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*Going Fishing with
ADRA Vietnam*

The Night Before Jesus Came

“Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.



The children were dressing to crawl into bed,
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And Mum in her rocker with the baby on her lap
Was watching the late show while I took a nap.



When out of the east there arose such a clatter,
And I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutter and threw up the sash!



When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!



The light of His face made me cover my head
It was Jesus, returning just like He said,
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the book of Life which He held in His hand
Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;
When He said, "It's not here," my head hung in shame.



The people whose names had been written with love
He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready He rose without a sound
While the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;
Oh, if only we had been ready tonight!



In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call,
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!



Author Unknown

Southeast Asia Union Mission Welcomes the Duroe Family

Southeast Asia Union Office staff welcomed a new family to Singapore on October 16, 1994. Dr. John Duroe and his wife Irene, with two of their children, Margot and Sonia, joined us from the Mountain View Conference, West Virginia, USA.

Dr. Duroe was born in England, studied at Newbold College, and served as a pastor in England before accepting a pastorate in the USA. After serving 15 years in pastoral ministry, he completed his Master of Divinity degree at Andrews University and then accepted a call to be the Church Ministries Director of the Pakistan Union. After six years there he returned to Andrews University to complete a Doctorate of Ministry degree with emphasis on Intercessory Prayer in Pastoral Life. His project was based on the prayer of Jesus in John 17. He now serves in the Ministerial Department of SAUM.



John is married to Irene who is a State Registered Nurse. They have four children. Two older boys, who previously studied at Far Eastern Academy, are living in the USA. The two daughters are here in Singapore. Margot, who was once a freshman at Far Eastern Academy, is a freshman at Southeast Asia Union College. Sonia, eight years old, is in the second grade at Far Eastern Elementary School.

Dr. Duroe's first assignment after reaching the SAUM was in Serian, Sarawak, assisting in evangelistic meetings and teaching in the Field School of Evangelism.

We pray that this family will quickly feel at home in SAUM and find fulfilment in service.

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New Youth & Communication Director For Southeast Asia Union Mission

In June of 1994 the Southeast Asia Union Mission Executive Committee elected Pastor Lawrence Banyie to be their new Youth & Communication Director. He moved with his family to Singapore at the end of December.

Lawrence Banyie graduated from Southeast Asia Union College in 1974. Since his graduation he has worked as a church pastor, departmental director and secretary of the Sarawak Mission.

Lawrence has a wife, Maria, a son and a daughter. His wife is a teacher by profession.

He is a talented musician and loves to sing. He also plays soccer and badminton, and climbs mountains. He loves young people and inspires the youth of the church to do greater service for the Lord wherever he goes. He is a man of action. The Church Ministries Department of the Southeast Asia Union Mission welcomes him and his family to Singapore.

*Samuel Money,
Church Ministries Department, SAUM*

■ CAMBODIA ■

The First Seventh-day Adventist Church Organized in Cambodia

On October 1, the first Seventh-day Adventist church was organized in Cambodia. It is the first church to be organized since the civil wars started in the country nearly 20 years ago. Before the wars, there was one



Rented quarters of the Cambodia Attached District, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

small church in Phnom Penh but it was destroyed and, as far as it is known, only one or two of its members survived the Pol Pot genocide.

Pastor Daniel Walter, Director, presided over the ceremony. Pastor Bill Bremner of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, USA, was the special guest. Pastor Lim T. Pheng, a native of Phnom Penh, became an Adventist while in the refugee camps in Thailand.



Lim Pheng, pastor of Phnom Penh Church.

He studied at Columbia Union College, Maryland, USA, to be a pastor and is now serving as pastor of the Phnom Penh Church.

The present membership is 80, and there are a number of others preparing for baptism. The members are meeting in the rented quarters of the Cambodia District headquarters, but the facilities are strained to capacity, and it is hoped that help will be coming soon to purchase land and build a proper place for worship.

Four deacons were ordained during the ceremony. The three elders had been ordained previously.

