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*Mrs So Sambo (white blouse on left)
with worshippers at her house*

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Born To Win - Sales and Souls

The banner *Born To Win - Sales and Souls* inspired sixty literature evangelists and leaders who met for a five-day Union-wide Publishing Institute at the Phu Come Hotel, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Pastor R. D. Riches, SAUM President, cared for the spiritual welfare of those present. His messages were appropriate and powerful. Instruction was given by Russell Thomas, FED Publishing Director, and Braam Oberholster, SAUM Publishing Director.



Literature evangelists and publishing leaders at SAUM Institute.

Reported Results for 1993 were:

Baptisms	62
Sales	S\$ 750,000.00

Eight literature evangelists each showed an increase of more than 15% in sales in 1993. They were:

Joan Lee	16%
Andrew Yong	32%
Joshua Seong	33%
James Chan	45%
J. E. George	53%
F. Labaonna	54%
Lim Gim Chew	72%
Ngo Kim Chai	140%

What an experience to listen to the stories of these dedicated men and women as they talked about soul-winning and salesmanship.

During the testimony period one literature evangelist told of his experience as a Buddhist Monk and of his conversion to Christianity. Others were pastors in Sunday-keeping churches before becoming Seventh-day Adventists. Others told about their soul-winning experiences while selling God's books. Literature evangelists, publishing leaders, publishing house managers, editors, all work together to reach people

with God's Good News. The group adopted a 1994 sales goal of S\$958,000.00.

It was a heart-warming experience to attend this institute. The warmth, the unity, the positive spirit, the atmosphere was a foretaste of heaven. The Holy Spirit was there.

We invite more dedicated church members to become literature evangelists. The church needs you. Heaven needs you! Come and enjoy heaven's bountiful blessings with us.

— Braam Oberholster, SAUM Publishing Director

News from Radio Gema Harapan

The staff at Radio Gema Harapan sponsored and manned a booth at an exhibition held in the town of Nagoya on the island of Batam in September, 1993. Many people came by the booth and expressed their appreciation of the stations's music and programs. The station can be heard at 105.5 FM in Singapore, Batam, and even Johor Bahru.



Gema Harapan staff

The Gema Harapan staff receive fifty to seventy letters per day from listeners from Indonesia and Singapore. Most of the letters are written in the Indonesian language. Many listeners send in pictures of themselves, and some even come to visit the station.

On January 2 the staff invited members of their fan club to come to the station. About 110 people, mostly from Batam, attended the first fan club meeting.

— Kenneth R. Wade,
SAUM Communication Director

Voice of Prophecy News

VOP Enrollment in Singapore: The Personal Ministries Department of the Singapore Mission organized an island-wide VOP mass enrollment campaign on September 11, 1993. We received many applications from the churches. The Publishing Department of SAUM organized the Book Exhibition at the World Trade Centre, September 4 through 12, 1993. VOP cards were freely distributed.

New VOP Course: A new course on life style, called Pathway To Self Development is now ready for use. This course is suitable for adults and young adults alike. The old Pathway To Health is still in use, but mainly for teenagers.

VOP Student Wins Soul in Penang: Mr. Marimuthu, a VOP student from Penang, was baptized two years ago. Today he is an active member of the Tamil Church there. He has won his entire family to the Lord since his

conversion. Recently during an evangelistic meeting held in Penang, Mr. Marimuthu invited his cousin, Mr. Paramasivam, to attend the meetings. Mr. Paramasivam, aged 55, was baptized with three others at the close of the meetings.

Health Campaign in Sitiawan Yields Many VOP Enrollments: During the Health Exhibition held in Sitiawan by the Ipoh Chinese SDA Church more than 250 VOP applications were received.

Condolence: Mr. K. T. Andrews, a former VOP worker, passed away in 1993 in Australia after a prolonged heart disease. His mother, his wife and a daughter, and many other relatives and friends mourn his loss.

Andrews was instrumental in the updating of the popular the *New Way of Life Course* in Tamil.

■ CAMBODIA ■

Legless Man Takes Great Strides For Christ

Commander Pho Kheng had both his legs blasted off by a landmine during the recent civil war in Cambodia. Although he recovered from his injuries, he was unable to pursue his career with the Cambodian Army, so he joined God's army and set out on a mission to save souls. After returning to his home village, he found it difficult to get around without any legs, so he started teaching his own children and their friends the gospel story.

News of what he was doing spread rapidly, and more came to hear the Good News. As he sat on the rough planks of his uncle's humble house, he nurtured the interests for a full year. Nearly fifty people now worship regularly with Commander Pho Kheng.

On December 18, twenty-three of Pho Kheng's students were baptized and became part of God's family. Elder M. Daniel Walter, Cambodia District Director, accompanied by Mr. Van Thorn Nhem, Cambodia District secretary, and other staff members, witnessed the first baptism in Cambodia of candidates prepared



Legless man, Mr. Pho Kheng, prepared this group of 23 for baptism during 1993.

entirely by laymen who were once refugees.

Less than two years ago, there were no Adventists in Cambodia except for one ADRA director. Today, with ADRA personnel, and others working together primarily among the refugees, there are 1,052 worshipping the Lord regularly, 236 baptized members, and 36 companies.

