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The territory of the Malayan Union embraces five major countries each of which makes up a local mission, and includes over 50 million people. It extends nearly 2,000 miles from north to south and about 1,000 miles from east to west. In this vast territory we have a membership of slightly more than 3,000 believers.

Our work in Sarawak centers in two main territories: the first in the Land Dayak country south of Kuching; the second in the Sea Dayak territory along the Tatau River. About a half hour's walk in the jungle from the 32nd milepost south of Kuching, lies the Land Dayak village of Baru. It is composed of a group of bamboo longhouses built on stilts where the families live in a series of adjacent rooms. Garbage is disposed of by dropping it through the cracks in the split bamboo floor and the pigs roam in the premises below for their food. The people as a rule cannot read or write and work only enough to earn their daily food. Our message reached this particular village some three years ago and was accepted by about a third of the people. After studying with Brother Fox and our native teacher for a year or so, our baptized believers moved out from this village and started one of their own about two miles away. The lives of these people have been entirely transformed and they have started what is now regarded as a model village in Sarawak. The Adult Education Officer for Sarawak, Mr. Robert Nicoll, visited this village with Brother Fox in July 1951, and gave a favorable report; a portion of which was quoted in the August "Messenger".

Our work in North Borneo is steadily moving forward. Our latest project is to open a training school at Marudu Bay which is located at the northeast corner of the island of Borneo. Funds for this project were provided from the 4th quarter 1950 Sabbath school overflow offering. We have a very fine location in mind and are entering into negotiations with the government to secure approximately

500 acres of land for the building of this school. This land includes part of a "haunted hill" now used by the natives in their spirit worship. We hope soon to be able to dedicate this land to the promulgation of the third angel's message.

Indo-China with its 25 million people presents a tremendous challenge to our mission organization. A portion of the north is cut off from our work because of guerilla warfare which is developing into a series of battles. Our Voice of Prophecy work is penetrating into many parts of this field. We have just completed the building of a publishing house at Saigon. The headquarters Annamese church was also completed during the year and a church school was built at Cholon.

Our medical work in Thailand has been developed in a strong way. Our new Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital containing over 100 beds was completed and opened in March 1951. We now have four overseas doctors at this institution and a nurses' training class of approximately 70. Branch institutions have been opened at Ubol, Haadyai and Bhuket with an American doctor at each place. In December, 1951 Pastors Pogue and Martin opened an evangelistic effort at Chieng Mei in the northern part of Thailand. The way has been prepared by our Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School, and although there is much opposition, some definite results are being achieved. We are praying that with the blessing of the Lord a church may be established as a center for our work in this area.

During the past year a major evangelistic effort was held in the city of Singapore. Pastors Detamore and Turner led out in this effort and received good support from our church members and Seminary students. Workers were sent in from our various local missions to aid in the follow-up work. The meetings were held in the Victoria Theatre and up

to 1,000 persons attended some of the Sunday night meetings. 150 people took their stand for the Truth and about 60 have been baptized to date. In addition to this, 29 students of the Seminary were baptized during the year. These evangelistic meetings came as a spiritual bombshell to the Christian community of Singapore. Much opposition was created among the churches and several opposing articles have appeared in their publications. For a time it seemed that pressure would be brought to bear so that we could not continue our meetings in this prominent public hall. But the Lord overruled and we were permitted to complete the series. Surely the third angel's message has been given in a strong way in Singapore and the results have been widespread. At the present time Pastors Detamore and Turner are holding a translated effort in Chinese in our new Singapore English church which seats about 500.

Our total of 264 baptisms in the Union seems pitifully small when compared to the millions of people to be warned. We must remember, however, that tens of thousands of these people have heard something of our message through the work of our institutions, our evangelistic meetings, and our Voice of Prophecy Correspondence lessons. The fruitage cannot all be measured by immediate baptisms.

Our vital need is for a greater measure of the Holy Spirit in the lives of our workers and believers. Within the walls of our churches, our schools, our publishing houses and our hospitals we must have a spiritual fire which will reach the heart of each person that comes into contact with our worker. The time is short, the laborers are few, the work is great and the needs are many. Our prayer is for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon this needy field so that a quick work may be accomplished.

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Chinese Church—Saigon

BY PAUL HUNG

Our Chinese church has been going forward and progressing ever since Pastor Ho arrived from China. Many members have been added to the church and the old members are finding a revival of their first love for the truth. The future looks very bright and encouraging for which we are very thankful to Lord.

Pastor Ho has been very busy since last February as he attended the Malayan Union Bi-Annual meeting in Singapore and conducted many revival meetings at the different churches in the Malay States mission. We have seen good results from these meetings.

When he returned from these meetings he then

went to Saigon where he held another larger effort. The church members there were organized into groups for visiting, welcoming, ushering, music, decorating, advertising and general. Beginning on September 23, this meeting was held four night a week. A good song service was conducted every night before the message was presented by Pastor Ho. The attendance was very good and a great interest in the prophecies of the last days was evident. During the months the meetings were held, about \$4,000.00 was collected in offerings.