*Daniel Walter, Director,
Cambodia Attached District*

News From Cambodia

Bombs Make Holes to Plant Gospel Seeds

Bombs, shells and bullets are a part of the daily lives of many Cambodians caught up in what seems an unending civil war. But these instruments of death are preparing the ground for the seeds of truth. As people are torn from their homes and farms, with nowhere to go for earthly security, they begin to search for something more secure, and find it exists only in a caring God.

Our faithful laymen, mingling with the unsettled thousands in these war-torn areas, are planting seeds of truth where they cannot plant their rice. On September 17 and 18, lay leaders brought their candidates for baptism to the city of Battambang. One hundred and seventy two people were baptized in a series of three baptisms.



Nine candidates baptized on September 17.

On September 20, Pastor Daniel Walter, Cambodia District Director, accompanied by Vanthorn Nhem, Secretary, and two local workers, made the dangerous trip to Pursat City where the Bible worker had 51 more people waiting for baptism.



51 candidates from the Pursat Province prepared by lay Bible worker, Lim Sokha.

With 223 new members added, baptisms for 1994 stand at 499, while there were only 33 baptisms in 1993. Cambodian membership now totals 817 among a population of nine million.

The fighting between the Royal Government forces and the Khmer Rouge destroyed a temporary church in Sdao village, along with 17 homes, including the church leader's home. The members have again built another temporary church, and are praying that the wars will cease so they can build a permanent one.

Preparations For Church Building Projects

After receiving promises of donations to build over 60 churches in Cambodia, the staff are making preparations to implement the project. They have already purchased 17 sites and others are in process.

Ms. Yap Shiow Hwa, who works for an architectural firm in Singapore, is drawing up the blue prints for the project. It has been a real challenge to design a Christian church structure that "looks Cambodia," yet Christian, without looking "Western" or Buddhist.

Many obstacles must be overcome in the process, such as the lengthy process of getting the land registered in the name of the church, obtaining building permits, and hazards of working in or near war zones where life is in peril and foreigners may be kidnapped for high ransoms. Despite everything, the project still goes on.

*Daniel Walter, Director,
Cambodia Attached District.*

■ PENINSULAR MALAYSIA ■

The Act of Faith

Brother Seow is a furniture manufacturer by profession. Through the influence of his sister-in-law, a member of the Singapore Thomson Chinese Church, he came to know of Christianity approximately 20 years ago. He had never taken religion seriously until an incident occurred last year.

His beloved daughter Eileen was struck down with leukemia. While his daughter was in hospital, the care and concern shown by the members of the Kuala Lumpur Seventh-day Adventist Church touched his heart. Just a few weeks before Eileen passed away, Brother Seow and his wife decided to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour.

After Eileen's death in May, the Ipoh Chinese Church pastor gave Bible studies to Brother Seow and his whole family. Even before they studied the Sabbath doctrine together, Brother Seow had decided to change the working system of his factory from six days to five days, even though he encountered many problems and difficulties during the transition.



Brother Seow and his wife with some of his workers.

Now Brother Seow's only son, Evan, plans to be baptized by the end of this year. We are sure that God will bless his family.

Leong Fai, Pastor, Ipoh Church

Harvest - Result of Unity

After the reorganization of the Ipoh Chinese Church on August 1, 1994, its members worked together to save souls. They conducted a successful three-night effort from August 19 to 21. Pastor David Leoh, Mission President, was the speaker.



From right to left: Wong Chin Fook, Seow Yew Now, Lee Mu Har, Gim Yuat Hoong and the Church Pastor.

Prior to the effort, all the active members of the church pledged to invite their relatives and neighbors for the meetings. The names of prospective invitees were made into a prayer list and a special prayer meeting was held for their attendance. With the effort put forth, and by God's grace, 45 adult visitors were blessed with God's word over the three-night period. At the end of the meetings seven persons requested Bible studies and five asked for baptism.

One week later, four precious souls were baptized into the Adventist faith.

