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THE SARAWAK MISSION

By E. A. Moon

Accompanied by Pastor C. L. Torrey of the Far Eastern Division, it was my good pleasure to visit the Sarawak mission during October. Upon our arrival in Kuching we were most hospitably greeted by Brother and Sister Lake and the other workers in Kuching, and after spending a day or so there a party of four of us, Pastor Lake, Mrs. Milne, Brother Torrey and I left by steamer for Bintulu to visit our mission station on the Tatau river.

We were at the Tatau station over a week-end with our two Batak missionary families, Brother Sinaga and Brother Hutapea and with our Iban believers. On the Sabbath day meetings were held in the morning and in the afternoon, and as the Sabbath was drawing to a close we had the happy privilege of witnessing a baptismal service in which Pastor Lake baptized five more Iban people. Our workers on the Tatau and our older Iban church members greatly rejoiced at this splendid addition to the church membership. The Sabbath meetings were held in the neat new church building which the brethren have erected on the bank of the Tatau river. The brethren all come to church in their native boats and when they have all assembled for the Sabbath meetings there is a large cluster of boats tied to the little boat landing below the chapel.

Chief Rayong of the village where the chapel is located is a faithful Seventh-day Adventist and is the local elder of our church. Our workers are doing a great deal of medical missionary work among the "long houses" along the banks of the Tatau river and this work continues to break down prejudice and to create confidence in the mission on the part of the native people.

After our return to Kuching the annual meeting of the Sarawak mission was held in the chapel at the Sunny Hill school. This meeting continued for several days. The Spirit of the Lord was present in a marked measure and this proved a time of refreshing to all those who were present. The Sunny Hill

CHURCH CALENDAR

December and January

- Dec. 7-14—Week of Prayer
14—Annual Offering
21—Christian Stewardship Day
28—Elementary Schools Offering
Jan. 4—Home Missionary Day

school was in session at the time so the students were able to attend most of the meetings of the conference. Mrs. Milne, who was in Kuching conducting normal classes for the teachers, was asked to take charge of the meetings for the children.

The reports rendered by Pastor Lake, the Mission Director, and by the Departmental secretaries indicated gains in most lines of endeavour in the Sarawak mission. The figures in the attached table are taken from the report of the Director:

	1938	1939	1940 (9 mos.)
Tithe	\$1191.29	\$1040.02	\$1131.98
S. S.	447.60	500.22	478.34
Tuition	520.63	970.61	1746.37
Med. Inc.	470.46	716.01	240.41
Lit. Sales	745.34	1408.36	242.41
H. Ing.	983.55	1166.50	1853.85
Baptisms	8	9	11

The Sunny Hill school continues to do excellent work. The school now has eight teachers under the leadership of Brother Chu Sing Sing Fatt, the principal. The enrollment is 182, the highest enrollment which the school has ever had.

The training school for Dyak workers at Ayer Manis is being conducted by Pastor Pohan and good results are being seen in preparing workers. Three young men are in attendance from the Tatau river and others from the nearby Dyak villages.

One evening during the conference was devoted to a musical concert given by the students of the musical department of the

Sunny Hill school. Brother Sormin, the head of the music department was in charge of this programme.

At another time during the conference a well rendered programme was given by the Junior Missionary Volunteer Society of the Sunny Hill school, the teachers and students of the school all being dressed in the school uniform, which made a very pleasing appearance indeed.

Pastor Lake has the work of the mission well in hand and we believe that there is a bright future before the workers and believers in Sarawak.

INTEREST AT TROUNG AN, ANNAM

By R. H. Howlett

Brother Bentz and Brother Te were in Troung An for about three weeks holding a series of meetings. We are extremely thankful that there are about thirty-five people who have signified their intention to become members. Even the local official who has opposed us so vehemently came on the opening day to urge the people to accept Christianity if they wished, but to stick to their decision for life, once made.

Many of them broke down their altars before Brother Bentz. Brother Pham Thanh was there also. Many evenings Brother Bentz would preach to the members, and then they would have two more sermons, one by Brother Te and one by Brother Pham Thanh, for the outsiders. Among those who expressed their desire to join our church, only one was formerly connected with another Christian church, the others all were real heathen.

At present Pham Thanh is continuing the work there, spending four days there each week and the other three days in Tourane.

Brother Richard's family wishes to thank all friends and relatives who showed their sympathy by sending wreaths, messages of condolence, and rendered other assistance on the occasion of the death of their eldest sister Alice Canagasabai.

THAILAND INVESTITURES

By H. W. Jewkes

Our youth in Thailand are rallying to the Progressive Class work. During the month of October two splendid Investiture services were held, one in Bangkok and the other in Ubol.

