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## JOINING THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH. WHY?

Recently I was asked by someone "Why did you join the Adventist Church?" I gave him the following four reasons for joining the SDA Church:

1. The Adventist Church is the last-day remnant church of God.

It has the two identifying marks of the remnant church stated in Revelation 12:17: keeping the commandments of God (the Ten Commandments) and having the testimony of Jesus which is the Spirit of Prophecy (Rev. 19:10). The Church believes that "one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is prophecy. This gift is an identifying mark of the remnant church and was manifested in the life and ministry of Ellen G White." (SDA Fundamental Beliefs, No. 17).

2. The Adventist Church is a world church with a global mission.

In just a short 150 plus years the Church has grown from an obscure beginning (officially registered in 1863) to a world church which is now working in 204 countries of the world (230 in total). It is using 725 languages and dialects to proclaim the last warning message to those who live in the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. (Rev. 14:6-12). The message is to warn and prepare the world ready for the return of Jesus.

The Church has adopted an effective system of organization (4 constituent levels: Local Church, Mission, Union and General Conference with Divisions), a unified system of beliefs (27 Fundamental Beliefs), and a sound biblical financial support system (tithe and offerings).

3. The Adventist Church is the heir to the reformation, restoring and teaching the full and complete gospel truths.

During the Dark Ages, some truths of the Bible were lost and were being replaced by errors like the immortality of the soul, justification by

works, Sunday sacredness, etc. Reformation movement was able to restore truths like "sola scriptura" (Bible only as sole authority for doctrines and beliefs) and justification by faith. It was in this last days (since 1798—Dan.12:4) that God raise up the Advent Movement (SDA Church was born out of this movement) to restore fully and completely the truth on the Sanctuary, the Seventh-day Sabbath, the State of the Dead, the Second Coming of Christ, the Great Controversy Theme, etc.

4. The Adventist Church is practicing and promoting a unique and distinctive Christian lifestyle.

Jesus promised to give His followers a more abundant life (Jn 10:10). God wants to establish His remnant people a happy, healthy, and holy people (Ev 696). As citizens of heaven (Phil. 3:20), God has given us a fitness program (2 Pet. 3:11-14; Titus 2:11-14) to train and prepare us fit for heaven when Jesus returns. We should not let the world squeeze us into its mold (Rom 12:2); instead we should change the world by a lifestyle transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Research studies have shown that Adventist men in California at age live 8.9 years longer than the average Californian.

The mortality rate of Adventists from all diseases combined is approximately half that of the general population. Lung cancer rates among Adventist men are only 17.21% of the general population. This is because they do not smoke, get more vitamin A in their diet, and eat more fruits and vegetables, and less saturated fat and cholesterol. God wants His last-days obedient people to enjoy good physical health (3 Jn 2) as a strong witness to the world of His mighty power to save and bless.

Yes, I am proud and privileged to be a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. How about you?

By Joshua W Mok, Editor

## GOD'S BABY-PINCHING ANGELS

A drop of perspiration trickled down the middle of her forehead. At the end of her nose, it stopped but hung on. Soeun Ngek wanted to reach up and wipe off the irritating drop. But crammed in with 25 other people in the back of a pick-up truck taxi, she could hardly keep her arms around the crying baby on her lap much less get her finger to her nose.

The wife of Pastor Hy Vannarith was taking a taxi from Phnom Penh 250 kilometers north to visit her parents in Sisaphon with her first son. As the truck was approaching Battambang city, the three month old Sin Daniel began to cry.

Soeun Ngek did everything she could think of to quiet the fussy baby. She offered him milk, soft toy, and even tickled his belly. She sang his favorite song to him and he started screaming.

She looked around at the other passengers in desperation. What could she do?

Then the driver, who himself was squashed with four passengers in the front seat of the truck, shouted over the baby's wail, "Lady, why don't you sit in the front seat? The baby can look out the window!"

He pulled over and the embarrassed woman carried the screaming child to the front seat. Thankfully, the baby settled down and they proceeded in silence.