— Daniel Walter,
Cambodia District Director

Women Active in Cambodia

At the end of 1993 thirty-six companies of believers were meeting regularly in scattered parts of the country. Ladies lead out in at least five of these companies.

Mrs. Chanthorn, who wanted to become an Adventist while living in the refugee camps in Thailand, was among the first group to be baptized in Cambodia since the civil war broke out nearly 20 years ago. She leads out in a group of new interests about 15 km (9 miles) south of Phnom Penh.



Mrs. Pong Davy (left) and Mrs. Chanthorn attending lay training classes at the Cambodia Attached District Office.

Across the river from Mrs. Chanthorn lives Mrs. Phut Sovana, a school teacher. She lost her husband and young son in the war. In January she was baptized with Mrs. Chanthorn, and now has a branch Sabbath School attended by six adults and 20 children.

Another lady who does outstanding work is Mrs. Pong Davy. She also lost her husband in the war and is left with two small children. She now has a large group from the Kampong Cham Province, about 100 km (60 miles) north of Phnom Penh. Recently she hired a motorcycle trailer to bring seven or eight of her students to the mission for three days of advanced Bible studies. They had to have courage to travel along a road infested with armed robbers who frequently rob and murder travellers. The journey also required crossing a branch of the Mekong River on a precarious ferry boat. But these courageous lay workers thought nothing of the dangers as long as they could hear about Jesus.

Another lady is Mrs. So Sambo. With no help from anyone she raised up a group of about 25 families near the Thai border, and is sharing the Good News of salvation with them.

Voa Roeuy and Yie Thany are not yet baptized members, but each have groups of up to 50 interested people, who are hungering for truth, meeting in their homes. These ladies are looking forward to the day when they too can be baptized - perhaps together with those meeting with them in their homes.

— Dorothy Walter, SAUM Shepherdess Leader

Members' Prayers Answered

Mrs. Vannary Chaum was forced to live for a number of years in the refugee camps on the border of Thailand because of civil war in her home country of Cambodia. While there she became a Seventh-day Adventist and trained to be a nurse.

On several occasions when she faced problems or discouragement, she received encouragement from God through dreams. When the country returned to relative peace and the remaining refugees came home, she and her homeless family moved to Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia.

Vannary found employment in one of the better hospitals of the city. It was not long before the hospital told her that she must work half days on Sabbath. She pleaded with her superiors to let her have Sabbath off for worship, but they became angry and threatened to fire her.

Vannary prayed about it and one day confided her problem with a Filipina nurse who worked there. This Filipina nurse approached the administrative personnel and pled on behalf of Vannary. That night Vannary had another dream in which she seemed to see Jesus looking at her. She told Him of her problem, but He didn't answer her. He only looked right at her, and smiled.



Mrs. Vannary Chaum, Cambodia nurse whose persistence in prayer changed her supervisor's heart to give her Sabbath free to worship.

Why wouldn't He answer her? she thought.

The next morning when she went to work she met her Filipina friend who told her that the big boss had decided to give her her Sabbaths off. It seemed too good to be true, so she went to see her boss personally. Sure enough, he assured her that he decided church was important, and if she would like to put in extra hours during the week, she could have her Sabbaths off.

Truly, Jesus had smiled at her! She has not missed a Sabbath service since then! God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

— Daniel Walter,
Cambodia District Director

Soon for Cambodia, the Great Controversy

Printed materials in the Khmer (Cambodian) language are one of the great needs in Cambodia. At present, the only Adventist books available are *The Prince and the Rebel* and *The Story of Jesus*. There is also one set of Bible lessons.

Former refugees who became Adventists while living in refugee camps in Thailand are now translating selected materials into the language of their home country. Among them is Mr. Someth Lem.

Mr Lem, the lay leader of a group of Cambodian people in South Australia, organized them into teams to translate *The Great Controversy* into the Khmer language.



Mr. Someth Lem of South Australia, who has organized teams of former Cambodian refugees to translate the Great Controversy into his mother tongue - Khmer, the language of Cambodia.

Mr. Lem returned to Cambodia for three weeks in January. He brought an encouraging report that his team has already completed the translation of the first twelve chapters. The group has not asked for any assistance to do this notable task, but we know that they are doing this at considerable personal sacrifice.

As in the days of Pentecost, the Lord made it possible for every person to hear the gospel in his mother tongue, so in these last days it is a thrill to see the gospel being prepared in the tongues of those who yet sit in darkness.

— Daniel Walter,
Cambodia District Director

■ SABAH ■

Evangelism Blesses Kota Kinabalu Chinese Church

December 4, 1993 was an unforgettably joyful day for the Seventh-day Adventist Chinese Church in Kota Kinabalu. That night nine candidates gave themselves to Christ in baptism, thus bringing to a climax the "World Outlook" lectures. An audience of over 200 witnessed the glorious event.

Several elderly members remarked that this congregation had not a city-wide effort since 1959. Therefore it was high time for someone to come and

conduct another one.

Elder Wong Yew Seng, manager of Southeast Asia Publishing House, led out in the meetings. Prior to this campaign he instructed the church members to do preparatory work. We launched a door-to-door tract campaign. We prepared a visitation list, started a pastor's class, and held a Sabbath School Community Guest Day. The importance of soul winning was emphasized. Visitations and Bible studies increased in fervor. Pastor Ginduk Laung held a revival meeting two weeks prior to the campaign.

