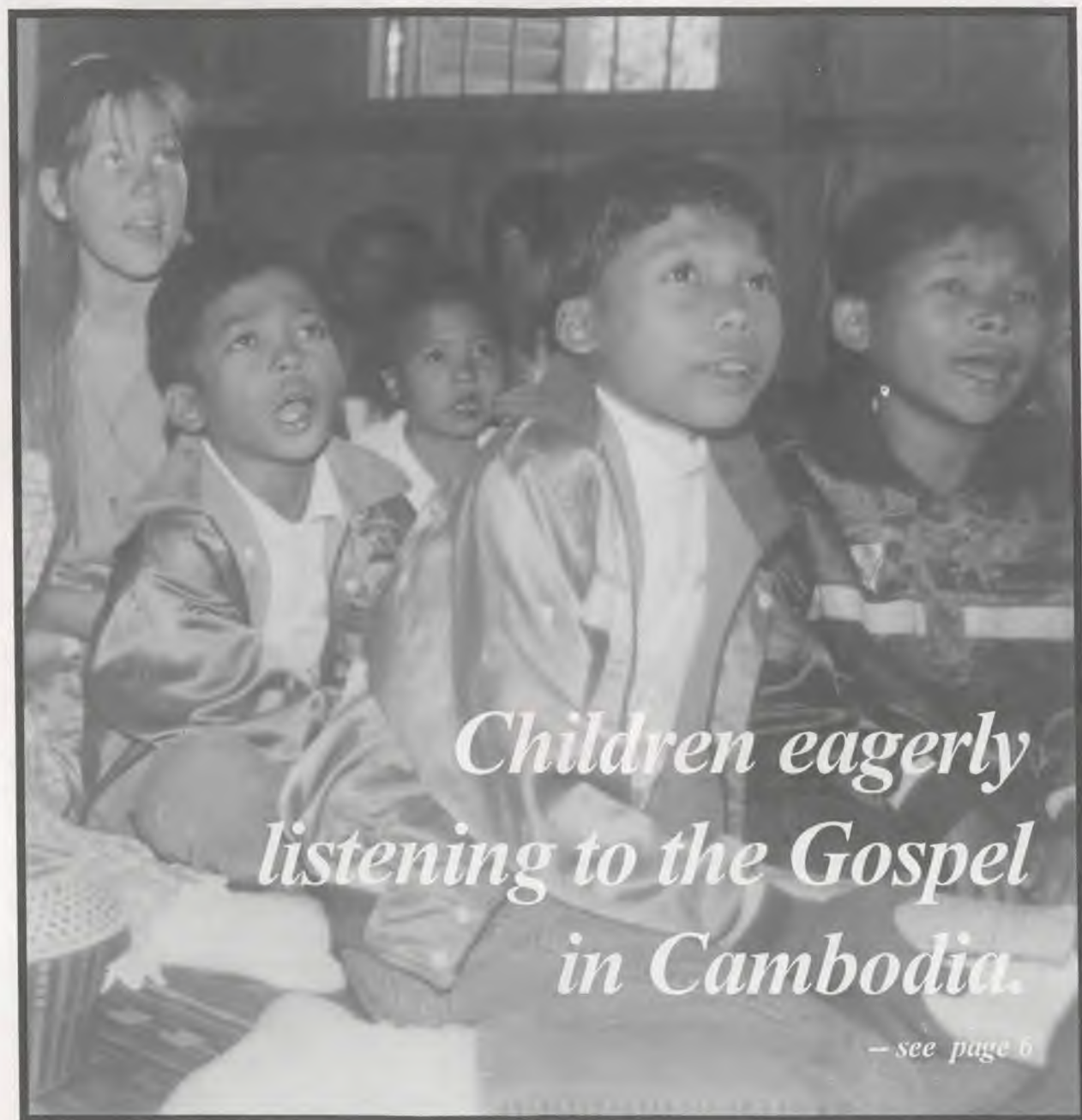
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*Children eagerly  
listening to the Gospel  
in Cambodia.*

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## It's Easier Than You Think

I met a good teacher this week, and learned an important lesson from him. His chief qualifications as a teacher seem to be his ready smile, his enthusiasm for teaching, and his faith in God.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation," wrote Isaiah the prophet. But my teacher doesn't even have feet. He lost them when he stepped on a land mine several years ago. Still, he enthusiastically proclaims salvation and spreads the glad tidings of peace.

How do you share your faith in God? Must it be difficult? Must we attend a seven-week witnessing course before we are fit to lead someone to know our Saviour?

Like many new Christians, I spent the first few months of my renewed Christian experience sharing my faith with everyone who would listen to me: old friends, seatmates on busses, petrol kiosk attendants all heard bits of the good news from me. I still try to share a tract or an encouraging word at times, but I must admit that my zeal has waned a bit. I sometimes fall into the trap of thinking that witnessing is a complex, complicated process that has to be done "just right."

Mr. Pho Kheng, and others whom I've met in the past week, have reminded me that witnessing need not be so difficult.

I met my teacher near Sisophon in Cambodia. He was sitting beside the road in his wheelchair when Pen Chenda, one of our Cambodian workers, brought me to Pho Kheng's village. Immediately Pho Kheng had someone turn his chair around and wheel him along a path to the house where he teaches English and Bible lessons. The house belongs to relatives who are letting him use it as a school. Two boards nailed to the edge of the floor of the front verandah allow Pho Kheng to boost himself out of the chair and onto the verandah. Using his strong arms, he then scoots across the floor and settles beside a chalkboard that has the English alphabet written on it.

Sitting here each day, Pho Kheng teaches basic English lessons to the people of Kbal Spean Village. Since he is an English teacher, I tried speaking to him in English. Each time I spoke to him, he would turn to Pen Chenda for translation, and then would reply to me in Khmer. Later, when I asked Pen Chenda how this man could be teaching English since he doesn't seem to understand or speak it, I learned that he teaches only the basic lessons. He will need someone else to come and teach more advanced lessons as his students progress.