Leong Fai, Pastor, Chinese Church

Voice of Prophecy Rally Held in Kuala Lumpur

Approximately 150 people attended a Voice of Prophecy rally in the Kuala Lumpur Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath afternoon, October 29, 1994. Members from both the English and Chinese churches supported the rally. Pastor Samuel Money, VOP Director of SAUM, presented diplomas to 43 students. Mr. Toh See Wei, principal of San Yu High School in Singapore, who was a special guest, translated the sermon into Mandarin. Pastor Money and Mr. Toh were former pastors of the Kuala Lumpur Church.



VOP Graduation Day, in Kualu Lumpur, Oct 29, 1994.

Because of the dynamic leadership of Mrs. Thai, VOP Director of the church, the VOP Rally became a reality. She arranged for the entire program to be video taped and she also had the privilege of seeing six of her 209 students baptized. Some of her students came all the way from Klang, 20 miles from Kuala Lumpur, to attend the rally.

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■ SARAWAK ■

YB Yong Khoon Seng Officiates at Ground Breaking Ceremony

A simple ground-breaking ceremony for Payang Seventh-day Adventist Church took place on October 2. Yang Berhormat Encik Yong Khoon Seng, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of National Solidarity and Community Development, officiated at the ceremony. Pastor Edmund Liah, Mission President, and members of the community were also present.

The Payang Church site is on the top of a hill overlooking Payang village. This picturesque location, as seen from the church site, provides a conducive atmosphere for meditation and worship.

The Madison Seventh-day Adventist Church in the USA, pastored by Jim Davidson, donated US\$10,000 for the church, while the local church members contributed their time and God-given talents to build it.

Payang village is a stronghold of Catholicism, and there is strong opposition to the establishing of any other denomination. Segendar SDA Church was



L-R: Pastor Anyau Kinchang, Pastor Martin Sasun (retired pastor in charge of the group), YB Yong Khoon Seng, Pastor Edmund M Liah, Mission President, Set anak Kuno, the Adventist village chief of Kampung Segendar.

instrumental in baptizing six families from the village, and building them a church was given top priority.

There are many villagers around Segendar and Payang that still resist the Adventist faith. However, through the power of the Holy Spirit, many of them will one day be converted. With the Payang Church now completed, the Sarawak Mission hopes that it can shed more light to the villagers in the Pedawan district.

Edmund Liah, President, SAK

Ayer Manis School Road Gets Tarred

Ayer Manis School has finally had its road tarred! The work was done by the Ripper Sadeng District Council at a cost of M\$40,000. We thank the



Ayer Manis School Road gets tarred.

Town Council for doing it. We also praise God that there are several Adventist members who are town councillors. They were spokesmen for the school, and voted for the road to be tarred.

Lawrence Randig, Education Director, SAK

Festival of Praise

The Sarawak Mission held its annual Festival of Praise at Ayer Manis School on July 29-30. Mission leaders felt that it was a great success, with an attendance of approximately 800. Every church presented special music. The Mission president, Pastor Edmund Liah, gave the opening address and emphasized the need for finishing the work through Global Mission. During the testimony session two pastors testified of God's grace.



Festival of Praise, Ayer Manis School.

The late Pastor Elam Sinaga, 93 years old, praised God for giving him a long life, and Pastor Lawrence Banyie praised God for saving his daughter Lovena from the jaws of death through a successful brain tumor operation.

Lawrence Randig, Communication Director, SAK

Sunny Hill College Bible Camp

Sunny Hill College held its second Bible Camp this year at Sia Beach, Lundu. Thirty students from forms five and six attended the camp. These students, who were from various religious backgrounds, were eager to learn more Bible truths following the Week of Prayer at the college.

Every morning and evening Pastor Lawrence Randig gave Bible lessons on the true church of



Sunny Hill College Bible Camp.

Revelation 12 and the false church of Revelation 17. The students asked many questions on identifying the false churches. Pastor Randig plainly pointed out that they are the Sunday-keeping churches.

Dr. Chew Tze Ted gave health talks emphasizing the need for exercise, proper diet, sunshine and fresh air as preventive medicine. During the altar call ten students showed an interest in being baptised.