Many church members helped prepare for the meetings. They put up banners along major streets, sent

out invitation cards, distributed tracts, and contacted the major local newspapers. Many people fasted and prayed for the success of the campaign.

Elder Wong arrived from Singapore at midnight on November 25 and began his "World Outlook" series on November 27. Pastor Felix Liew, Sandakan Church Pastor, translated his lectures into English so that those who do not understand Mandarin might also hear the messages.

Elder Wong, with the aid of an overhead projector, illustrated his points by using simple everyday events and subjects of common interest. In this way the audience could grasp the truths presented.

Truth-seekers came from all walks of life. A group of them came by a chartered van from the town of Kudat one hundred miles away. A 94-year-old grandmother came with family members from Sandakan. Even the Mission President, Dr. Charles Gaban, Secretary, Pastor Mansor, Treasurer, Mr. Lim See Him, and mission departmental directors attended.

The church hall, which can accommodate more than 200 persons, was packed almost every night. Elder Wong made an appeal every night and the response was tremendous. In one appeal 102 persons indicated the need for personal care, 68 persons requested further Bible study, and 10 persons indicated a desire to be baptized on December 4.



Elder Wong Yew Seng conducting evangelistic series.

The church is revived. Church members brought friends to the meetings, helped in ushering, finding verses, giving special music, and intercessory prayer. Sister churches responded by presenting special music and adding to the high spirits of the occasion.

The "World Outlook" lecture series concluded smoothly on the night of December 5. Elder Wong cordially invited the audience to come back every Wednesday and Friday night to attend the follow-up series called "Present Truth Seminar" conducted by Pastor George Lee.

— George Lee, Kota Kinabalu Chinese Church

Guest Room Available in Sandakan

Majestically perched on the gentle slopes overlooking the glistening tropical sea, the Guest Apartment of the Sandakan Youth Centre awaits you.

It is conveniently sited within walking distance from the town, yet in a quiet environment. Vacationers or business travelers will find it an irresistible lodging place amid picturesque surroundings.



Sandakan Youth Centre with guest apartment on the top floor.

We offer a very competitive rate for our SDA brethren. One has to pay only M\$12.00 for a comfortable night, yet enjoy all the facilities available. A small fee of M\$3.00 is charged for an additional blanket or towels upon request.

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275952, 213860, 275954

You may write to the address below for detailed information.

The Guest Apartment
PO Box 60
9007 Sandakan
Sabah, Malaysia.

■ SARAWAK ■

A Jungle Chapel built in Tatau, Sarawak

A volunteer team of eight Lightbearers from the Balestier Church, Singapore, spent from December 9 to December 22, 1993 in the remote jungle of Nanga Selilai Kakus in Sarawak. Their mission was to build a jungle chapel and conduct health and evangelistic meetings for the villagers.

It took two days to get to this remote village on the Sungei Kakus branch of Tatau River. We took a flight from Senai Airport in Johor Bahru to Kuching and then on to Bintulu. We travelled by road to Tatau, and then had a two-hour express boat ride, and another two-hour ride in a small longboat.



Lightbearers constructing jungle chapel.

At midday, December 10, the group arrived at the village and had a surprise welcome. All the villagers were in their best clothes having waited for our arrival for an hour in the hot sun. We were led into their longhouse by a procession of gongs and the traditional Iban dances.

We spent 10 days with the villagers in their "short" longhouse. They call it "short" because there are only 11 families. Mr Gungyung, who is the village chief, is a Seventh-day Adventist. His wife is called Marah. Most of the families are related to one another.

The living conditions were harsh for most of us city kids, and we had to adapt ourselves quickly to the environment. We had to learn to use water sparingly, and to eat and sleep on the floor. In the morning we awoke early to the sounds of roosters crowing, doors creaking, gibbon screaming for milk, and dogs barking. During the day we had to put up with sandflies and mosquitoes, and squatting in a latrine with the gibbon

staring! One of the things we learned to enjoy most was the big event each day - bathing in the muddy river! Our experience in the longhouse was more memorable as we learned to live each day like the native Ibans.

During our stay, we worked together with the villagers to build the church with the funds which we helped to raise. We managed to raise over \$7,000 for the cost of building, materials for the health and evangelistic programs, and food.

Although we were not skilled builders, we did acquire some skills from helping out. Chinniah carried timber from the river, Thaddaeus and Pastor Lee became expert window grill fixers. Robert acquired a specialty in nailing planks. Shiow, Doris, and myself helped mostly in the painting works. Adelin worked with the children. She taught them how to write their names and do arts and crafts.

Each evening the villagers gathered in the veranda of their longhouse to listen to our health and evangelistic programs. We took turns in presenting them. After the health talks the children had their story, and arts and craft sessions in another room while the adults continued with the evangelistic talks. Pastors Stephen Agong and James Sagit served as translators.

Although we did not understand much of the Iban language, we had close interactions with the people. Most of the time we communicated in Bahasa Melayu, using sign language and interpreters. We got to know some of the villagers personally and learned about their culture. Since we were living mainly in communal type of living, we did many things together such as cooking, eating, building the church, fishing, and even bathing and wading in the river.

The church was almost completed on our last Sabbath there. We had our first worship service in the beautiful wooden church, which was also dedicated on that special day.