Half an hour later, the truck hit an ox standing in the middle of the road. The truck flipped and rolled several times. Several of the people in the back near her former seat were seriously injured. And the man who had taken her place in the back of the truck was dead. But Soeun Ngek and her son were alive and unhurt.

After the accident, several of the passengers found her and asked, "Before you got into the taxi in Takeo, we saw your mouth moving like you were talking to someone. What were you doing?"

She answered, "I prayed to the God of heaven to protect me and my baby on this journey."

By Pastor Hy Vannarith

## HALF WAY TO HEAVEN

The voices of 53 angels, all dressed up in their new red and white school uniforms, rang from the top floor of the World Vision building in Phnom Penh, Saturday night, the eleventh of July.

The public concert was a dream of the treasurer of the Cambodia SDA Mission, Reno Ng. His enthusiasm for the project sparked the interest of the volunteer music teacher of Cambodia Adventist Primary School, Carol Hearn.

Carol spent many hours with the children, teaching them more than 25 songs in both Khmer and English.

Sharon Rogers, the school principal, told a little about the school and offered to speak with anyone interested in taking advantage of the opportunity for a quality education for their children with a full 180 days of classroom instruction, something not always accomplished in the local public schools.

By Carol Hearn

## STEWARDSHIP TRAINING

On June 7, 1998, the district pastor of Kompong Cham Province and his lay Bible workers attended a Stewardship Seminar presented by Reno Ng, treasurer of the Cambodia Adventist Mission.

The participants learned about the reasons for tithing and giving offerings and the management of these funds.

At the end of the seminar, there was an informal discussion on giving followed by a vegetarian meal prepared by the wives of the workers.

Reno conducted a similar seminar in Prey Vheng the same month.

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## PHNOM PENH CITY CHURCH CORNERSTONE CEREMONY

The cornerstone for the new Phnom Penh City Church building was laid on July 19. It will include the new office for the Cambodia Mission, together with a conference room, a kitchen, and three guestrooms. At the invitation of the chief engineer, Mr Sok Vanna, the Mission family gathered at the building site, together with ADRA staff, church members, the building crew, and friends.

After a number of prayers were offered, and after the engineer showed the building plans to those present, Dr Bruce Bauer (CAM president), and Mr Reno Ng (CAM treasurer), laid the cornerstone. The new facility will save the Mission approximately US\$14,400 a year in rent money.

By Brenna Ng, Communication, CAM

## TWENTY-EIGHT BAPTIZED IN PHNOM PENH

On Sunday, July 12, the Phnom Penh church conducted a baptism in the Tonle Batti river. Pastors Touch Sarith, Scott Griswold and church Elder Gary Rogers baptized the candidates that sunny morning. Twelve of the 28 were from nearby Takhmao.

The occasion was a great witness for onlookers--tourists, visitors, and villagers. Many people, including young children, also asked to be baptized. Following the baptism, the group enjoyed a picnic lunch at nearby Takhmao mountain.

By Pastor Touch Sarith

## EXTENSION SCHOOL FOR CAMBODIAN TEACHERS

An extension school class on the *Philosophy of Adventist Education* for 17 Adventist teachers in Cambodia was conducted on August 24-28 by Dr Edmund Siagian at the premises of the Cambodia Adventist Primary School, Phnom Penh. Eight of the teachers are regular teachers of CAPS, while the other nine are Adventist teachers currently teaching in government or public schools. This course was especially felt necessary to be taught because of the need of the Mission for more Adventist teachers for its expanding educational work--as CAPS will be upgraded yearly to offer successive higher secondary school grades until the 12th year is reached, and as new elementary schools may sprout at many of the towns where there

is a strong Adventist presence. Four new teachers will be taken in for the 1998-99 school year, while the others may be recruited as the need arises.

For those who qualify, it is hoped that a three (3) quarter-hour college credits will be gained, besides the knowledge of Adventist principles and concepts of education for practical application.