Although it is harvest season in Cambodia, and many people were out in the fields, a large group soon gathered in Pho Kheng's school room. I learned that some of the young people are members of the Pathfinder club that Pho Kheng has started. Soon they had distributed song books to the growing congregation, and a young lady with a bright, clear voice began to sing. Almost everyone joined in immediately. They all seemed to know the song, and enjoyed singing. After the singing, I was invited to speak to the group, and many of the young people seemed quite familiar with the Bible, and could look up the text I used. Pho Kheng teaches from the Way of Life Bible course as well as teaching English. On Sabbath mornings, about 30 of his students come to the school room to worship God.

None of his students are Christians. They all come from a Buddhist background. But they are learning to know and love Jesus.

I learned a lot by visiting Pho Kheng. Here is a man who has every imaginable excuse for not sharing his faith. He has limited education, he can't get around without help from friends. He doesn't even have a time he can call his own.

But he has a hope in Jesus. And in his own way--using the talents and gifts he does have instead of focusing on what he doesn't have--he is teaching the people of Kbal Spean to know Jesus as their Saviour.

If he can do it, so can I.

-- Kenneth R. Wade

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Dear Readers,

When I was just a boy at home, my parents often urged us three children to continue to strive, to exert maximum effort till our study or a particular task was complete. They knew that in order to complete any task, one had to be conscientious and persevering. My father often used the expression, "Keep on keeping on!" to urge us to get the job done.

"Keep on keeping on" says to me that I am doing well, but the job is not yet complete. It tells me that I must not walk away from the job at hand, nor must I slacken my effort because the goal has not yet been reached. "Keep on keeping on" assures me that success will be mine if I continue faithfully with my task.

My family and I have served the Southeast Asia Union Mission for nine and one-half years. We have enjoyed each of those years, and have been blessed by association with many of you. Now we have been called to serve at the Far Eastern Division, where I will be the Ministerial Association Secretary.

We have worked together with you and have put forth our best efforts in the work. But our task in the SAUM is not yet complete. To each of you I would say, "Keep on keeping on!" Continue to give your best till Christ's task in our Union field is complete and until Jesus comes to take us home.

When Paul wrote to the believers in Philippi, he concluded his message with some pertinent instruction for them and for us. In Philippians 3, he sums up the essence of his concern for them, and he talks of "keeping on."

First of all, he reminds them of the danger of depending on themselves or their talents or their advantages for any progress in God's work. He tells of his background and education. Paul himself had impeccable credentials for a Jew. Yet, as he looked at all those human advantages, he says in verse 7 that everything that was gain to him before he now counted loss for Christ.

He goes on to reinforce this message by stating that

he counted "all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ." (Phil. 3:8)

After directing the attention of the believers to Christ--and away from themselves--Paul states that he does not consider that he has succeeded yet, or attained God's goal for him as a person. He goes on with this wonderful message, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, **I press toward the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**"

As we, together, look to the future, let us "press toward the mark!" We must stop trying to complete the Lord's task in our own strength or wisdom. For too many years we have worked hard at trying to finish God's task on earth in our own wisdom, in our own effort. We must count ourselves and our own efforts as loss. We must lose ourselves in Christ and in His love and service just as Paul did. And then, when we recognize our role in the plan of salvation, let us press toward the mark! Let us keep on keeping on! We, with Paul, are looking for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ!

Jesus is coming soon. His return is imminent. Do not slacken your efforts now. The days ahead will be even more glorious than the days we have worked together. God's Spirit will be seen in more power in the future than we have seen in the past.

We may play only small roles in the plan of salvation, but our roles are crucial. We must keep on keeping on, doing Jesus' will. And then, at the end of earth's day, we will hear the Saviour say to each of us, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of thy Lord."

May God bless you all.

George C. Johnson

## Johnson Accepts Call to Division

The "Advent Movement" continues to live up to its name in one of the latest responsibility shifts in Southeast Asia, with SAUM President George Johnson having taken up his new duties as Ministerial Secretary of the Far Eastern Division (FED) as of February 1.

Pastor George C. Johnson has ably served the Southeast Asia Union Mission as its president for the past nine and one-half years. However, at its 1992 year-end session, the Far Eastern Division executive committee gave study to filling the vacancy created in the Ministerial Association when its secretary, Pastor V. F. Bocala, was appointed the new FED secretary. The committee selected Pastor Johnson and recommended his name to the General Conference, which in turn passed the call on to Pastor Johnson.

Pastor Johnson and his wife, Marilyn, and their three children came to the Southeast Asia Union Mission in 1983, following more than fifteen years of work in the Pakistan Union. There, Pastor Johnson had served first as a teacher and assistant principal of Pakistan Adventist Seminary and College, then as Union secretary, and finally as Union president for nearly seven years.

Here in Southeast Asia, in addition to his responsibilities as president, Pastor Johnson was also the Union ADRA director. For over a year recently, he was also the acting president of the Singapore Adventist Mission.

The Lord has blessed and prospered the work in this Union through the visionary leadership of Pastor Johnson. Around the Union there is a spirit of growth and forward movement. New developments in Cambodia are opening the way for evangelism, and for the first time in many years the Seventh-day Adventist church has workers based there to carry on the work of the church.

Mrs. Johnson has also been active in church work. Much of her time has been spent teaching at Southeast Asia Union College, and she will continue teaching there part-time. For the past three and one-half years she has been the managing editor of the *Messenger* magazine. In addition, she has also devoted time and energy to writing books for the Southeast Asia Publishing House.

As Pastor and Mrs. Johnson and their youngest child, Sameena (Snicki), leave the SAUM for their new responsibilities at the Far Eastern Division, the Southeast Asia Union Mission staff wish them well and thank them for their years of devoted service to the Southeast Asia Union Mission.