Lawrence Randig, Communication Director, SAK

Baptism in Bintulu, Sarawak

Pastor Lawrence Randig baptized five souls in Bintulu on Sabbath, October 8, following a one-week Daniel and Revelation Seminar. Pastor Samuel Money conducted the seminar which was attended by approximately 50 people each night.



Pastors Randig and Money held a dialogue session with the members on Sabbath afternoon, and answered their questions which were based on last day events. Pastor Matthew Mambu, the local church pastor, was the main translator for the meetings which were in English and the Iban dialect.

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Recording Studio Report

The month of April marked a new era in the history of the Sarawak Mission's recording studio. The upgrading of recording equipment enables the studio to function better and to produce better quality cassettes and music for the Music and Cassette Ministry. At the moment the studio is equipped to produce music with the help of Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI), using computer and the Roband J-90 synthesizer. The studio also has a Foster (Mufti Tracker) 4-track-12

channel mixer for recording and mixing purposes.

Despite this upgrading, the studio is short of some essential equipment. The Mission hopes in the near future to have several voice processors and equipment such as Aural Exciter Type C, Compressor, Limiter, Digital Reverb & Delay, Digital Audio Tape (DAT), and an 8-Track machine. This will enable the studio to produce higher quality vocal and instrumental music.

Recently, the studio was able to produce three volumes of the "Festival of Praise 94" cassettes with the help of SAUM's studio. From the sales of the cassettes they hope to provide the studio with more equipment.

Danny Kinchang, SAK

Lay Training in Pasin Nanga, Ng Kelam, Tatau and Bintulu

Pastor Samuel Money, Southeast Asia Union Mission Church Ministries Director, and Pastor Lawrence Randig, Personal Ministries Director, SAK, conducted lay training workshops in Pasin Nanga, Ng Kelam, Tatau and Bintulu on October 6 through 15. They trained the laymen to use the new pictorial aid as supplementary background material to assist them in giving Bible studies. More than 40 sets were sold in these areas.



Lay member receiving the new pictorial aid for lay evangelism.

Pastors James Sagit and Matthew Mambu encouraged the laymen in their districts to attend the seminars and to get involved in evangelism. During the seminars two candidates requested baptism. Pastors Sagit and Money officiated at the baptism in the Tatau River.

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News From The Publishing Department

We wish to thank all literature evangelists in the Sarawak Mission for their efforts in the literature ministry. We are proud of this army of God. Through 1994 these faithful workers saw eight precious souls join the church. At the same time the Lord also blessed them in their sales. Sales figures for the first seven months of the year showed a 64.61% gain over last year. Read carefully the following statement from Colporteur Ministry, page 6.

“The canvassing work, properly conducted, is a missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths of this time. The importance of the work of the ministry is unmistakable, but many who hunger for the bread of life have not had the privilege of hearing the word from God’s delegated preachers. For this reason it is essential that our publications be widely circulated. Thus the message will go where the living preacher cannot go, and the attention of many will be called to the important events connected with the closing scenes of this world’s history.”

Canvassing work is not easy; working for God and doing His will isn’t always easy. Satan knows that his time is very short. He is not happy to see men and women prepare themselves and others for the coming of Christ. He works harder on the evangelists and literature evangelists than on any other workers in the church because they are the ones on the front line each day trying to snatch souls from his grasp.

The Southeast Asia Union Mission and the Sarawak Mission are committed to doing all they can to help their literature evangelists. They are very happy that this year A. J. Oberholster, the Union Publishing Director, encouraged and inspired them so much.

Dear fellow church members, the Church needs more workers. We are happy to invite you to join this important work of literature ministry—a work that you can be proud of. To proclaim the gospel is a matter of life and death to us! Very few gospel workers are doing as much personal work as literature evangelists. They visit people in their homes, listen to their problems, pray with them, study the Bible with them and enroll them for Bible lessons.

Vincent Amer, Publishing Director, SAK

■ SINGAPORE ■

Mission-Wide Pathfinder and Adventurer Investiture Service

Four Pathfinder clubs and three Adventurer clubs participated in the first Singapore Mission-wide Pathfinder and Adventurer Investiture Service on September 17. This was held in conjunction with the Mission’s launching of the “Win One for Christ” combined worship service held in the Singapore Labour Foundation auditorium.