By Edmund Siagian, Education & Communication, SAUM



The 17 Adventist Cambodian teachers (with Pastor Lim Pheng) who attended the education extension school by Dr E Siagian

## SAUM COMMUNICATION ADVISORY

An SAUM Communication Advisory was conducted on August 2-5 at the Capitol Hotel Conference Room, Kuala Lumpur. The main presenter was Dr John Duroe (SSD Communication Director), and was assisted by Pastor Joshua Mok (SAUM Secretary) and Dr Edmund Siagian (SAUM Communication Director). Topics deliberated and discussed ranged from quarterly reporting to communication director's role and responsibilities, but the most important subjects presented were on "Communicating Hope" and Net98. Pastor Samuel Money (SAUM VOP director) and Pastor Toh See Wei (SAM Communication director) also presented materials on the "Work of the Voice of Prophecy" and "Communicating via the Internet," respectively. Other attendees at the Advisory were Pastor Francis Lajanin (PEM), Pastor George John (PEM), Mr James Lai (SAB), Mr Francis Amer (SAK), and Pastor Boonrat Moolkeo (TAM). It was time well-spent for the progress of the Lord's work.

By Edmund Siagian, Education & Communication, SAUM



*Dr. John Duroe (SSD Communication director), with all the Southeast Asia Union Mission's Communication men*

## TRI-UNION LAY CONGRESS AT MANADO, SULAWESI, INDONESIA

EIUM, WIUM and SAUM participated in a Lay Congress at Manado, July 30 to August 2, 1998, organized by Dr. Hendrik Sumendap, the SS/PM director of the SSD. Delegates from SAUM totaled 29. Four SAUM delegates received recognition awards. They were: Mr. Asung Simbaku, a layman in Goshen, Sabah. He has won 405 souls since he became a church member in the early 1950's. Mr. Edwin Siagian won another award for serving as a local church elder in Tamparuli, Sabah for more than 30 years. Mr. Sompong Sogonggom from Kota Belud, Sabah obtained another award for being an outstanding lay-evangelist in his district. Mr. Francisco from Kota Kinabalu, Sabah obtained an award for his outstanding performance in recruiting VOP students. The others who were also honored during the awards giving ceremony included Mr. Peter Lai from Balestier Church in Singapore, and Mrs. Helen Chin from the Penang English Church, Malaysia.

By Samuel Money, Personal Ministry & Sabbath School., SAUM

## REVIVAL MEETINGS IN SARAWAK--PASTORS AND LITERATURE EVANGELISTS TEAMED UP

The important ground-work in Miri was done by Pastor Sim Nueng, the local pastor. Then a team of six literature evangelists came. Four of them, under the leadership of Vincent Amer, faithfully visited the people in the shops and offices, selling them truth-filled books and inviting them to the meetings. In the evenings they were at the meetings with book displays. Pastor Tommy Golotoh and Braam Oberholster, the other two literature evangelists, were the speakers at the meetings which were conducted in two separate halls for eight nights

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## PARTNERS FOR LIFE

"Partners for Life" a programme for marriage enrichment is developed by Paul and Becky Dixon. Pastor Dixon is a pastor in the Florida Conference and both the church and the conference loaned them to SAUM for three beautiful seminars which were held over weekends. Paul and Becky were accompanied by their daughter Kim and her husband Zack Mazone who is in the U.S. Navy. These programmes were held first in Bintan Island for Singapore Mission, in Kuching for Sarawak Mission, and at the Mission Retreat Center for Sabah Mission. Fifty-one couples were blessed by the "Partners for Life" series. The team presented and shared their lives with the groups. Each session was finished by a communion service and a re-commitment to their marriage vows. Many of the couples expressed how grateful they were to have had this wonderful experience.

By Dorothy Walter, Director Family/Women/Children's Ministries, SAUM



Front: Becky and Paul Dixon  
Back: Kim and Zack Mazone

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN VIETNAM

The Children's Ministry Department in Vietnam has been very active. A layman reported that they conducted recently nine Vacation Bible Schools in the Central, Southern areas and the Mekong Delta with a total of 1,536 in attendance. Bible Story pictures from the Philippines were used in the VBS and the children enjoyed the wonderful presentations. These experiences have kept them with translating new materials for Sabbath School leaders, and Dorothy Walter, director of Children/Women/Family Ministries of SAUM expressed her appreciation for the good work they are doing there.