As we got ready for departure, our Iban friends became very sad and some did not even have an appetite for food.

This mission trip taught us humility. For the villagers in Nanga Selilai Kakus, it will never be the same again. Not only do they have a newly constructed church of their own, but it is also the only church along the Kakus river - a lighthouse for those who cruise in darkness!

— Alicia Chow, Secretary, Lightbearers

■ SINGAPORE ■

Health Screening and Lifestyle Counseling Program

The Adventist Better Living Centre and Dunman Road Adventist Church organized a Health Screening and Lifestyle Counseling Program. The program was held in the Dunman Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath afternoon, November 20, 1993.

The Health Screening consisted of height and weight measurements, blood pressure screening, and blood glucose screening. Dr. Charles Loo, a layman, presented the Lifestyle Counseling segment. A total of 40 participants benefited from this community service program. Personnel were volunteers from Youngberg Hospital and Dunman Church members.

It is the hope and prayer of the Adventist Better Living Centre that the churches in Singapore will work together more often in organizing these community service programs.

— Samuel Siew,
Director, Adventist Better Living Centre

Youngberg Hospital Serves its Community

Youngberg Hospital organized health screenings in connection with its 45th year of service to the Singapore Community. The theme for the program was Staying Healthy. The screenings included heart and dental checks, and a well-woman check. The general public responded enthusiastically. Hospital staff and church members



Hospital staff with members of Rotary club at Christmas Cheer.

volunteered their services on those Sundays when people packed the hospital. As a token of appreciation for the senior citizens in the community, the hospital offered the screenings free to those above 60 years of age.



Health counselling by staff during the Health Screenings.

During the month of December, 1993 the hospital cosponsored with the Rotary Club of Tanglin a Christmas Cheer at a downtown shopping mall to raise funds for the handicapped in the community. This program helped to provide opportunities for the staff to mingle with the busy shoppers and to heighten their awareness of health issues. By sharing their means with people less fortunate the staff's deeds demonstrated the meaning of Christmas.

— Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, YAH

The Second Singapore Tamil Evangelistic Camp Meetings

The second Singapore Tamil Evangelistic Camp Meeting was held in Port Dickson during the first week of December 1993. There were approximately 100 campers in all. More than half of them came from the Johor Bahru area where new work has been started by an active group of church members.

The Book of Daniel was the main object of study during the camp. The campers were profoundly interested in the messages since most of them had not been exposed to these great truths before. The main speakers were Pastors Ken Wade, Joseph David, and Samuel Money. Brother Sam Govindasmy gave lectures on health, and a series on Family Life was presented by

Pastor Joseph David.

During the meetings a call for baptism was made. Nine people responded and six of them were baptized in the sea after the Sabbath worship service.

Sister Elizabeth Joseph, wife of Pastor Joseph David, conducted a childrens' Vacation Bible School with the help of several other ladies. More than 30 children attended.

A cordial, cooperative, and Christian spirit prevailed throughout the camp due to the help of many laymen and pastors from the Peninsular Malaysia Mission. These men gave their valuable time and services to make the camp a success.

The camp, conducted by Pastor Money, VOP Director, SAUM, has boosted the morale of the Singapore Tamil SDA Church. A third camp meeting is being planned for November 1994 to be held in the same place. The pastor and enthusiastic members of the Tamil Church in Singapore are already making plans to bring in many souls during 1994.

— *Messenger Staff*

Pathfinder and Adventurer Club Christmas Food Fair

The Pathfinder and Adventure Clubs of the Jurong Seventh-day Adventist Church organized a Christmas Food Fair on Sunday, December 19 to raise funds for club activities. They held the fair in the grounds of the Jurong Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A constant flow of people kept everyone busy with the whole church involved in helping in one way or another. A good number of friends and regular church visitors chipped in with their generous contributions of



Pathfinders having fun at Christmas Food Fair.

food.

The proceeds came to approximately S\$4,700. A major portion of the funds will go towards refurbishing an office to be used as a club house for both clubs. This project is very necessary since there is a shortage of rooms available for club meetings and activities, and also for storing the respective clubs' equipment.

We thank the good Lord for the success of the Food Fair which served as the climax of the programs of both the Pathfinder and Adventurer Clubs of Jurong English Church.

— *Samuel Siew, Director,
Pathfinder and Adventurer Clubs*

Jurong Seventh-day Adventist Church Dedication

Seven years have gone by since the Jurong Seventh-day Adventist Church first opened its doors to enable the former Queenstown Church members to have their worship service there. After the church had paid its debts, the Jurong English and Chinese Churches decided to dedicate the sanctuary. They appointed Mr. Samuel Siew to be the head of the Church Dedication Committee.



The chairman welcomed the worshippers.

On Sabbath afternoon, August 28, 1993 church members representing the nine congregations of the Singapore Adventist Mission, gathered together to witness the dedication of the Jurong SDA Church. The pastors also celebrated the Year of the Pastor.

Dr. Phoon Chek Yat, President of SAM, preached the dedication sermon. He urged the members to dedicate their body temples to the Lord in the same way as we

dedicate the church. Local pastors received pins and gifts as a reward for their years of service. Pastor John Griswell has the distinction of being the longest serving church pastor with a record of 40 years. Pastor Michael Ho is the longest serving local pastor, having served 20 years.