There were approximately 130 uniformed youth waiting patiently and proudly to be invested for the different classes and honors. Those who have served as officers of their respective clubs were given service stars. Pathfinder Excellence Awards were also given out as special awards. The climax was the investiture of two Master Guides from the Makarios Pathfinder Club. More than twenty Master Guides warmly welcomed them into their fellowship.

Many church members were pleasantly surprised that we had such a large group of uniformed youth. It is



One of the Pathfinders receiving her awards from the Youth Director.

our hope that they will continue to grow in numbers and that they will organize more Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs in the future.

Samuel Siew, Youth Director, SAM

Inservice Training For Literature Evangelists

A. J. Oberholster, Southeast Asia Union Publishing Director, conducted an advanced training school for the literature evangelists (LEs) of the Singapore Mission on Sunday, July 31, 1994. Previously the in-service training has been a part of the Annual Literature Evangelist Institute.



Literature evangelists listening attentively to the talks presented by the publishing director.

The response was extremely encouraging, as all the LEs, whether part-time or full-time, whether working for many years or having just started in the work, turned up for the training session.

On Sunday, August 21, the LEs had an outing to the Singapore Zoo. This day was a special one given for them to relax and to have fellowship with each other and their families.

Samuel Siew, Publishing Director, SAM

Public Forum On Diabetes

Youngberg Adventist Hospital co-organized a public forum on diabetes with a constituency grassroots organization, the Potong Pasir Community Centre Management Committee on October 16, 1994. This was for the benefit of the residents in the community where the hospital is located. The Diabetic Society of Singapore and six other drug companies also supported this forum.

Mr. Andy Gan, advisor to this organization, thanked the hospital for its contribution in promoting a healthy lifestyle in the community.

Dr. Lawrence Khoo, from the Ministry of Health, and Staff Nurse Catherine Chee were the guest speakers for the forum.



Residents attending the public forum on Diabetes.

One hundred and eighty residents took part in the blood glucose testing conducted by the hospital as part of its community services. Similar services will be held for the residents of neighboring communities in the near future.

Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, YAH

Lettuce B Fruit-full Carnival

The Adventist Better Living Centre, together with the Rotary Club of Garden City, (Singapore) organized a carnival in Fort Canning Park entitled "Lettuce B Fruit-full" on Sunday, September 18, 1994. This was held to support the Ministry of Health's Fruits and Vegetables Week, September 18-24.

The highlights of the program were a Treasurethon, On-the-Spot Art Contest for children, talks, and fruit and vegetable carving demonstrations. Guessing games as well as the sale of fruits and vegetables at wholesale prices made up the rest of the program. A total of 176 participants, mainly students from the Seventh-day Adventist and San Yu High Schools, and a few from public schools, took part in the Treasurethon. The children On-the-Spot Art Contest drew 70 participants for the primary and pre-primary categories. Although



The judging of the children On-the-Spot Art Contest.

rain drenched the Treasurethon participants as they "searched" for the treasure, all enjoyed themselves, prompting some to ask when the next one would be.

Announcements made on Radio Class 95 FM and Radio 190.5 FM drew some public attention to the event. A press conference, called a few days earlier, resulted in the Strait Times, Lianhe, Zaobao and Shin Min Daily News publicizing it.

This is the first time that the Adventist Better Living Centre has worked with the Rotary Club of Garden City, and it is hoped that it will be the first of many combined Community Service projects in the future.

Samuel Siew, Director, ABLC



Miss Ampai Receives Doctorate Degree

Dr. Ampai Amisiri, Director of Nursing Services, Youngberg Adventist Hospital, recently returned to Singapore with a Public Health degree from the School of Public Health, Loma Linda University, USA. She has now resumed her duties after being away for the last 12 months.

Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, YAH

Southeast Asia Union President Holds Week of Prayer

Pastor R. D. Riches, President of Southeast Asia Union Mission, conducted the annual *Week of Prayer* for the staff of Youngberg Hospital in their conference room October 17-21. Pastor Riches is also chairman of the hospital's Board of Directors.