-- W. T. Clark, SAUM Acting President

## The Presses Are Rolling

Southeast Asia Publishing House (SAPH) has recently released several new books in various languages. These books are available through the literature evangelists, the Adventist Book Center, or Southeast Asia Publishing House.

### English

*The Heart of the Matter* is a new book about heart attack, written by Marilyn Johnson in consultation with various local and foreign medical experts. The book is written for the common reader in this region.

Though there appears to be a strong relationship between heart attack and affluence, World Health

Organization studies show that today even the very poor are suffering from heart disease. Furthermore, the "killer, heart attack, is not just a disease of old people, as so many mistakenly believe. More and more Asians are dying of heart attack while they are still in their forties, or even younger!" Better watch out!

The author extensively applies the concept of "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure." The book also deals with recognizing the warning signs, what to do in emergency, what diagnostic procedures are available today, and how to live with a damaged heart.

"The book is packed with new, timely and easy-to-understand information on what I really need to know about heart attack," said a businessman. "Now I am reading it for the second time, pausing every now and then to highlight important lines." This is only one quote from much of the positive feedback SAPH has received since the publication of the book.

### Tamil

SAPH has just printed *The Heart of the Matter* in the Tamil language also. The timely release of this book is important because studies show that "heart attack deaths occur among the Indians of Southeast Asia two to three times as often as among the Chinese."

Many people are interested in correcting the current alarming trend, and hopefully this book will benefit many who may be high-risk candidates for heart attacks.

Another newly-printed Tamil book is *The Heart's Desire*, a 50-page message book. Compiled by Pastor and Mrs. Thevarajulu, the book contains selected chapters of





*Desire of Ages and Great Controversy.*



**Malay**

Good news! At this time, the press is rolling out the pages of *What Every Christian Should Know* in the Malay language. This is the translation of the 27 fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist church. A book every Adventist should read!

Knowing the church's beliefs is vital for spiritual growth and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Every Adventist home ought to have a copy of this book, for "Adventist church members can use this book to dig down to the roots of their faith--to rediscover the details of truth that excited them when they first found the joy of salvation."

This is also a book that can be given to other Christians to introduce them to the Adventist faith.

The brand new *Malay Song Book* is in its final proofing stage, and is targeted to be out during the first quarter of 1993.

The book has 276 songs, 80 of which are newly translated songs from the current hymns. The major difference between this new hymnal and the old one is that the words are placed directly under the music.

The 255-page book *What the Young People should Know*, by Wim Turambi, is written to give practical information to growing teenagers. This book is now available.

**Chinese**

*Never Say Old.* This is the name of the 224-page forthcoming book in the Chinese language, written by

Pastor Wong Yew Seng with the central theme of how to enjoy the golden years of life.

Don't be misled by the title! This book is not exclusively for the so-called senior citizens or those intending to retire soon. A person who wants to enjoy old age needs to prepare early--the earlier the better!

The book will also help young people to understand old folks better, and will help them know how to show care and concern for the elderly.

-- Wim Turambi, Editor, SAPH

**L.E. Work Sees Progress in 1992**

Literature evangelism in the SAUM has continued to grow. During the month of December, 123 LEs sent in their monthly reports--an increase of 23 since January 1992. Recruiting of new LEs is an ongoing process.

Sales have also increased throughout the Union, with total book sales for the year amounting to S\$902,833. Some missions had only minor sales increases during 1992, while others showed tremendous growth. Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Thailand all had more than a 20 percent increase in sales during the year.

Most important of all, however, is the work of winning souls. During 1992, SAUM literature evangelists saw 96 baptisms as a direct result of their colporteur ministry.

With new LEs joining the force, with more new books being published for the LEs to sell, and with God's continued blessings, the work of spreading the gospel will continue to move forward in 1993.

-- Russell Thomas, Acting Director,  
SAUM Publishing Department

■ CAMBODIA ■

**Two Are Baptized in Cambodia**

Three times Seventh-day Adventists have entered Cambodia and begun to raise up a church work. The last time--in the 1970s--the work was suddenly halted by the invasion of the Khmer Rouge forces which were bent on "cleansing" the country and caused one of the ugliest

blood baths in history. The blood of many Adventists was mingled with that of the more than one million citizens who were massacred in the years that followed.

As thousands of Cambodians fled the country, most gathered into camps along the Thai border. There, many of them met Seventh-day Adventist workers who introduced them to Christ. Hundreds accepted



Jesus as their Saviour.

Now that relative peace has returned to the country, most of the refugees who were not sent to third countries have been repatriated, among them a few scores of Adventists. As these have returned, some have been letting their lights shine, and new interests are awakening. Others who have gone to third countries have written back to family and friends, telling them of their new faith and encouraging them to find the Adventists.

The first fruits of these seeds of truth came on January 30, when Mrs. Puth Souvana and Mrs. Long Chanthorn became the first people baptized in Cambodia since the outbreak of civil war 13 years ago.



Mrs. Long Chanthorn had encountered Adventists while a refugee in Thailand. She began studying Adventist beliefs there in the camp, but was repatriated before she completed her Bible studies. Two lay preachers trained in the camps, Mr. Pen Chenda and Mr. Van Thorn, located her near Phnom Penh and were able to complete her preparation for baptism.

Mrs. Puth Souvana's sister became a Seventh-day Adventist while in a camp, but was sent to France. This sister wrote back to Souvana, who had tragically lost both her husband and her only child in the war, and who is now teaching in a school near Phnom Penh.

After persistent searching, an Adventist worker found Souvana. Then Mr. Pen Chenda and Mr. Van Thorn were able to bring the gospel message to her.

Already a number of her students are coming to Souvana's little house, studying with her and learning Christian songs. She has also arranged for another Seventh-day Adventist worker to conduct English language classes for the teachers in the Middle School near her home. Some of these teachers are already coming

to the Sabbath School meetings in Souvana's house each Sabbath.