A reception followed immediately after the dedication service.

— Mr. Samuel Siew,
Church Dedication Committee Chairman

Pathfinders and Adventurers' Investiture Service

The Pathfinder and Adventurer Clubs of the Jurong English Church held their first combined Investiture Service on Sabbath, September 18, 1993. The theme was "A Celebration of Pathfinders and Adventurers." This was the first of its kind in the history of the Singapore Adventist Mission.



What a great uniformed youth group!

Pastor Chan Shee Wai, Youth Director of SAM, conducted the investiture service and presented pins, awards, and honors to both the pathfinders and adventurers. There were many proud parents present for the meeting. Many of them were not Adventists, but they were there to show their support for the uniformed group.

It is the hope of the church that the Pathfinders and Adventurers will continue to grow in quality and quantity to the glory of God.

— Samuel Siew,
Director, Pathfinder & Adventurer Clubs

Singapore Annual Book Fair

The Publishing Department of the Singapore Adventist Mission participated for the second successive year in the Singapore Annual Book Fair held in the World Trade Centre from September 4th to 12th.

Brochures of our books, calendar, cards featuring The Bible Story, VOP cards, copies of *FREE!* magazine were distributed to the thousands of people who visited the Fair. The emphasis of our participation this year was on The Bible Story. Video tapes of Bible stories especially brought in from Australia were shown during the Fair, and a number of people responded to the reply cards for follow-up visits.



SDA booth at the Singapore Book Fair 93.

The Book Fair has certainly resulted in good publicity for our books, particularly The Bible Story. This has prompted the Union Publishing Director, Elder Braam Oberholster, to suggest that for next year's Book Fair, we should have two booths.

— Samuel Siew, Publishing Director, SAM

The Dunman Road Meetings Climax On Christmas Day

Pastor Samuel Money, SAUM VOP Director, led out in evangelistic meetings in the Dunman Road SDA Church over the weekends leading up to Christmas Day.

Christmas was a joyous day for all the members and visitors who attended the celebrations. The church was packed with visitors and friends. A special wood decoration donated by church elder William Chng added a unique beauty to the day.

But the greatest joy of all was to witness the youth of the church respond to a call for baptism. Eleven children aged between eight and 16 years stood tall for Christ. Four whom the pastor had prepared were baptized.

— Messenger Staff

■ THAILAND ■

New President For Thailand Mission

Due to the permanent return of Steve and Nancy Bassham to the US, there is a change in the leadership of the Thailand Adventist Mission. Pastor Rungsit Saejang accepted, and is now functioning as President of Thailand Adventist Mission. He comes with a wide experience which enables him to take the leadership role at this time. Born in a small tribal village in the north, Pastor Rungsit has a thorough understanding of the world view of the tribal people and is able to give this unique contribution to the outreach of our church.

But Pastor Rungsit is more than an educated tribesman. He is also an educated Thai, having gone through the Thai school system and obtained his first tertiary education in a Thai university. He also understands the needs of the expatriate worker, having spent some time in the United States on special assignments on various occasions. Having obtained a degree at Southeast Asia Union College, he is able to speak fluent English as well as Thai, Khamuang, Lao, and Hmong.

Pastor Rungsit began his work as a local pastor, later worked as a district pastor, and spent some years in the education field as a teacher and the Superintendent of Education. He held various departmental positions in the mission and recently spent a few years as secretary of Thailand Adventist Mission, and the president of the SDA Foundation.

Pastor Rungsit combines the unique qualities of holding to traditional values while at the same time accepting new, modern concepts and ideas. He recognizes that the church belongs to the 21st century. He works well with other people, and is deeply committed to the great task of spreading the gospel throughout the Kingdom of Thailand.

His first duty as the new president will be to lead the constituents of the church in the triennial session which will set the evangelism thrust for the next three years. We solicit your prayers on behalf of Pastor Rungsit as he settles into his new role, and we pray that God will give him a double portion of his blessings.

— *W. S. Bassham, Outgoing President, TAM*

Thailand Adventist Mission Triennial Session

On the evening of January 13, 1994, Pastor Sunti Sorajakool and Pastor Wendell Wilcox, two former Thailand Mission presidents lit a "Gospel Candle" as the delegates marched into the auditorium of Ekamai International School, Bangkok. The "Gospel Candle", signifying the fire in the hearts of the people of Thailand, was lit as part of the opening ceremony for the nineteenth Triennial Session of the Thailand Adventist Mission. The newly elected Mission President, Pastor Rungsit Saejang, gave a warm welcome following the seating of the delegates.

Mr. Siri Siriboot, a representative of the Thai Religion Department, honored the convocation with his presence. He spoke graciously to the 190 delegates from the churches throughout Thailand. Elder R. D. Riches, President of Southeast Asia Union Mission, was the key speaker for the Triennial Session. Various Thai pastors gave devotional messages during the three-day meetings.