By Dorothy Walter, Director Family/Women/  
Children's Ministries, SAUM



## A CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SAUM

**What is This?** This is an endeavor to train selected young people to go out and witness as real missionaries within the boundaries of this Union for twelve months. Each person is asked to give twelve months of his/her life full-time to the Lord. They will be called the *Waldenses*. The initial intensive training will take about two weeks and will include topics like:

- a. How to Study the Bible/Give Bible Study
- c. How to Successfully Make Friends
- d. How to do Friendship Evangelism
- e. How to do Health Outreach
- f. Christian Salesmanship Principles
- g. How to Experience the Joy of Salvation

**Who May Apply?** All single young people between ages 16 and 34. Candidates will be short-listed due to limited accommodation. Every six months a new group will be trained and sent out to Missions where there is a sufficient demand.

**Duration of Service?** Successful candidates will be expected to serve for a period of twelve months in the assigned territory. All young missionaries will work in twos – two men or two ladies. They will be expected to work closely with the local pastor who will assist them in their soul-winning work. Over week-ends the team will also be involved in activities in the assigned church.

**Remuneration?** These missionaries will be self-supporting. They will be provided with a room where possible and transportation to their territory. They will also receive training and support in selling truth-filled books wherever they go. This should provide them with sufficient funds to live comfortably.

**Lecturers?** Lecturers for the first intake will be: Ps. Dan Walter, Lawrence Banyie, Samuel Money, Tommy Golotoh, Braam Oberholster.

**Applications?** Apply now for the next intake in your Mission through your local Publishing Director, Youth Director or Pastor. **Act Now!**

By A J Oberholster, Publishing & Spirit of Prophecy, SAUM

## SPECIAL SA



Old friends Beryl Chu-Mamanua, Dr. Matthew Tan, Dr. Lily Wong and Bowman Sibarani share happy childhood memories of SAUC



Alumni from different eras, Dr. Henri Pohan (left), and Frederick Olaf Paul fellowship at the Special SAUC Reunion dinner party at Apollo Hotel in Singapore

SAUC alumna Winna Tan in Singapore over the 70 alumni from nine countries respectively. With songs and personal testimonies of Christian education at Southeast Asia Union College, the weekend programme included a dinner party at Apollo Hotel, and a commemorative video. To commemorate this last reunion, a video was distributed. The college campus at 273 Upper Serangoon Road in a few years but the precious memories will remain forever in her alumni and

## SAUC'S 1998 GRADUATION

Southeast Asia Union College's 1998 graduation was on September 4-5. The college auditorium was decorated in the class colours of silver, navy blue, and red. The class theme was "The destiny of a worthwhile life is a matter of choice." SAUC graduated a total of 29 students whose motto was "to aspire, to act, and to achieve." The Business Department had the most graduates—11. Computer Information Systems and Education Department both had five graduates each. Office Administration Department boasted four graduates. The English Department was very proud to show off its three Teaching of English as a Second Language, or TESL as it is better known, graduates. The Theology Department had one graduate.

The Southeast Asia Adventist Seminary in cooperation with SAUC conferred honorary degrees on three outstanding pastors for their long, successful, and devoted service to our Seventh-day Adventist Church in this Union Mission. Pastor Sunti Sorajakool of Thailand Mission, and Pastor James Wah Kai Kok of Penang received the Bachelor of Arts in Church Leadership degree. Pastor Benjamin Paramiah, instrumental in establishing our Indian churches and membership, received the Bachelor of Arts in Ministry degree.

Keeping in tune with increasing modern technology, the traditional college yearbook, the *Flame of the Forest*, is in the form of CD-ROM this year. The 1998 graduating class gave special memento gifts a very large SAUC photo to every mission in SAUM, Mission College, Walla Walla College, and the General Conference.

The 1998 SAUC graduation will be remembered as the last graduation ceremony held at the 273 Upper Serangoon Road campus in Singapore. In its 90 years of providing unique and quality Christian education, SAUC has graduated almost 3,000 students who are today all over the world. Many studied at SAUC because they believed in a Christian education; others because she met their academic needs. We take comfort from the 1998 graduating class prayer from Joshua 1:9 (Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go) as SAUC finishes her great work of educating our young people.