Each morning Pastor Riches, in his devotional talks, shared with the staff glimpses of God in the Psalms. "This God knows the worst of us and yet continues to love us. We take priority in His plans and activity. He plans to carry each of us on His broad



shoulders into heaven." These were comforting thoughts to all the staff in their hospital ministry.

Workers from various departments presented special songs each morning and in the process new talents were discovered. The hospital administration would like to thank Pastor Riches for his encouraging messages.

Jonathan Ng, Chaplaincy, Director, YAH

Health Minister Visits Youngberg Hospital

The new Minister for Health, Brigadier-General George Yeo, together with his Minister of State for Health, Dr. Aline Wong, visited Youngberg Adventist Hospital on October 27 as part of their plan to visit all private hospitals in Singapore.



L-R: Mr. Joshua Goh, Brigadier-General George Yeo and Dr. Aline Wong.

Joshua Goh, president of YAH, briefed the minister on the philosophy and objectives of Adventist health-care ministry and the future development of the hospital. R. D. Riches, Southeast Asia Union President and YAH Board Chairman; John Lee, Adventist Health Services; Dr. Fred Lam, vice-president of YAH; Dr. Ampai Amisiri, Director of Nursing; and Jonathan Ng, Director of Pastoral Care and Community Relations, participated in the discussions.

A reception was given in honor of the minister and his team after a tour of the hospital.

Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, YAH

■ THAILAND ■

Baptism - Eden Valley Academy

Pastor Samuel Money, Church Ministries Director, SAUM, conducted a *Week of Prayer* at the Eden Valley Seventh-day Academy in Mae Sot, October 16 to November 6. Pastor Winsley Chu, translated the messages into the Karen language. On Sabbath afternoon, November 5, 18 students were baptized.



Baptismal candidates.

Helen Hall, principal of the academy, is from Australia. Six student missionaries, also from Australia, assist her.

Samuel Money, Church Ministries Director, SAUM

The Sunday Pastor Who Became a Sabbath Pastor

In January 1991, Pastor Thino Poochai conducted an evangelistic series among Baptist villagers near Chiangmai. He asked Pastors Boonrat Moolkeo and Rungsit Saejang to be the speakers for the meetings. After two weeks, Duangseng Kampan, the Baptist pastor, asked for baptism. He is the seventh pastor from another denomination to become a Seventh-day Adventist. He speaks the Lahu and Akha languages.

Late in 1993, the Thailand Mission appointed him to work as an SDA pastor with Lahu and Akha people in the Fang area of Chiangmai. He had already introduced the SDA faith to three villages, and they became Seventh-day Adventists.



Pastor Duangseng Kampan (centre front row) wearing the AKHA costume.

Now he works as a church pastor for two churches and two small groups. During the early part of this year, the Thai government donated Bht55,000 to build a church for the Akha group in Fang District. Pastor Duangseng is now constructing it in Pangpoi village. He was a well-known leader in the Baptist Church and the Church of Christ, and now he works very hard to bring the Adventist message to these same people.

Thailand Mission Correspondant

Pastor Yotee Opens Unentered Area

At the beginning of 1993, the Thailand Mission sent Pastor Yotee, who was working as a part-time pastor and literature evangelist, to Sisaket province. One and a half years passed by, during which time he worked very hard to bring the message to the people in that place. Finally, he visited one big village named Nitre and spent half a year conducting evangelistic meetings and giving Bible studies to the people there. On July 23-24 the mobile medical outreach team from Bangkok joined with him. Since then he has baptized 20 souls to Christ. Now he is planning to have another baptism. Recently the Thailand Mission bought a piece of property on which to build a church in the early part of 1995. There is a great interest among the people in this province to accept Christ as their Saviour.

Thailand Mission Correspondant

News From ADRA Thailand

Greetings once again from Thailand. I hope this letter finds you in good health. As for us, life is busy as usual. We have had a number of projects funded as well as some disasters to handle. These disasters remind us that in spite of all our attempts to make our planet a better place in which to live, we succeed only in revealing that our fallen natures are not up to the task.