In his speech to the delegates, Pastor Rungsit mentioned that during the past three years the membership in Thailand increased by more than 1,230. Sixteen individuals joined the ranks of workers, thus enabling the work to expand into previously unentered areas such as Sisaket, Buriram, Sakonakorn, Nakornsawan, Kampang Phet, Payao and Kanchanaburi. Churches were built in Ban Nadu, Fang, Nongnuenroy,



From left to right -

Front row: Pastor Rungsit Saejang, wife Patcharint

*Back Row: Daughter Patchara, son Sanga,
son Damrong, and daughter Rattana.*

Khunwan, Juayjawa, Namkham, Huaymaknoon, Kiewkan, Toongnanoy, Konglan and Pangsangkasee. Three churches: Korat, Kunsu, and Maethokee were organized during the Triennium, and taken into the sisterhood of churches in Thailand.

In the past few years the Thailand Publishing House printed many new books: the new devotional book *Puakuampenthai*, *The Great Controversy*, *Messages to Young People*, *Adventist Home*, *Steps to Christ*, *Ministry of Healing*, *Harmful Drugs*, *Eight Secrets of Health*, and *The Story of Jesus*.

During the last two years the Publishing Department had the highest sales of these books.

This year, we are losing the leadership of two important workers - Doctors Steve and Nancy Bassham. Because of Steve's medical problems they have asked for retirement. During their four-year term both of them gave strong leadership, and the work in Thailand greatly improved because of their efforts. We thank them for their support in the past and believe they will still continue to support the work in Thailand.

We would like to thank God for the many miracles during the past three years: the completion of the college dormitory and married student housing, new work in so many areas of Thailand, the registration of Ekamai International School, formally known as Adventist English school, increases in workers, and tithes and offerings.

— Rungsit Saejang, TAM President

“So Long - Steve And Nancy”

Bidding farewell to the Basshams stirred up memories of many years among those of us who knew Steve and Nancy even before he became President of the Thailand Mission. During this time they have endeared themselves to the Mission family.

The evening of November 18, 1993 our Mission family gathered at Wongchampan Hall, Ekamai Church, for a farewell potluck dinner. It was a time for everyone to reminisce, and relate experiences of our association with Steve and Nancy, traveling together, working together, and confiding in them our concerns, our problems, and needs, finding in them willing listeners and wise counselors.

Steve draped his mantle around Pastor Rungsit Saejang's shoulders, and we all pledged ourselves to cooperate and support him as we did Steve. Many of

our Thai pastors thanked Steve for his interest in their continuing education, and making it possible for them to have special ministerial training at SAUC and other schools. Nancy has worked untiringly, providing seminars for families, and strengthening marriage ties. Both she and Steve have always lent a kind, listening ear to those who felt they could unburden their hearts to them. Their wise counsel and cheerful encouragement will be missed by many.



Steve and Nancy Bassham cutting the "Farewell" cake at their farewell dinner.

Many practical and lovely gifts were bestowed upon Steve and Nancy by the Thailand Mission family, ADRA, the Ekamai International School, Bangkok Adventist Hospital, the Mission Health Food Company and others.

— Dorothea R. Hilde,
AVS Secretary to Dr. Nancy Bassham.

Thailand Educators Honored

During the second Annual Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Educational Institutions in Thailand, the constituency unanimously selected the recipients of four educational awards.

Ellen Waddel-Nelson received the *Outstanding Educator Award*. She began the nursing school in Thailand in 1947, and continues to inspire those who are engaged in education work in Thailand. Dr. Salinee Navamaratna received the *Pioneer Service Reward* for

her role in bringing the nursing school, as well as Mission College Faculty of Arts and Sciences, from a two-year certificate to a fully-accredited four-year baccalaureate degree. Dr. Salinee and Ellen Waddell-Nelson were both in the United States at the time these awards were given. They were contacted by telephone in the small hours of the morning in the US, and everyone at the conference heard and enjoyed their surprise and response monitored live over the public address system.



Ellen Waddell — Nelson receiving the happy news of her award.

Three other awards were also given. Mr. Komal Tan received the *Outstanding Supporter Role* for being a supporter of the development of the education work throughout Thailand, and particularly for his 36 years of dedicated service to the Adventist Ekamai School. He still serves as a member of the Ekamai School Board. Mr. Chalee Chuenchob received the *Career Service Award* as a model of dedication to the field of education throughout his career of more than 34 years. Steve and Nancy Bassham received jointly *The Special Service Award* for pioneering Chiangmai Academy and providing scholarships for workers' upgrading in Singapore.

— W. S. Bassham, Former TAM President

Tragedy Strikes in Bangkok

A tragedy occurred on Sept. 14 at approximately 2 a.m. when Mrs. Sansiri Sorajjakool, four members of her family, and three maids died in a fire that destroyed their two-story home in Bangkok.

The members of the family who died were Mrs. Sansiri, her daughter, Cathy Voraluck, 30, her Singaporean son-in-law, Lim Han Eng, 31, and their two daughters, aged three years and eight months, along with three maids who were in the house at the time of the fire.

The first firemen to arrive at the scene said they heard people screaming for help inside the house, but they could not enter because of the iron grilles at the doors and on the windows. The second floor of the house collapsed after flames engulfed the whole structure. Firemen, who arrived with five fire engines, spent about 45 minutes extinguishing the blaze.

For many years, Mrs. Sansiri was the top literature evangelist in the Thailand Mission. She retired in 1992 after serving as a literature evangelist for 15 years. Before joining the publishing department, she worked 13 years at Bangkok Adventist Hospital.