In Bangkok there were thirty-five Friends, two Companions, and one Master Comrade Invested. We are proud to have Nai Prachurd, the Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Thailand Mission, take the honours by being the first Thai to attain the distinction of a Master Comrade. He, true to the ideal of leadership, has led the way up the Progressive ladder and now holds the highest award.

A goodly number of those invested with the Friend Insignia are nurses in the Bangkok Mission Clinic. Miss Helen Phang and Mrs. R. F. Waddell did splendid work in leading out in the preparing of these for the Investiture.

The programme was cleverly arranged and carried out without interruption. Those taking part did excellently, especially in singing and requirement work. Professor G. H. Minchin, who was visiting Bangkok in the interest of education, gave an appreciated talk on "Keep a Level Eye." The writer conducted the Investiture, assisted by an impressive Master Comrade guard of honour.

The Investiture service held in Ubol was directed by Nai Choy. All the student candidates were dressed in uniform, and performed their parts on the programme with exactness. A unique part on the programme was given by the school orchestra. Each member played a Thai instrument.

There were thirty Friends and sixteen Companions invested at this service. A number of these were teachers of the Mission School. Nai Prachurd, who was visiting Ubol for the first time, and the writer conducted the Investiture.

We are proud of our Thai young people. The aim of the Missionary Volunteers has taken hold, and souls are being born into the family of God. Remember our Thai youth.

MALAY STATES INVESTITURES

By R. Abdy

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be able to bring to the readers of the *Notes of Progress* a report of the very inspiring M. V. Investiture services in the Malay States Mission in the month of November 1940. But, first of all I wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to our heavenly

Father for the blessings which have rested our young people in their work for Him during this year.

Secondly I am grateful for the excellent help which has been given by our very active and able Malayan Union M. V. Secretary Prof. H. W. Jewkes.

I wish also to acknowledge the good work which has been done by our local M. V. leaders and officers in the different societies in helping to advance the work of the M. V. Department in the Malay States Mission.

On the 13th of November I had an opportunity to attend the Investiture service of our M. V. Society in Teluk Anson, the only Telugu M. V. Society in Malaya, where 10 Friends and 5 Companions were invested. Brother Y. Joseph our active local leader was in charge of the meeting. It was a great joy to see a happy group of young people, who surrendered their young lives in response to the appeal that was made.

On the 15th of November we had two inspiring Investiture services in the city of Penang. In the morning our Junior Society under the leadership of Brother Y. Y. Poong held a very solemn service where 5 Sunbeams, 5 Lightbearers, and 2 Friends received their pins. In the evening our Senior Society under the leadership of Miss E. Rogers met together where 7 Sunbeams, 13 Lightbearers, 3 Friends and 1 Companion were invested. Both meetings were very inspiring and were attended by our Malayan Union M. V. Secretary Prof. H. W. Jewkes who gave us very helpful and uplifting admonition.

Professor Jewkes and I had a happy privilege to attend a very thrilling Investiture Service in the Malayan Seminary in Singapore on the 19th of November under the leadership of Prof. P. M. Stuart where 23 Sunbeams, 2 Lightbearers, 45 Friends, 6 Companions, 9 Comrades and 3 Master Comrades were invested.

On the 20th of November Prof. Jewkes and I had a very busy but satisfying day in Kuala Lumpur. In the morning we attended an Investiture Service in the Te Sin School under the leadership of Brother Liew Yun where 9 Sunbeams and 29 Friends received their pins. In the evening our Senior Society and the Mt. View English School met together under the leadership of the writer where 9 students of the Mt. View English School were invested as Sunbeams while in the Senior Society 6 Sunbeams, 6 Lightbearer, 7 Friends and 4 Companions received their pins.

The progressive class work is

proving to be a great blessing to our young people. We are indeed very thankful for the splendid co-operation which we are receiving from the leaders of our work in the promotion of these classes.

Our young people need help, and they are most responsive to any efforts which are put forth in their behalf. We should lose no time in putting on a tremendous drive in the churches to win the boys and the girls, and to regulate their attitude and recognize their responsibility toward God.

Beginning with the Junior age, we need to help our boys and girls to get a right conception of Christianity. We must teach them that it is more than a mere theory; that it involves an active connection with the church and definite work for God and for their fellow men. We must engage them in useful lines of activity, that we may grip their attention and hold their interest.

The M. V. organization, the insignia and the progressive class work are wonderful aids in our work. Keeping the youth busy does much in holding them in the church and it is now a very well recognised fact that the progressive class work provides great possibilities along this line. Our leaders are really leading in this, as in other branches of the Missionary Volunteer work, and we are confident that this good work will continue to succeed.

May the blessings of Heaven rest richly upon those who stand as leaders of our army of young people as they prepare for service.