*-- Daniel Walter, Director,  
Cambodia Attached District*

## Lay Bible Workers Finding Success in Cambodia

The Lay Bible Worker Training Program which began in the Cambodian refugee camps along the Thai border in September 1991 has born its first visible fruit, with the baptism of two women in the river south of Phnom Penh on Sabbath, January 31. Both had been prepared for baptism through the ministry of men trained in the camps.

Three groups of Cambodians hold worship services in the Phnom Penh area each Sabbath. Pen Chenda and Van Thorn, who received their training in Site 2 refugee camp, are active in leading these groups, along with other Adventist workers in Phnom Penh.

Hy Van Nareth, another lay Bible worker, was responsible for forming the third group. A fourth group would like to have worship services each Sabbath, but currently just have workers come and teach Bible lessons during the week.

Near Battambang City, lay Bible worker Srei Sophea teaches English and Bible lessons in a simple classroom that is part of his home. Thirty Kilometers northwest of Battambang, two lay Bible workers lead out in worship services every Sabbath. Near Sisophon, lay Bible worker Pho Kheng teaches, leads worship, and also leads a Pathfinder club. In Siem Reap Province, Chea Savonen has formed a congregation and has even purchased land and begun excavation for the construction of a church.

Another lay Bible worker, Norng Kravan, has recently moved to Kompong Thom Province, along with several other Adventist refugee families. They will no doubt establish a congregation there soon if they have not already done so. Preah Vihear Province should also have an Adventist congregation soon because Bible worker Nyek Monn has moved there, along with several families who were members of the church he led in Site 2.

The Lay Bible Worker Training Program has been carried out in the camps under the leadership of Marc Coleman, whose work is sponsored by Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM) of Berrien Springs, Michigan (USA). Other AFM workers Scott and Julie Griswold have also



been working in the camps for the past several months.

Funding for the training program came in part from a grant from the General Conference Ministerial Association from funds left in trust by an American Bible worker who stipulated in her will that the money should be used for training Bible workers.

The work, prayers, and gifts of these of these concerned individuals are now leading to a rich harvest in Cambodia.

*-- Kenneth R. Wade,  
SAUM Global Mission Coordinator*

## ■ PENINSULAR MALAYSIA ■

### Sungai Way Church Keeps Active

Indian church groups in Peninsular Malaysia are generally very fond of church camp meetings. On the weekend of November 7 and 8, about 65 members of the Sungai Way Church traveled the 70 miles from Selangor to the coastal town of Port Dickson by school bus and cars for another campmeeting.

The group enjoyed spiritual and recreational time together, with worship talks and testimonies, games and campfire, singing, swimming, and plenty of good fellowship. The weekend gathering beside the beautiful beach brought more closeness among the members, and prepared them to renew their responsibilities for the Lord for the new year.

December 5 was another joyous occasion for the Sungai Way Indian Church members. After the Sabbath worship service, five young people were baptized at the Shah's Village swimming pool in nearby Petaling Jaya. This brought the total number of baptisms for the year

to 14, only one short of the goal which the members had set at the beginning of the year.

The Sungai Way members have not had their own place of worship since the government took over the property in 1963 to make way for the federal highway. Even without a proper place of worship, however, the church has continued to grow. Now at least 120 men, women and children attend every Sabbath.

Recently, under the leadership of Pastor V. N. Joseph, the group has acquired a piece of land upon which to construct a permanent church building. Members are now looking forward to worshiping in their own sanctuary, hopefully by the end of 1993.

*-- P. Benjamin, Church Ministries Director, PEM*

### PEM Holds Sabbath School Seminars

A Sabbath School seminar attracted about 60 enthusiastic Sabbath School officers and interested church members in the Kuala Lumpur Church in late 1992. A smaller group also met in the Ipoh church for a similar training program.

The workshops/seminars included intensive but practical hands-on training in Sabbath School Action Units, how to improve adult Sabbath School programs, and how to teach Sabbath School lessons more effectively.

Local pastors Leong Fai and Toh See Wei, Mrs. Toh, and PEM Church Ministries Director P. Benjamin assisted SAUM Sabbath School Director Dr. Edmund Siagian with the programs.

*-- Edmund Siagian,  
Sabbath School Director, SAUM*



■ SABAH ■

## SASS, GASS Have Evaluations

Both Sabah Adventist Secondary School (SASS) and Goshen Adventist Secondary School (GASS) received good recommendations following their recent evaluations by a team of educators organized by the Education Department of the Far Eastern Division.

These recommendations go to the General Conference Board of Regents for the extension of the schools' certificates of accreditation.

Dr. Hedley Eager, chairman of the evaluation team, commended the schools on various points. These schools both have a high percentage of Seventh-day Adventist students. Also, all of the faculty and staff members of both schools are active Adventist church members.

A new item in the evaluation procedure is the yearly interim report to the Union and the Division education departments. This requirement aims to enable school administrators and board members to monitor progress in complying with the major recommendations of the evaluation team.

Mr. Konis Gabu, Principal of SASS, and Mr. Daniel Bagah, Principal of GASS, along with their school board members, are to be commended on a job well done in

helping to make these schools centers from which the love of God can radiate throughout the region.

-- Edmund Siagian,  
Education Department Director, SAUM

## Seeds of Truth Growing at Misusurud

The July/August 1992 issue of *Messenger* reported that a Youth Task Force from Sabah Adventist Secondary School went to the remote and unentered area of Misusurud, where the people are animists and are very superstitious.

Since then, Pastor Saiking Omar, of the Damai district, has continued to monitor Bible studies to the people of that area. God has been leading in the lives of these simple people. Seven of them are now waiting to be baptized as soon as the bad weather clears and the village becomes more accessible.

This May, another Youth Task Force group will go there to do the initial preparation for the church construction and to further reinforce the evangelistic work at Misusurud.