By Shirley Doo, English Dept. SAUC



## UC REUNION

Los Angeles, USA organized a Special weekend of March 26-28, 1998. Over 100 alumni gathered at their alma mater. These loyal alumni asserted that their Southeast Asia Union College moulded and inspired them as the anchor in their lives. The potluck meals in the cafeteria, of course Sabbath worship together. A glass mug with the SAUC logo was given. The building on Upper Serangoon Road will be gone. The history of Southeast Asia Union College is a part of Adventist history.

By Shirley Doo, English Dept. SAUC



*Dr. Donald Tan (left) and Eldin College were two of the alumni who participated in the March 28 church service for the special SAUC Reunion*



*CIS graduates. From L-Rt: Pham Kow Seng, class sponsor, Punkaj Mehta, Dennis Lee Hon Kin, Jony, Gillian Loo Hiew Ling, and Dexter Hechanova*



*Honorary degrees recipients with their wives. Pastor and Mrs. Benjamin Paramiah (left), and Pastor and Mrs. James Wah (right).*

*The Loo sisters from Muar, Malaysia, graduated together on September 5, 1998. Marilyn Loo Bee Ling (left) is an Office Administration graduate, and is the College Church secretary. Gillian Loo Hiew Ling (right) is from the CIS Department. She graduates with honors.*



*Teaching of English as a Second Language (or TESL) graduates, English Department. Standing on the left: Erwina Lola Bingku who has a second major in Elementary Education, Dawn Sim (middle) Ryoma Fukumoto (right) the only Japanese among this year's graduates.*

## SEREMBAN EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS (PEM)

Phase I of the Seremban Evangelistic Effort was held at the church hall in Seremban from August 14 to 20. The Seremban SDA Church is lacking in local church members who could help out in the meetings. The local pastor is Elder Ng Sui Koon, a retired minister and college teacher. The speaker for the meetings was Pastor Samuel Money (SAUM PM & SS director). Helpers from Kuala Lumpur and Malacca were readily available to assist in the meetings. Pastor Janssen New, Pastor Dennis Ng, and Pastor Edwin Phillip from Kuala Lumpur came over to help in the meetings. Dr Lai Nai Lang, a graduate of Christian Medical College (Vellore) from Malacca assisted also in the meetings. The average attendance each night fluctuated between 20 and 25. Phase II will be held in October this year.

By Samuel Money, Personal Ministry/Sabbath School, SAUM

## MIRACLES STILL HAPPEN

With the burning desire to revive the church in Kulim, the Lord opened a way for the missionary minded Dr. Chew Yu Gee to set up a clinic in his hometown. In his Singapore Children's Specialist Centre, he makes provisions in the clinic that it could be used as a worship place for both the adults and children. Now there is a large enough group meeting every Friday night for worship services. The group consists of his patients' parents and both old acquaintances and church members. The Penang Hospital Church pastor and its outreach group also give support to this group who call themselves "The Agape Fellowship".

In October last year Dr. Chew Yu Gee met Mrs. Yeoh Cheow Beng, an aunt with whom he had no contact for years. At that point Mrs. Yeoh's daughter was very ill with multiple sclerosis. Despite all the medical help she was getting worse to the point of being total dependent. As if the Yeoh family had not enough trouble, Mr. Yeoh was diagnosed with cancer. Dr. Chew saw the opportunity to introduce

the Yeoh family to the Great Healer, and he invited the family to attend the Agape Fellowship. Every Friday night sincere prayers were uttered to the Almighty God on their behalf for divine intervention.

At the beginning of this year things began to change for Miss Yeoh's condition. She could feel that her strength was slowly coming back. Gradually she was able to resume her ability in using her limbs. Even though she is not able to go back to USM to lecture, she is able to do tutoring at home. Neighbours are astonished at her recovery but the church members know that this is a miracle.

In June this year another miracle took place. Sister Liew Mei and five others who regularly attended the Agape Fellowship were baptized.

The SDA Church work in Kulim is revived. That in itself is a miracle. It is hoped that this group of believers will one day be organized into a Company.