Since my last letter, much has happened. On the Burma border, all Burmese Karen are now being registered by the Thai authorities. This is good in the sense that they are now being semi-recognized as refugees, but it is not so good in that any others crossing into Thailand will be unregistered and treated as illegal aliens. This means they may be forced back to Burma, creating a human rights problem. We now have two American volunteers working at Klerko. Monte Christen and Riche Nipple will be there for 12 months. We are happy to have them.

In the later part of August, 1994 a serious fire swept through the slum district of Klong Toey, near the port in Bangkok. Approximately a thousand families lost their homes, but fortunately no lives were lost. Rallying financial support from ADRA International, ADRA FED, ADRA SAUM, and from the local church, members spent a day packing bags of rice, tinned food, soap, clothing and other necessities to take to the fire victims. Every family received a bag. Many thanks to Don Beveridge who arranged and organized the effort.

Thailand has once again drawn the world's attention to it because of its HIV/AIDS problem. Figures released recently show that the number of full-blown cases has risen from 4,000 to nearly 9,000 in the last 12 months. This has more than doubled in one year. Statisticians estimate that in Thailand the number of people becoming HIV positive rises ten-fold every six years. This figure is quite alarming; there are now an estimated 500,000 people who are HIV positive. This means in theory that in the year 2000 there will be five million, and in the year 2006, fifty million. As the population of Thailand is now sixty million, it is easy to draw conclusions. However, these statistics require a constant rate of infection and it must also be remembered that some populations are more prone to infection than others. Therefore, there should come a drop in the infection rate as those who will become positive do so, and those whose lifestyle ensures protection, remain free from infection. In fact the latest figures just released reveal a slight drop in the rate. This is a hopeful sign.

What is ADRA Thailand doing about it? We are happy to have received funding from Australia to provide a program of HIV/AIDS awareness for 26,000 school children in Sisaket Province. This program will involve placing AIDS education into the social science curriculum so that they will have to learn about it like any other subject. It will also involve a drama or other art-form competition with the winning students visiting Australia. While in Australia they will visit schools to demonstrate their methods, and will, at the same time, learn of how Australia is tackling the problem.

We have also recently submitted a proposal to give HIV/AIDS awareness in the hill-tribe villages in the north of Thailand. These areas are now the main targets of brothel owners seeking to buy young children from parents who believe that their children will be working in factories or as housemaids. This project will involve the other students from Chiangmai Adventist Academy who come from hill-tribe villages themselves, receiving special training to take back to their villages.

Recently Don Beveridge returned to Australia. Don has been a right-hand man in terms of water and irrigation projects. His expertise and willingness to work in difficult places will be sadly missed. Don also looked after our summer students who took part in voluntary projects. Fortunately, he has volunteered to come back and assist these groups again. We thank Don for his great work for Thailand and wish him all the very best as he works on his farm in Victoria.

Nick Brightman, Director, ADRA Thailand

■ VIETNAM ■

ADRA Increases Cow Banks

Adventist Development and Relief Agency, (ADRA Vietnam), has expanded its cow bank program to three new provinces: Quang Nam - Danang, Tuyen Quang and Yen Bai.

Funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), the new cow banks are expected to benefit a minimum of 250 poor households within the first two years of their establishment.

The project targets needy families, such as widows or families with children under five years of age. Two cows are loaned to each family. When two calves produced by these cows are one year old, they are returned to the "bank" to be re-loaned to another needy family. The first family keeps the original two cows.

With a total value of 1.16 million Swedish Kroner (SEK), this project follows a very successful cow and boat bank project which ADRA implemented in seven provinces. The former project, also funded by SIDA, had a value of 1.12 million SEK.

The new cow bank project was inaugurated at a workshop held recently in Hanoi at the Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA). MOLISA will help coordinate ADRA's cow banks through its provincial branch offices.

According to Mr. Nguyen Xuan Tue, Vice-Director of MOLISA's International Relations Department, "cow banks have proven to be a very efficient and effective method of reducing poverty among rural populations in Vietnam."