-- Nelton Bingku, Youth Director, Sabah Mission

■ SARAWAK ■

## New Officers Lead in Sarawak

Pastor Edmund Liah, until recently the Sarawak Mission Secretary, was recently appointed to succeed Pastor Daniel Walter as Mission president. At the same time, the SAUM executive committee asked Pastor Lawrence Banyie to serve as secretary of the Sarawak Mission.

Pastor Liah, who holds a Master's degree in Religion, began his denominational service in 1969 as a teacher in the Sarawak Mission. He served as a departmental director of the Mission from 1976 until 1987, when he became the Mission secretary.

Mrs. Liah is a teacher at Sunny Hill School in Kuching. The Liahs have two daughters and one son.

Pastor Banyie, who holds a Master of Pastoral Studies (MPS) degree, entered denominational service as an assistant evangelist in the Sarawak Mission in 1969. Since then, he has served as church pastor and departmental director of the Mission. Mrs. Banyie is also a teacher at Sunny Hill School. The Banyies have one son and one daughter.

-- C. Y. Wu, Secretary, SAUM



## Sarawak Secondary Schools Evaluated

Sunny Hill School (College) and Ayer Manis School, the only "beacons" of Adventist education in the Sarawak Mission, were evaluated by the Far Eastern Division educational evaluation team during 1992.

Dr. Hedley Eager and his six other team members found many positive aspects to report, although almost any school evaluation turns up certain shortcomings which need to receive remedial action and attention before the next evaluation.

Under the leadership of Mr. Joseph Kueh, Ayer Manis School is making headway in increasing its enrollment and income-generating school industries.

Sunny Hill School has a good enrollment. It also has a good public image, due at least in part to the high academic performances of its students. It also offers varied post-secondary educational programs. Sunny Hill School also has a very attractive new four-storey building which houses classroom and administration.

Following the evaluation, both schools have been granted extensions of their certificates of accreditation by the General Conference Board of Regents.

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*-- Edmund Siagian,  
Education Department Director, SAUM*

## AIIAS Opens Distant Learning Center in Kuching

November 1992 was a special time for 25 teachers and pastors in Sarawak as they began an educational upgrading program previously unavailable to them but now obtainable right at Sunny Hill College in Kuching.

Under the Distant Learning program of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS) in the Philippines, those church workers holding college degrees are eligible to work toward a Master's degree in Education. Of the 25 who took advantage of the course work available, 15 are actually pursuing the Master's degree.

Because Southeast Asia Union College (SAUC) in Singapore offers the Bachelor's degree in various fields of study, each year several pastors and teachers from around the Union go to SAUC for upgrading to the Bachelor's level. Until now, those wishing to go on for

a Master's degree have had to go to the Philippines or elsewhere abroad.

In the Distant Learning program, two professors from AIIAS will come to Sarawak to conduct two courses each year during November, the longest school holiday for teachers in Sarawak. Those in the AIIAS program may also take one course by correspondence each year.

Completion of the MA degree in this way may take up to six years. Yet the program will serve its purpose well in meeting the needs of the many teachers or workers who need upgrading but are too tied into other responsibilities to get away and attend college or university.

Anyone interested in joining the program or obtaining further information about it may write to Pastor Edmund Liah or Pastor Lawrence Randig at the Sarawak Mission headquarters.

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*-- Edmund Siagian,  
Education Department Director, SAUM*

## Walters Leave Sarawak

On October 16, 1983, the mission Piper Aztec plane landed at Kuching International Airport, piloted by Pastor Daniel Walter, the new Sarawak Mission pilot. He had come in answer to the call for a mission pilot, a call placed way back in January 1978 when most of the churches in Sarawak were accessible only by jungle paths and airstrips.

In January 1984, Pastor Walter was voted to serve as Sarawak Mission Ministerial Association Secretary. Later, with the formation of the Church Ministries Department, Pastor Walter became the Associate Church Ministries Director, and teamed up with his wife, Dorothy, who led in the Home and Family Services.

Pastor Walter engineered the training of Village Lay Pastors to make up for the lack of pastoral staff throughout the Mission. To date, about 40 Village Lay Pastors have been trained and are active lay workers in Sarawak.

The upgrading of pastors and teachers was another high priority to Pastor Walter. He has been instrumental in securing scholarships for many pastors to study in Sarawak and abroad.

During his stay in Sarawak, Pastor Walter introduced camp meetings, which have brought many blessings to the thousands of church members who have attended. Many new church buildings have also been constructed



during his tenure of office.

From the very beginning of their stay, Pastor and Walter have served untiringly in the Sarawak Mission. Now, Cambodia presents an unusual opportunity and challenge for the church. To strengthen the work force in this newly opened field, Pastor Daniel Walter was appointed director for the Cambodia Attached District

at the 1992 year-end committee session of the SAUM.

The Walters left Kuching on January 14, and are now busy with their new responsibilities in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

-- Edmund Liah, President, Sarawak Mission

## ■ SINGAPORE ■

### Tamil Company Has Evangelistic Camp

Singapore's Tamil Company, led by Pastor Joseph David, held its first evangelistic campmeeting at the Golden Sands resort in Port Dickson, Malaysia, from December 13 to 20.



Pastor Shadrach Samuel from the Madras (India) SDA English Church presented 18 messages during the week, using the theme "Our God Who Became Man." The approximately 100 campers heard repeatedly of the surety and the validity of God's promises in His Word.

A Vacation Bible School each morning attracted about 35 children. Mrs. Elizabeth David led in the program, assisted by several of the women from

Singapore and Malaysia.

While the children were in their VBS programs, the adults listened to valuable instruction on healthful living, presented by Mr. Sam Govindasamy, Publishing Director of the Peninsular Malaysia Mission.

During the early afternoons, camp pastor V. Thevarajulu conducted a baptismal class for about 20 people, covering the various Adventist doctrines. On the last Sabbath of the camp, ten people--including seven from the family of Mr. Paul Munirajah--were baptized by Pastors Samuel Money and Ken Wade, both from the SAUM headquarters.