Han Eng, who was an outstanding student, graduated with a four-year BA degree in Education from Southeast Asia Union College in Singapore in 1986. He was president of his graduating class and also president of the Student Association in 1986. It was while he was a student at SAUC that he met Cathy, also a student. They later married. At the time of the accident, Han Eng was a lecturer at Bangkok International School.

Hundreds of people attended the memorial services in Bangkok and Singapore. The bodies of the Lim family were cremated and the ashes brought by plane to Singapore. Mrs. Sansiri was buried in Bangkok.

Danny Pung, while serving as Communication Director for the Thailand Mission, spoke on a Bangkok radio program after the funeral. He said, "Although it is a terrible loss for me to lose my mother, Mrs. Sansiri, my sister, Cathy, my brother-in-law and two nieces, God has given me the strength and courage to sustain me in my grief, and He has given me the assurance that we will meet again in heaven when He comes.

Many hearts go out to the remaining members of the family as they await Christ's Second Coming.

— Lamorna Riches, SAUM



SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE



Enrollment Is Up

The student body of Southeast Asia Union College continues to grow in size and diversity.

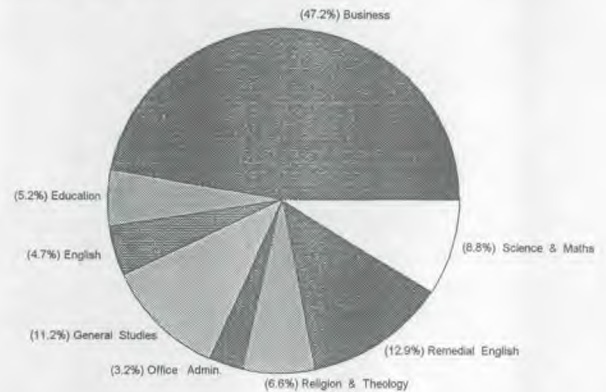
Current enrollment is 201 students. This is a gain and continues the upward trend.

College enrollment by quarter and year, 1984 - 1993

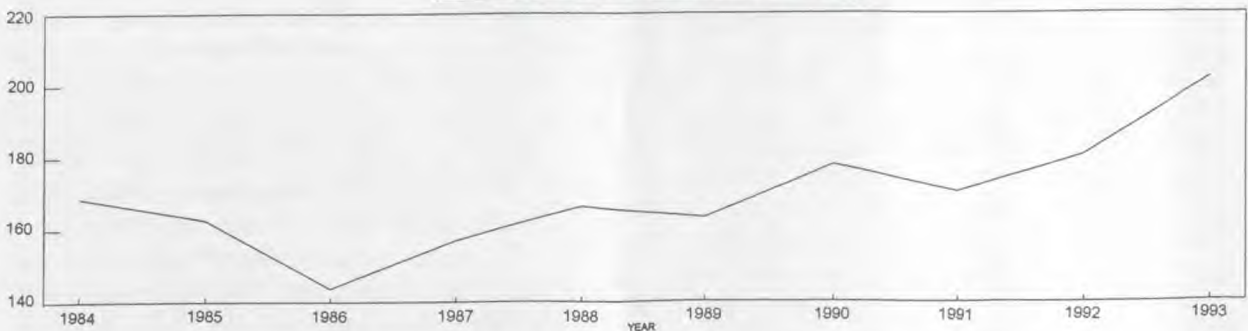
YEAR	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	AVERAGE
1984	157	167	180	171	169
1985	170	162	164	155	163
1986	145	148	148	134	144
1987	140	151	163	174	157
1988	185	167	156	158	167
1989	157	148	167	181	163
1990	194	175	178	165	178
1991	173	165	170	174	171
1992	183	175	178	187	181
1993	197	206	210	195	202
AVERAGE	170	166	171	169	169

the SAUC student body and Indonesia is represented by 23.1 percent. Singaporean students comprise 11 percent of the student body. Other countries represented are: Bangladesh, Korea, Thailand, Japan, China, Myanmar, USA, India, Canada, Pakistan, Taiwan, Cambodia, Sweden, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, England and Ghana.

By department, percentages can be seen in the following graph:



AVERAGE ENROLLMENT FROM 1984 - 1993

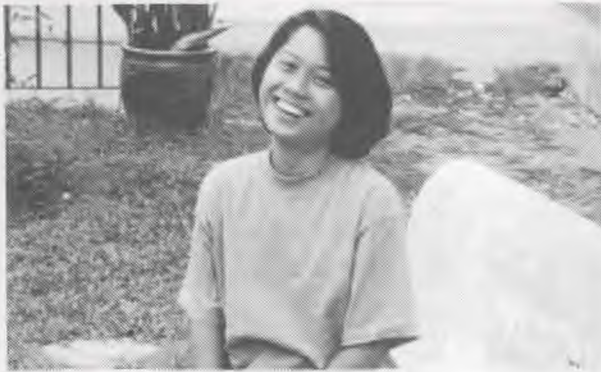


The student body composition is 60 percent freshmen, 21 percent sophomores, 11 percent juniors, and eight percent seniors. There are 42 new students enrolled at the college this year.

Students come to the college from over 20 different countries. Malaysia is represented by 26.7 percent of

Among reactions to the college is that of Adelyn Tan who recently joined SAUC from Malaysia. "I received an invitation to be sponsored at SAUC on Christmas morning. It was the very best Christmas gift I could have ever received."