By Lee Choke Woh, Chaplain and Church Pastor



## PATHFINDER CLUB REVIVED

Due to lack of leaders, the Pathfinder Club in Penang had been dormant for many years.

After Pastor Leong Fai's transfer to Penang Chinese church, he felt a deep need to revive the Pathfinder Club. So, in November last year, the Pathfinder Club began its activities again not by itself but with three other churches. It is very encouraging according to Pastor Leong to see more

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## "ON THE KING'S BUSINESS"

"On the Kings Business" was the theme of the 28th Sabah-Wide Pathfinder Fair held at Goshen Adventist Secondary School campus on August 28 to 30. Sixty one Pathfinder clubs with a total membership of 1250 from 14 zones participated in the fair. Pastor Lawrence Banyie, Youth director for SAUM was the special guest during the Fair.

Pathfinders began to converge on GASS campus on Friday morning the 28th of August. Registration of participants started at 2 p.m. although some club members had come the previous day to make preparations of campsite. Each club was responsible to cook their own meal.

The opening spiritual address was given by Pastor Mansor Gingging, president of Sabah SDA Mission, on Friday night while the Sabbath sermon was given by Pastor Lawrence Banyie at the GASS auditorium. More than 3000 church members and pathfinders attended the Sabbath services. Special music from various singing groups added grace to the Sabbath services.

The Sunday field events were the highlight of the Fair. It began with flag-raising at 7:00 am followed by march-past at 7:40. The field events included activities such as drill-down contest, knot-tying, semaphore, rope-making, stilt-running relay and others. The closing ceremony was at 3:00 p.m.

By James Lai, Communications, SAB



3000 pathfinders and church members on Sabbath at GASS auditorium

## EVANGELISTIC MEETING IN PINAWANTAI, KUDAT

Pastor Mansor Gingging, Sabah Mission President, conducted an Evangelistic Effort in Pinawantai village in Kudat District from July 26 to August 8. More than 400 attended the meetings every night. At the end of the crusade, on the Sabbath of August 8, 135 souls were baptized. Several who have apostatized also attended the meetings and took a stand to renew their faith.

The meeting was held at the Pinawantai Seventh-day Adventist Church which could only accommodate about 250 people. Temporary extensions had to be made to accommodate the nightly attendance. Before the sermon every night, there was a 'question and answer' session. Many Christians from other faith asked many questions on food and other related beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church based on the Bible.

Pastor Mansor Gingging, was assisted by the surrounding district pastors: Pastor Guodoh Bendah of Parapat District and Pastor Felix Liew of Kudat District. Also assisting were the church elders, literature evangelists, teachers and laymen who provided transportation to Pinawantai during the meetings. Singing groups from the surrounding Seventh-day Adventist churches provided special music every night.

By James Lai, Communications, SAB



A candidate steps into the baptismal pool to be baptized.

**SARAWAK MISSION CONDUCTS  
"FESTIVAL OF PRAISE"**

Sarawak Mission conducted the "Festival of Praise" at the Kuching Civic Center on August 9, 1998. The theme was "Experiencing the Power of His Word Through Music." Eighteen choirs and singing groups from Bau, Serian, Kuching and Simunjan districts participated in the Festival that drew large attendance.

In his welcoming remark, Pastor Edmund Liah, Sarawak Mission president, challenged those who attended the festival to build up relationships with Jesus Christ. Pastor Lawrence Banyie, SAUM Youth director, in his keynote address, stressed the importance of music in worship.

Another touching feature of the Festival of Praise was the personal testimonies of John Gondok who witnessed God's healing power on him. The

**SIMUNJAN DISTRICT  
CONDUCTS BIBLE CAMP**

The Simunjan Churches conducted the first Bible Camp on August 2, 1998. The theme of the camp was "Experiencing the Power of His Word." The Missions officers assisted pastors Stephen Agong, Megau and Andrew Ganya in challenging the church members to experience the power of the Word by studying the Bible. Two similar camps were also conducted in Serian and Sebuyau districts.

By Edmund Liah, President, SAK

doctor told him some years back that he had only three months to live but the Lord cured him from the cancer he was suffering!