Each evening Pastor Samuel Money, Voice of Prophecy Director of the SAUM, presented slide programs on the sanctuary truth. He taught important doctrines of the church in the light of the Bible sanctuary services.

The camp was not all study and no play. Rest time, group games and recreation were part of every afternoon's activities.

A Saturday night campfire near the beach found the group singing together and giving personal testimonies in a relaxed yet reverent atmosphere. Camp evangelist Pastor Shadrach Samuel told the group that he had never before been to a camp which maintained such a high level of spirituality.

The Seventh-day Adventist Tamil believers in Singapore are already making plans for a similar evangelistic camp in 1993. Their first camp has given them the encouragement to move on with greater evangelistic zeal to reach out to more non-Adventists among the Tamil population of Singapore.

-- Samuel Money,  
Voice of Prophecy Director, SAUM



## “Marathon” Starts with a Big Bang

Nearly 100 lay leaders from all the Singapore SDA churches attended the “Big Bang” on Sabbath afternoon, January 16. This was the official launching of a Singapore-wide evangelistic campaign, entitled “Winning the Marathon of Life,” to be held during three weekends in May and June.

The “Winning” theme for the series was chosen to tie in with the Southeast Asia Games to be held in Singapore from June 12 to 20 this year.

The “Big Bang”--the starting signal for the “Marathon”--began with a praise and worship service, in which the evangelism committee members led out in singing, responsive reading, and a devotional message. Committee chairman Ng Kah Seng’s report on plans was followed by a question and answer session. Lay leaders received instructions and promotion-and-commitment kits to take back to their churches. The meeting ended with a brief consecration service conducted by Singapore Mission President Phoon Chek Yat.

During the evangelistic effort, there will be three speakers, one for each weekend (Friday through Sunday). On May 28-30, Pastor Victor Lee, Chaplain of SDA School, will speak on “Man’s Life Without Christ.” During the second weekend, June 4-6, Pastor Wann Fanwar, Pastor of the Jurong English Church, will offer “Christ the Answer”--the solution to man’s search for meaning and purpose in life. On the final weekend, June 11-13, Pastor Samuel Money will speak on living a “Life With Christ.”

The venue for the evangelistic series will be the Southeast Asia Union College auditorium. Programs will have a running translation into Mandarin.

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-- John Tan, Chaplain, San Yu High School

## SDAS Returns to Old Location

With the completion of the four-storey classroom and office block of the Seventh-day Adventist School (SDAS) last September, the school is now back at its old location at 273 Upper Serangoon Road in Singapore. This was a welcome change after the school’s long “sojourn” at a leased government school building several miles away, at Jalan Kayu.

The construction of the new school building, which

cost approximately \$2 million, was made possible through a lot of hard work and fund-raising efforts of the faculty and students under the leadership of SDAS Principal Michael Lim. The Southeast Asia Union Mission also contributed a large sum to the project.

The completion of this building is the first stage of the school building project. The old main school building, facing Serangoon Road, still needs to be renovated.

Christian education is very much alive in Singapore. In addition to the primary and secondary education available at SDAS, Singapore educational needs are also served by Southeast Asia Union College, San Yu High School, and three kindergartens or child care centers.

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-- Edmund Siagian,  
Education Department Director, SAUM

## Stress Seminar Held with Community Group

The Singapore City Jaycees, a group of young businessmen who actively pool their resources to help the community at large, co-sponsored a Stress Management Seminar with San Yu High School on December 4 to 6, 1992, at the school audio-visual hall. The seminar was held as a community service in conjunction with the National Campaign on Healthy Lifestyle.

Youngberg Adventist Hospital (YAH) personnel shared their expertise during the seminar. Speakers included YAH specialist-physician Dr. Kent van Arsdale, YAH Administrative Officer Mrs. Doreen Ng, YAH Director of Counseling Services & Community Relations Pastor Jonathan Ng, and local church member Dr. Tan Pik Yee.

Thomson Chinese Church members, under the leadership of Pastor Chan Shee Wai, provided support through a mini-book exhibition and refreshment fellowship at the end of the seminar each night.

The seminar had two nights of English sessions and one Mandarin session, with a total of 60 participants.

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-- John Tan, Chaplain, San Yu High School



■ THAILAND ■

## Chiangmai School Passes Evaluation

The string of school evaluations throughout the SAUM in 1992 ended with the November visit of a team of educators to the Chiangmai Adventist Education Center (CAEC) in Thailand. The team was led by Dr. Milton Thorman, director of the Far Eastern Division Education Department,

The academy received a good rating for its certificate of accreditation extension, reflecting the good work done at the center by Mrs. Merylyn Beveridge and her staff of faithful Adventist teachers and workers.

With about 70 hectares of cultivated farm land and school buildings, the Chiangmai campus is the largest

secondary school campus in the Southeast Asia Union Mission territory.

Chiangmai Adventist Education Center is a real training ground for field workers in Thailand, and it is an outpost from which the Truth is spread to the hills and valleys of the region around and beyond. Staff and students of CAEC are truly in the front lines of the Lord's army.

— Edmund Siagian,  
Education Department Director, SAUM



## SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE



### Faculty Changes

Several changes in faculty have recently occurred at Southeast Asia Union College (SAUC).

Pastor Ng Kah Seng, former pastor of the SAUC Seventh-day Adventist Church for several years, has assumed responsibilities as the chairman of the Theology department at the college. As church pastor, he had already been teaching part-time, but is now teaching on a full-time basis.

Pastor Ng's appointment as department chairman came when Dr. Phoon Chek Yat was asked to serve as president of the Singapore Adventist Mission. Dr. Phoon continues to teach part-time and to supervise theology students in their field work assignments in the local churches.

Mrs. Dorothy Massengill joined the faculty of SAUC beginning January 1. She is a graduate of Atlantic Union College and Andrews University (USA), where she received a Master's degree in Family Studies. For 16 years she has been teaching in SDA schools, most recently at Indiana Academy in the United States. She came to Singapore when her husband became treasurer of the

Southeast Asia Union Mission in late 1992.