Many like Adelyn are interested in attending SAUC.



Adelene Tan

If you know students who would like to attend, please contact:

The Registrar
Southeast Asia Union College,
273 Upper Serangoon Road,
Singapore 1334

SAUC Students Earn Scholarships

Juanita Golotoh, an office administration major at Southeast Asia Union College from Sabah, Malaysia, and daughter of Pastor & Mrs. Golotoh, received the 1994 scholarship awarded by the Women's Ministries' Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. This is the first year scholarships have been awarded by this organization. The money for the scholarship has come from profits from the devotional *Among Friends*, produced by the Womens's Committee of the General Conference. The award was presented on the basis of academic achievement and leadership potential. It is designed to assist students who demonstrate the characteristics promoted by the Women's Ministries' Committee. Juanita received the scholarship from Elder Tom Massengill, Treasurer of Southeast Asia Union Mission, at a college assembly on January 11, 1994.

The Hack Memorial Scholarship Awards for the 4th quarter of 1993 were also recently presented. The Hack scholarships are awarded to students based on superior academic achievement in math and science. These awards are possible through an endowment by Dr. Rudolf Hack, who established an endowment fund for the science and mathematics program of SAUC. Students receiving the Hack Award for the 4th quarter of 1993 are Marilyn Cheng (Sarawak), Samuel Lim and Priscilla Leo.

The academic excellence of the students at SAUC is also recognized through the Dean's List which notes those students who have a grade-point average of above

3.50. Currently, 15 students, or just under 10 percent of the student body, are receiving recognition for their academic achievement.

If you are interested in contributing to a fund for outstanding students, please contact the college administration.

— Dr. Koh Kang Song, President, SAUC

Walla Walla College Staff Visits

SAUC recently hosted Stephen Payne, Vice-President of Admissions and Marketing from Walla Walla College (WWC), and Pat Gustin, Director of the English Language Program. According to Mr. Payne, the purpose of the visit was to become better acquainted with Southeast Asia Union College and its students, and to discover ways in which WWC and SAUC can cooperatively work together for the education of the young people of Southeast Asia.

The strength of the affiliation between SAUC and WWC is determined by the confidence the administrators of the individual schools have in the programs. These visits assure informed decisions on the administrative level and contribute to the smooth functioning of the affiliation program.

Mr. Payne met with several SAUC students who are planning to attend WWC to obtain degrees not available at SAUC.

Pat Gustin, Director of the English Language Program at WWC, joined Mr. Payne on this itinerary. She is well known in both Singapore and Thailand, having served over 17 years in the Far Eastern Division in those two countries. She was one of the main forces in the establishment and growth of the English Language school in Bangkok. While on campus she discussed the Teaching English as a Second Language Degree Program with the faculty of SAUC, and also provided an inservice training session for the English teachers in the SAUC English Language Program.

The English Language Program at SAUC continues to attract a wide range of students, and during the current quarter, 11 students who have come to Singapore to learn English and then join the secondary school stream have begun to study English in the English as a Second Language.

The SAUC/WWC affiliation provides the opportunity for students to study at SAUC in Singapore and receive a degree from WWC. This is done at a greatly reduced tuition rate that represents savings of over 50 percents for students contemplating a college or university degree. More than 20 faculty members from WWC have visited SAUC and taught on this campus. More than 90 students

who have studied on the SAUC campus have graduated with a WWC degree. This program continues to grow and strengthen and provides a unique opportunity for a multi-cultural educational experience and an American degree. The affiliation is evaluated by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and the Board of Regents of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

At Rest

Pastor Wu Eng Hwa was born on September 1, 1905 in Amoy, Fukien. He passed away on August 30, 1993 in Los Angeles, USA. Since he was left an orphan his grandmother raised him. He attended Bee Hwa High School, an SDA secondary school in Lukangshu, and island opposite Amoy. There he became acquainted with the Three Angels' Messages and was baptised in 1924. On September 1 of the same year he entered denominational service. In March 1938 he was ordained to the gospel ministry.

For a short while he served as a teacher, but most of his denominational service was with the publishing department. After serving in South China for more than ten years he came to work as a colporteur in the Southeast Asia Union in 1941. Six months later the Japanese occupied most of the territory served by the SAUM. During this time Pastor Wu was manager of the Malayan Signs Press for six months in 1942. From 1943 to 1945 he was pastor of the Kuala Lumpur Church. After the war he continued his service in the Malaya Mission until his retirement on August 31, 1965. As a publishing leader in the Southeast Asia Union, Pastor Wu helped to raise funds for various denominational projects.

On February 1, 1927 he married Miss Lu Lian Hoe, his school mate at Bee Hwa. They had six sons and a daughter. Surviving him are his six sons, four daughters-in-law, eight grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. His elder son Pastor S. T. Wu, serves in the South China Island Union Mission. His third son David Wu Seng Chee, until his retirement in December, 1993, served as a teacher at Southeast Asia Union College.

— C. Y. Wu, Secretary, SAUM

What It Should Have Been

On page 25 of the November-December issue of The Messenger, the principal of the Phuket Church School should be Mr. Suthip Kriawkaram instead of Dr. Nantje Twijnstra. Dr. Twijnstra, a long-time missionary to Thailand and now retired, is treasurer of the school. We are sorry for the error.

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