YOUR 1941 GUIDE

By H. W. Jewkes

Have you the Missionary Volunteer's guide to morning devotions—the Morning Watch Calendar?

It is not too early to place your order for the 1941 Calendar. The gift season is just a few days ahead and your friends too, Christian and non-Christian, will be pleased to receive a gift that will last for the whole year.

The theme for the coming year is Christian Fundamentals and includes such topic as: The Keys to Success, A Voice from the Throne of God, Lessons from the Mount of Olives, and Christian Conduct.

For each month of the year there is an appreciation poem, or a message from the Servant of the Lord, which makes the calendar more valuable to young and old.

The cover picture is a close-up portrait of Jesus, by Hurrich Hoffmann. It very fittingly presents Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

MALAYAN UNION MISSION — TEN MONTHS ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1939 and 1940

REPORT OF TITHE AND SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS

(All items in Local Currency)

Mission	TITHE		Gain	Percentage of Gain	SABBATH SCHOOL		Loss or Gain	Percentage Loss or Gain
	1939	1940			1939	1940		
B. N. Borneo	1,676.90	1,781.26	104.36	6%	485.50	479.05	6.45L	1%L
F. I. China	1,637.06	4,058.56	2,421.50	148%	324.81	324.85	.04G	—
Malay States	11,182.73	12,612.57	1,429.84	13%	3,863.04	4,283.07	420.03G	11%G
Sarawak	851.62	1,231.24	379.62	45%	406.07	520.07	114.00G	28%G
Thailand	1,942.65	2,747.99	805.34	41%	739.89	861.82	121.93G	16%G
Totals	17,290.96	22,431.62	5,140.66	30%	5,819.31	6,468.86	649.55G	11%G

Leonard F. Bohner, Treasurer

Start the New Year right. Meet your first appointment with God, January 1, 1941, with the Morning Watch Calendar and Bible.

URGENT NEEDS IN CHINA

By W. H. Branson

In making an appeal for another thirteenth Sabbath overflow, the China Division Committee desires to set before our people six special needs which we trust can be met by this offering.

First: — Headquarters building for our work on the island of Hainnan. Our work on this island is developing rapidly but up to the present time we have had no funds with which to provide homes or an office for our mission leaders who are pioneering the work there. Since this island is directly in the war zone we consider this need to be almost imperative.

Second: — Help to build a middle school for the East China Union. During the present war this union mission has had practically all of its schools destroyed. The division junior college, which was located in East China, is entirely gone, as are two local mission boarding schools. Even the bricks from the walls of the college buildings have been carried away. Absolutely nothing is left but the land. This large union is therefore almost entirely without educational facilities, and we are looking to our Sabbath schools during this quarter to lend a helping hand in re-establishing a central boarding school for this field.

Third: — Re-establishing our union boarding school in Manchuria. Our Manchurian school plant was required by the government for the carrying out of certain plans they had laid and in this field also it becomes necessary to us to re-establish our educational work. A small sum was paid for our former plant but not half

enough to enable us to rebuild in a new location.

Fourth: — Northwest China a union school. Due to the great migration of Chinese from the coastal provinces into the far interior of the country during the present war, our Northwest China Union faces the necessity of caring for a large number of our refugee believers besides their own growing membership. The need of a suitable boarding school in this field is therefore very urgent.

Fifth: — An industrial building for the Honan Mission school. This institution is located at Yencheng, Honan, and is one of the few schools that has not been destroyed by the war. It is serving a student body of nearly two hundred but its facilities for industrial training are very meagre. An industrial building would be a great blessing to the work there, and would make it possible for many young people without means to receive a Christian education.

Sixth: — Two evangelistic tents for North China. The North China Union is doing strong work in public evangelistic lines but is terribly hampered because of their inability to secure suitable meeting places. A couple of field tents would enable them to work across of North China's large cities which now they are unable to enter.

These represent only a few of China's outstanding needs at this time when we are faced with the necessity of re-establishing our work after it has suffered the ravages of war.

We feel that it should be said to the credit of our missionary staff in the field that they are manifesting great bravery in standing by their posts often in the midst of the greatest dangers. Some have sat all day in trenches and dug-outs while bombs were falling all about them. Although urged by the mission committees not to take unnecessary risks they

have refused to leave their stations for fear they would be unable to return again.

Surely men and women of this type are worthy of our loyal and liberal support and they now come to our people with an appeal for help in building up again that which has been torn down, that our work in China may suffer no permanent loss.

PROGRESS AT BHUKET

By E. A. Moon

From letters received from Dr. Arthur E. Geschke we learn that steady progress is being made in getting the building ready which is to be used for our Mission Clinic there. Repairs and alterations are nearly completed, furniture is being made, and linen, instruments and drugs have been ordered from various places. It is expected that everything will be in shape so that the official opening can be held around the middle of December.