Mrs. Massengill's present assignment is in the English Language program, and she is also assisting in the Administrative Office. Beginning with the March quarter at SAUC, she will be teaching full-time in English and Education.

### Enrollment Report

The 1993 academic year at SAUC has begun with 191 students. Of these, 32 are new to the college.

The largest academic department is Business Administration, in which nearly one-half of the students are enrolled.

The college continues to exhibit an international composition, with students coming from 24 countries from around the world.

### Graduation and Scholarship Awards

On the weekend of November 20-21, graduation services marked the completion of certificate and degree



programs for the Class of '92.

Speakers for the weekend included Dr. Sally Phoon, Director of Training and Education at Gleneagles Hospital in Singapore, who encouraged the class to have "An Invincible Faith"; Dr. W. S. Bassham, President of the Thailand Adventist Mission, who spoke on "Cataclysms, Cacophonies, and Cocoons"; and Commencement speaker Dr. Ottis Edwards, outgoing President of the Far Eastern Division, who challenged the class to reach for "The Impossible Dream."

During the graduation services, scholarship awards were also presented to students with excellent academic achievements. Christopher Hwang Tzu Tzian received the first annual Gordon Hare Math Award. This was presented by Dr. Hare himself. A teacher at Walla Walla College, Dr. Hare had made a cash donation for the

SAUC Math and Science Department following the one quarter he spent teaching mathematics at SAUC in 1991. The college decided to establish an academic award with a portion of that gift.

The Hack Memorial Award gives quarterly awards for academic achievement in mathematics and science. These awards for the third quarter went to Christopher Hwang, Finola Koubong, and Johnson Alagappan.

A third award, the Li Ahn award for academic excellence, recognizes the two students earning the highest grade point average at SAUC during the preceding three quarters. This year's recipients of the Li Ahn award were Waqas Hussain and Mark Wong Hwai Ping.

-- Gary Brendel, Academic, SAUC

## ■ AWR ASIA ■

AWR offers messages for the whole person--for physical, mental, social as well as spiritual needs. Thus, an hour's program may include a section on health, another on family life, another for children, and of course, a strictly devotional message.

In many languages there are programs on archaeology, youth problems, child care and diet--all from the Bible-centered, Adventist perspective.

The Mandarin language schedule includes programs to help listeners learn English as a second language. One of the textbooks for this course is, naturally, the Bible.

Music is also included, with a hymn sing-along for one program. Listeners may write in for a copy of the words and learn to sing with the programs.

Through the variety of programs, AWR presents the full Seventh-day Adventist message. Thus, individuals and even whole villages "become Adventists" by listening to the radio.

### Daily Schedule:

1500 Sun, Wed & Sat --Tamil; Mon & Thur -- Malayalam;  
Tue & Fri -- Marathi.  
1600 Sun, Tue, Thur & Sat -- Hindi; Mon, Wed & Fri -- Telugu.  
1700 Sat, Thur & Fri -- Tagalog; Sun & Thur -- Ilonggo;  
Mon & Wed -- Cebuano.

\* Broadcasts on Saturdays and Sundays only.

ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO-ASIA Z-93 SCHEDULE			
March 28, 1992 through September 28, 1993			
S'PORE	LANGUAGE(S)	FREQ (kHz)	MB
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9000	English (Bangla)	15610	19
1000	English*	13720	22
1100	Mandarin*	13720	22
1200	Mandarin*	13720	22
1300	Mandarin*	13720	22
1400	Mandarin*	13720	22
1500	Mandarin*	13720	22
1600	Shanghainese, Minan	13720	22
1700	Hakka, Cantonese	13720	22
1800	Russian	9530	31
1900	Indonesian	13720	22
2000	Tagalog	13720	22
	Cebuano, Ilonggo		
2100	Korean	9650	31
2200	Burmese	13720	22
2300	Indian	13720	22
2400	Indian	13720	22
0100	English*	13720	22
0200	Swahili*	13720	22
0300			
0400	Mandarin	9495	31
0500	Mandarin	9495	31
0600	Indonesia	15610	19
0700	English	15610	19



## Deliverance!

With earnest longing, God's people await... their coming King... [In the time of trouble which is soon to come] like the melody of angel songs the words [will] fall upon the ear: "Stand fast to your allegiance. Help is coming." Christ, the almighty Victor, holds out to His weary soldiers a crown of immortal glory; and His voice comes from the gates ajar: "Lo, I am with you. Be not afraid. I am acquainted with all your sorrows; I have borne your griefs. You are not warring against untried enemies. I have fought the battle in your behalf, and in My name you are more than conquerors."

The precious Saviour will send help just when we need it. The way to heaven is consecrated by His footprints. Every thorn that wounds our feet has wounded His. Every cross that we are called to bear He has borne before us. The Lord permits conflicts, to prepare the soul for peace. The time of trouble is a fearful ordeal for God's people; but it is the time for every true believer to look up, and by faith he may see the [rainbow] of promise encircling him.

"The redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. I, even I, am He that comforteth you..." Isaiah 51:11, 12.

When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honor the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. As the time appointed in the

*Lift up the trumpet, and loud let it ring:*

*Jesus is coming again!*

*Cheer up, ye pilgrims, be joyful and sing;*

*Jesus is coming again!*

*Heavings of earth, tell the vast,*

*wondering throng:*

*Jesus is coming again!*

*Tempests and whirlwinds,*

*the anthem prolong;*

*Jesus is coming again!*

*Nations are angry; by this we do know*

*Jesus is coming again!*

*Knowledge increases; men run to and fro;*

*Jesus IS coming again!*

decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect...

The people of God--some in prison cells, some hidden in solitary retreats in the forests and the mountains--still plead for divine protection, while in every quarter companies of armed men, urged on by hosts of evil angels, are preparing for the work of death. It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity, that the God of Israel will interpose for the deliverance of His chosen...