By Edmund Liah, President, SAK



*Junior Choir rendered their song at the Festival of Praise*

**MISS ROSY LINDANG  
PASSED AWAY**

Miss Rosy Lindang, a pioneer worker for Sarawak Mission passed away on July 24, 1998 after a short illness. Her widowed mother accepted the Adventist faith when Rosy was at a tender age. Believing in Christian education her mother sent her children to an Adventist school. Upon completing high school Rosy began her career as a teacher at Ayer Manis School in 1947. In 1948 she went to the Malayan Union Seminary in Singapore for one year upgrading and later in 1958 to Batu Lintang Teachers' College in Kuching for a two-year training course. She continued to teach at Sunny Hill School, Bunga School, Bukit Nyala School and Keniong Church School till 1973. From 1974 to 1976 she served as the Director of Children Evangelism for Sarawak Mission. In 1977 she went back to teaching until her retirement in December 1981 after serving the church for a total of thirty-three years.

Rosy was well loved by her students who remember her as a dedicated and patient teacher and "Mama."

By Edmund Liah, President, SAK

## FIRST BI-DIVISION WOMEN'S CONGRESS

Drs. Linda Koh and Mary Wong, Women's Ministries directors of SSD and NSD respectively joined hands in organizing the first ever Bi-Division Women's Congress. The well planned congress was held in Chiangmai, Bangkok from July 2 - 5. From Singapore Adventist Mission 15 ladies from different churches and one non-church member took time off from their work and homes to attend the congress. All the ladies benefitted from the seminars presented by experts in their fields. It was a treat to see different beautiful costumes and performances from different countries. All the ladies agreed that it was a wonderful experience to witness so many women inspired to work for the Lord and wished that there would be another similar congress in the near future.



*The group of ladies who attended the Bi-Division Congress*

## AMAZING FACTS FRIENDSHIP DAY

On September 19 about 250 people attended the second Amazing Facts Friendship Day for this year at Balestier SDA Church.

A life testimony was given by Mr. Michael Gan, an "Amazing Facts" student in his 70s. He became interested in the "Amazing Facts" Guides which belonged to his wife. He recommended the course to his daughter, Elizabeth and his grandson, Ezra. It was a great joy to see three of them present at the rally. On that day That Ngwe Aye was baptized into the Adventist faith by Pastor John Tan.

Pastor Victor Lee, Evangelist and General Manager of Studio Elpizo gave a message on "Tyndale's Gift". The Friendship Day climaxed in the graduation of 14 students. Seven of them received their basic diplomas and the other seven basic and advanced diplomas.

## PREPARE /ENRICH INVENTORY TRAINING SEMINAR FOR PASTORS

Ten pastors took eight hours of Prepare/Enrich Inventory Training Seminar on 8 September '98 led by Pastor Paul Dixon at the SAUM Committee Room. This training is to equip the pastors to give premarital/marital counselling to couples. The main focus of the inventory is to help couples to see their similarities and their differences in their lives as they prepare themselves for the marriage. With the inventory, the pastors will be able to help couples see their strength and their weakness and enable them to counsel them accordingly or make referral if the couples' needs are beyond the pastor's training. It is our prayers that our members will be served better as our pastors are now equipped with this special counselling skill.

## CHIANGMAI ADVENTIST ACADEMY EVALUATED

On August 11-14, a team of nine educators visited the campus of Chiangmai Adventist Academy (formerly known as the Chiangmai Adventist Education Center, comprising the Chiangmai Adventist Academy, the Tribal/Adult School, and the Chiangmai Elementary School) to evaluate the school. The team was led by Dr Stephen R Guptill, Southern Asia-Pacific Division education director. Mr Elden Smith (CAA director) and his faculty are doing a great work in that campus. The team was very greatly impressed with the quality of education, including their spiritual foundation development and character-building programs and results. However, as there is always room for improvement, the evaluation team recommended to AAA that CAA be given a three-year accreditation.

By Edmund Siagian, Education & Communication, SAUM



Part of the CAA evaluation team in a lighter mood, with Dr Steve Guptill (SSD Education Director, seated with camera)

## THAILAND PUBLISHING HOUSE

The economic meltdown and the financial crisis that plague Thailand has caused much hardship to the masses. Millions have their income reduced tremendously and thousands have lost their jobs. There seems to be no "light at the end of the tunnel". Many businesses have closed; others have declared bankruptcy. Some businessmen have committed

suicide, while others acknowledged their loss and accepted their fate.