The Doctor has passed his Thailand government examinations and already has done some medical work while waiting for the building to be renovated. This building was formerly a Chinese school building and we have been given the use of it without any charge for rent.

We quote the following from Dr. Geschke's last letter: "While writing this letter I was interrupted several times by calls from patients. A brother of a patient that I saw on a home call told us that he went to the (Buddhist) temple early this morning to receive advice from the priest concerning his very sick brother. The priest consulted the idol and informed the patient's brother that he had received a note from the idol stating that he should at once call for the American doctor."

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NEW MISSIONARY FAMILY FOR INDO-CHINA

The arrival in French Indo-China of Brother and Sister Hammill and their baby has brought courage to the hearts of the workers and believers in that great needy field. Brother Hammill and his family came from America by way of Singapore, and as there was no other means of transportation available due to the unsettled political conditions in Indo-China, they travelled from Singapore to Saigon by air.

This family is now settled at Tourane, where Brother Hammill will give general supervision to the work in that section of the field while he and his wife study the Annamese language and improve their knowledge of French as well.

SANDAKAN, KUDAT AND MARUDU BAY

L. I. Bowers

I have been in Sandakan ten days, could spend another week here profitably, but must stop at Kudat and Marudu Bay on the way back to Jesselton. Have been visiting and encouraging our Chinese believers here. Brother Han and I have been out almost every afternoon and many evenings. I have been getting acquainted with some of the Europeans here. Also visited the Agricultural Department and hope to have time to visit the experimental station. There is much to thank the Lord for. Some of these members have been faithful for twenty years. But we must pray earnestly for those who have let their feet slip.

On reaching Kudat I went directly by sail boat to visit our station on Marudu Bay. Distances there are measured by the speed of the kerbau, and so it took longer to visit the people in their homes than I had thought, so stayed over Sabbath there. Fifty came to the service and after the Sabbath we mounted our steeds and after four hours in low gear we arrived at the river at 10 o'clock p.m. Pastor

Sibarani and Brother Kurus had not been out of the jungle for four months so they came with me to Kudat and will return after a day or so. Arrived at Kudat by boat Sunday morning. Then we went to visit the church members in two places where they gathered together and we had good meetings. The believers in Kudat seem to be of good courage as is also Brother Ku, our Chinese worker. Have done some Ingathering and Brother Ku will visit some people in the country later. I have enjoyed the work and meeting our believers and pray that God may add his blessing.

NEWS NOTES

Pastor Bowers writes that the new Dusun Training School opened for regular school work on October 14 with about 25 students enrolled and others expected to come in after the rice harvest in British North Borneo. Pastor M. T. Sibadogil has been appointed principal of the school. Work is still in progress on one or two buildings which have not yet been completed. Most of the construction work on these last buildings is being done by the school boys. A later letter states that the enrollment has passed 30 with 20 more planning on coming.

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Seventeen students of the Malayan Seminary were recently baptized by Pastor Nerness in the Singapore church.

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On two recent days the number of out-patients who came to the Penang Clinic for treatment was the largest for about five years.

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Pastor Milne is spending a few weeks in and around Penang during the early part of December doing further work on the solicitation of funds for the Penang Sanitarium addition. Pastor Tan Kia Ou is assisting with solicitation work for the proposed new church building at Ipoh.

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Pastor Abel writes that work is going forward on the new building which is being erected for the Ubol school. The building is being constructed with bricks made in the country near Ubol and with cement manufactured in the cement factory at Bangkok.

The income of the Bangkok Clinic during October was the greatest of any month in the history of the institution. A large building has recently been rented in a quiet part of the city where regular sanitarium service will be available for those who are able to pay for this type of medical care.

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The Indo-China Training School recently opened for its third year of work with an enrollment a little higher than last year. Professor Howlett writes that a peanut-butter industry has been started by the school and that the publishing house operated in connection with the school is busy turning out literature in Annamese and Cambodian.

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The maternity home and clinic operated by Sister Bentz in Phnom Penh is making good progress toward self-support. The income at present is sufficient to cover the regular operating expenses of the little institution.

THAILAND MISSION OFFICE

The Thailand Mission office has recently been moved to the Bangkok Clinic Annex. The new address is 809 Lan Luang Road, Bangkok, Thailand.

JOHANSON'S SEND GREETINGS

A recent letter to the Editor from Pastor E. J. Johanson contained the following: "I wonder whether, in your next 'Notes of Progress,' you would be good enough to pass our best wishes on to old associates in Malaya? You could give them our address, and tell them we would be delighted to hear from old friends. We are all well and happy." Why not drop the Johansons a letter, their address is GPO box 1011J, Adelaide, South Australia.

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