With shouts of triumph, jeering, and imprecation, throngs of evil men are about to rush upon their prey, when, lo, a dense blackness, deeper than the darkness of the night, falls upon the earth. Then a rainbow, shining with the glory from the throne of God, spans the heavens and seems to encircle each praying company. The angry multitudes are suddenly [stopped]. Their mocking cries die away. The objects of their murderous rage are forgotten. With fearful forebodings they gaze upon the symbol of God's covenant and long to be shielded from its overpowering brightness...

It is at midnight that God manifests His power for the deliverance of His people. The sun appears, shining in its strength. Signs and wonders follow in quick succession. The wicked look with terror and amazement..., while the righteous behold with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance. Everything in nature seems turned out of its course. The streams cease to flow. Dark, heavy clouds come up and clash against each other. In the midst of the angry heavens is one clear space of indescribable glory,



whence comes the voice of God like the sound of many waters, saying: "It is done." Revelation 16:17.

That voice shakes the heavens and the earth. There is a mighty earthquake...The mountains shake like a reed in the wind, and ragged rocks are scattered on every side...The sea is lashed into fury...The whole earth heaves and swells like the waves of the sea...Great hailstones...are doing their work of destruction. The proudest cities of the earth are laid low...Prison walls are rent asunder, and God's people, who have been held in bondage for their faith, are set free.

Graves are opened, and "many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth...awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12:2...

Soon there appears in the east a small black cloud, about half the size of a man's hand. It is the cloud which surrounds the Saviour...The people of God know this to be the sign of the Son of man. In solemn silence they gaze upon it as it draws nearer the earth, becoming lighter and more glorious, until it is a great white cloud, its base a glory like consuming fire, and above it the rainbow of the covenant. Jesus rides forth as a mighty conqueror...With anthems of celestial melody the holy angels, a vast, unnumbered throng, attend Him on His way..."ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands..."...No crown of thorns now mars that sacred head, but a diadem of glory rests on His holy brow. His countenance outshines the dazzling brightness of the noonday sun. "And he hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, **King of kings, and Lord of lords.**" Revelation 19:16...

The righteous cry with trembling: "Who shall be able to stand?" The angels' song is hushed, and there is a period of awful silence. Then the voice of Jesus is heard, saying: "My grace is sufficient for you." The faces of the righteous are lighted up, and joy fills every heart. And the angels strike a note higher and sing again as they draw still nearer to the earth.

Amid the reeling of the earth, the flash of lightning, and the roar of thunder, the voice of the Son of God calls forth the sleeping saints..."Awake, awake, awake, ye that sleep in the dust, and arise! "Throughout the length and breadth of the earth the dead shall hear that voice,

and they that hear shall live...From the prison house of death they come, clothed with immortal glory, crying: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" I Corinthians 15:55. And the living righteous and the risen saints unite their voices in a long, glad shout of victory...

Oh, wonderful redemption! long talked of, long hoped for, contemplated with eager anticipation, but never fully understood.

The living righteous are changed "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." At the voice of God they were glorified; now they are made immortal and with the risen saints are caught up to meet their Lord in the air. Angels "gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Little children are borne by holy angels to their mothers' arms. Friends long separated by death are united, nevermore to part, and with songs of gladness ascend together to the City of God.

On each side of the cloudy chariot are wings, and beneath it are living wheels; and as the chariot rolls upward, the wheels cry, "Holy," and the wings, as they move, cry "Holy," and the retinue of angels cry, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty." And the redeemed shout, "Alleluia!" as the chariot moves onward toward the New Jerusalem...

Upon the heads of the overcomers, Jesus with His own right hand places the crown of glory. For each there is a crown, bearing his own "new name" ..In every hand are placed the victor's palm and the shining harp. Then, as the commanding angels strike the note, every hand sweeps the harp strings with skillful touch, awaking sweet music in rich, melodious strains. Rapture unutterable thrills every heart, and each voice is raised in grateful praise...

Before the ransomed throng is the Holy City. Jesus opens wide the pearly gates, and the nations that have kept the truth enter in. There they behold the Paradise of God, the home of Adam in his innocence. Then that voice, richer than any music that ever fell on mortal ear, is heard, saying: "Your conflict is ended." "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

-- *The Great Controversy*, pp. 613-646



## Editorial



Dear Readers,

It is with regret that I must say "farewell" to each of you. The recent transfer of my husband, Pastor George Johnson, to the Far Eastern Division headquarters has necessitated a change in my work assignment as well.

For the past three and a half years, it has been my privilege to do the editing of *MESSENGER*. My only hope is that it has been as much of a blessing to each of you as it has been to me, that it has given you both news and inspiration.

I am indeed grateful—to many of you for your support and for your kind letters from time to time. And to the many faithful workers throughout the Southeast Asia Union Mission—our writers, without whom there would have been no news to print. To Pastor Ken Wade and Mr. Lauren Johnson for producing the last two issues of the magazine while I was on furlough. And most of all, to God for His guidance and blessing in allowing me to serve in this way.

As I say farewell, I wish above all else that God may draw each one of you closer to Him day by day, that He may keep you and me faithful to Him until Jesus comes.

We know that truly the hour IS nearing. The signs are all around us—the sin and perversion everywhere, the breaking down of family ties, the false religions and false Christs arising, and the natural disasters. Yet we know that we need not fear for the future, except as we forget how God has led us in the past.

Our only safety is in daily spending time with God, learning to love and depend on Him, studying His Word and applying it to our lives. We must surely "pray without ceasing"—ever vigilant against the trickery, the deceitfulness, of the devil.

Then, when the trouble is at an end, Christ will come to deliver His people. God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. And all the redeemed together will rejoice: "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us" (Isaiah 25:9).

I look forward to meeting each one of you then!

Marilyn Johnson

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