Thailand Publishing House, the beacon of light, is also affected by the increase of the cost of paper and other printing materials, yet it still stands high and dry, lighted, and shining to those that need the light of the true message.

The Lord has been good this year 1998. From day one until now the Lord has impressed upon individuals, educational institutions, medical foundations and church organizations to print their jobs at Thailand Publishing House.

Karen Bibles, Kachin Bibles, Wah Bibles, Karen Songbooks, Kachin Songbooks have been printed for the Ethnos Asia Christian group. Right now in the press is the 1997-1998 Ekamai International School Yearbook. Next in the schedule are:

1. Thai Health and Home
2. Magazine missionary book of the year—"The Book That Could Not Be Destroyed" in Thai
3. Trade book—Education (in Thai)
4. Trade Book—Story of Redemption (in Thai)
5. Counsels on Stewardship (in Thai)
6. Last Day Events (in Thai).

Possible Subscription books printing will be:

1. Life Style Capsules (in Thai)
2. My Bible Friends (in Thai)

With this scheduled printing, we will be busy doing the King's business well beyond 1999.

Johnny Rueh, Manager, Thailand Publishing House

## SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND MISSION COLLEGE

The Southeast Asia Union Mission has set up an endowment fund to assist all SDA young people from all missions in the Southeast Asia region to attend the Mission College in Thailand. The scholarship given is equivalent to 25% of tuition, fees, room and board, and is renewable every year. We want to encourage all young people of the Church to take this opportunity to gain wholesome Christian education at Mission College in Thailand. Opportunities are also given to mature students who

want to continue their education. For more information contact the Secretaries of each respective Mission or write directly to the Director of Admissions, 430 Pitsanuloke Road, Bangkok 10300, Thailand. E-mail: [mcadm@mission.net.com](mailto:mcadm@mission.net.com).

## MISSION COLLEGE FACILITIES TAKING SHAPE

Mission College, situated in the picturesque mountainous region of Muaklek is finally taking shape. The college is located about 160 km from the buzzing city of Bangkok. The Southeast Asia Union Mission, in close coordination with the architects and the administration of the college, has drawn up a master plan to convert the barren land in the valley to become one of the best SDA colleges in the region. A large amount of investment has been made to make Mission College become a place where young people not only can receive a balanced education, but also be trained to become leaders, stalwarts, and pillars of the church wherever they serve.

Modern facilities have also been planned to develop Mission College into an institution that is

conducive to achieving the goals and mission of the Church. Presently the following facilities are near completion: teachers housing, dormitories and sports facilities. The next phase of the construction project will be the construction of a church, science complex, library center and the administration building. In the plan also is the setting up of an information technology (IT) center, where students can gain access to information through the computer and internet. Needless to say, huge investment will be poured out to provide the very best and to make Mission College comparable to any other Adventist college.

Teachers qualified in their respective fields have already been called and are arriving to begin laying the foundations and plans for the coming classes. Mission College will begin taking international students by the beginning of 1999. Courses to be offered leading to baccalaureate degrees are in the fields of arts and humanities, business, and religion. More courses will be added later.

Lee Chin Beng, Business Manager  
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than forty young people and children attending meetings regularly. Some parents support the club by helping to teach the junior classes.

In April the club held an induction service. More than twenty young people were accepted into the club. Since then they have been learning skills in handicrafts.

May the Lord bless this group of active young people to grow physically and spiritually for Him.



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in a row. On the two Sabbaths the meetings were held in the local church.

The support of the local church members was excellent. They brought their friends and relatives to the meetings. It was very encouraging to see even nine and ten year old children bringing their little friends. On the last Sabbath the church was overflowing with people when a total of twelve souls were baptized and welcomed into church fellowship. More people indicated their desire to also follow the Lord by baptism and joined the pastor's baptismal class in preparation for baptism in the near future.

By A J Oberholster, Publishing, SAUM