MOLISA is encouraging other non-government



A village family being loaned a cow.

organizations to consider the cow bank model for their rural development programs.

ADRA has been active in Vietnam since 1988, implementing projects in 19 provinces in the areas of primary health care, small enterprise development, income generating for blind people and others, upgrading of hospitals and clinics, vocational training and disaster relief.

ADRA Vietnam receives funding from various sources including the governments of Australia, Canada, Japan and Sweden. World-wide ADRA has offices and projects in more than 100 countries.

Dennis Tidwell, Director, ADRA Vietnam

Japanese Build Yen Bai Vocational Centre

Fourteen Japanese university students spent the first two weeks of September helping to construct a vocational training center in Yen Bai Province. A team of 30 Japanese youth, who initiated the project, preceded them in January.

They all came to Vietnam under the auspices of JAYCV (Japan ADRA International Youth Cooperative Volunteers). Beside having to give up school holiday time to travel to Vietnam, each volunteer paid all of his/her own expenses.

JAYCV sends out several teams each year to help with projects in countries such as Malaysia, the Marshall Islands, Nepal, etc.

The vocational training center in Yen Bai Province is located on an island in the emerald waters of Thac Ba Lake and is designed to provide former drug addicts with job skills to help them re-integrate into society after they have successfully overcome their drug addictions.

The Yen Bai Province People's Committee requested ADRA Vietnam to assist in this project. The Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs has provided coordination.

ADRA Japan, the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Japanese Postal Savings Fund have given funding to ADRA Vietnam. Over 16 million Japanese Yen have been committed to the project.

Dennis Tidwell, Director, ADRA Vietnam

FROM THE CAMPUS

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VOICES! WHAT SAUC MEANS TO ME?



"SAUC is a college where I could have this special feature of international interaction among the students and faculty. Many students come from various countries in Asia and North America. Personally, I have gained many valuable experiences which cannot be gained anywhere else."

Jessica Thai, Kuala Lumpur
Freshman: Business Adm.

"S--Successful future;
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C--Christ-centered life."

Anjana Sharma, Thailand
Senior: Teaching English as a Second Language

"My years at SAUC have been an enriching and rewarding experience. I have gained new insights that have broadened my horizons, knowledge-wise. I have also acquired new & useful skills. I cherish and value the friendships I have made here."

Serene Chin, Singapore
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"I really enjoy and treasure my experience here with a student body comprising many nationalities. Every quarter is a new experience."

Angela Leong, Sarawak
Junior: Business Adm.

"I never dreamed that I would spend my first year of college in Southeast Asia. I jumped at the opportunity to study at an Adventist College in Singapore. I had never been near Southeast Asia before, so when my aeroplane touched down at Changi, I was in for a surprise. After I got settled in at SAUC, I found it very easy to make new friends. Everyone is so outgoing and accepting here. I have adapted to a different culture and have even brought a little Western culture here with me. I will remain studying Theology at SAUC for three quarters and possibly return in September of '95. This place is so much fun, I just can't stay away!"

Michael Dauncey, Canada
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"I am grateful to have the chance of studying in SAUC. Here, I experience and learn things which I will never forget. On the other hand, through SAUC's Christian education I learn how to use my talents to the fullest. Besides this, SAUC gives me the opportunity to know a lot of friends whom I really treasure. I'll always remember SAUC."

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Special discounts and rebates are offered to SDA students who attend SAUC. It is our way of telling you how important it is for you to take advantage of the opportunity to receive a Christian education. (For a complete description, please see back.)

1995 Academic Calendar

1st Quarter

Registration January 3
1st quarter break March 14-18

2nd Quarter

Registration March 19
2nd quarter break May 27-June 17



Premjit S.

"SAUC is a part of my moulding process. Though this is my first quarter, there are several values I have learnt, and there are many more waiting for me to seek and treasure. I am glad to have an opportunity to study in this Seventh-Day Adventist College, where I can learn more about Christian ways of life, especially from my loving and caring instructors. Hoping to grow in my Heavenly Father's precious love, I know that SAUC is the answer."

Premjit S., Thailand
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