On November 4, we presented a very new and different program. It was pouring rain outside and still drizzling when it came time for the meeting; however, the church was filled to capacity. After a rousing song service our choir gave some special music, prayer was offered by Mr. Lee and then Pastor Ho spoke on world history in its three darkened stages. As dark as the world outside right at that moment. He pointed the audience to the only true light for all ages, Jesus Christ and exhorted us, as His followers, to arise and shine at this momentous period of world history.

Special music was provided by Mrs. E. H. Wallace with her Vibraharp followed by several songs and by nine-thirty the lights inside the church were turned off to symbolize the darkening situation of the present world. A group of children marched in, singing and holding lighted candles in their hands. They offered their candles to Pastor Ho and he in turn presented them to the audience, thus encouraging everyone to share his faith with others. As the choir sang, "Send the light" the church became completely lighted with sparkling candle light, making a very impressive scene.

When the audience was dismissed they left the church bearing their lighted candles out into the night, giving the appearance of a fire dragon several hundred yards in length.

To close this series of meetings we had a wonderful Christmas program conducted by Brother and Sister Wallace. We feel that the time was well spent and that the meetings have all been interesting and successful. We solicit your earnest prayers for our work in this great area.

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Singapore English Church Dedication

BY MRS. H. K. SHOW

The doors of the English Seventh-day Adventist Church in Singapore swung wide in welcome on January 19, 1952. It was 4.00 p.m., and time for the dedication of the beautiful new tabernacle. By bus, by auto and by trishaw, the people gathered to participate in this important event. The members of the church were honored to have the delegates of the Far

Eastern Division Council as their guests, as well as members and friends of the three other Singapore Adventist churches.

Softly the opening strains of the organ prelude, "Consolation" by Mendelssohn, drew the attention of the waiting congregation. All were hushed by the lovely music from the skillful fingers of Mrs. Baldwin on the new organ. Then to the familiar tune of "Be Silent, Be Silent," the choir members and ministers entered and took their places on the rostrum. Pastor Peterson spoke words of welcome to all in attendance after which the congregation expressed the joy in their hearts by singing the hymn, "Praise to the Lord." Pastor Y. H. Phang, president of the Malay States Mission, read the scripture reading, and all knelt reverently as prayer was offered by C. C. Cleveland, the acting president of the Malayan Union Mission. "Holy, Lord God" was the special selection rendered by the combined church choir under the direction of Minnie Iverson Wood.

Pastor C. P. Sorensen, secretary of the Far Eastern Division, gave a most interesting history of the Adventist church in Singapore. He was especially pleased to make mention of the three or four members who had been charter members of the first church here and that were also present at this dedication. Alan Chew and Leroy Peterson then blended beautifully their violins in the "Concerto in D Minor for two violins, Largo" by Bach.

The dedicatory sermon was preached by Pastor A. V. Olson, vice-president of the General Conference. He stressed the importance of building a sanctuary where we may worship God together and the great need of preparing ourselves for true worship. He closed his stirring message with a strong appeal for the dedication of each heart to the finishing of the task.

Again the voice of the organ was heard, this time in "Voix Celeste" by Batiste. Pastor Peterson led the congregation in the act of dedication, after which the dedicatory prayer was offered by Pastor V. T. Armstrong, the Far Eastern Division president. A thank offering was taken which is to be used for purchasing additional equipment needed in the various departments of the new church. Pastor Ray Turner's solo, "Bless This House," seemed a most fitting climax to this service. The benediction was offered by Pastor N. C. Wilson, president of the Indonesian Union Mission. Those participating in the service appreciated the efficient help of the translators, Pastor Daniel Liem who translated into Cantonese, Pastor C. H. Kang into Teucheow, and S. M. Hutapea into Malay.

All left the sanctuary feeling it was good to have been there, with a determination to hold fast to their new dedication of all to the Master, and a prayer in their hearts that this tabernacle will be a place where God's people will delight to worship and from which they will go forth to bring more souls to join them in their worship and service.

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Baptism in Jesselton

BY WONG KIAT SAM

On Sabbath, October 27, Elder A. Mountain baptized Mr Thau Kok Wah and his wife in Jesselton. Mr. Thau was formerly a member of the Anglican church but he attended our effort held in Sandakan in 1948 and was convinced of the truths he heard. At that time he determined to quit smoking, keep the Sabbath and to pay tithes. He also enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School. In 1950 he was transferred to Jesselton where he works in the Meteorological Department of the Government.

Mr. Thau's grandmother was present for the baptismal occasion. She had made a special trip by air from Labuan to Jesselton to be there and was very happy as she stood before the congregation to give her testimony. She is now 82 years old and is our oldest church member in North Borneo. Ten years ago the writer brought her into this truth when he was doing canvassing work. She was at that time a member of the True Jesus mission and was a deaconess in that church. Since she has accepted this truth she has been faithfully and energetically witnessing for the Lord.

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What Is Happening in Cheingmai

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During the month of July Brother Sek Tong and I made a trip to the northern part of Thailand to visit all of the Voice of Prophecy students possible during the two weeks time which we had to spend. All of the students which we met were most enthusiastic about their lessons and we had a number of really thrilling visits. The first young man that we visited in Cheingmai told us that he believed that the seventh day was the Sabbath, and asked us how soon we could start an Adventist church there. One young lady, who is a member of the Presbyterian church in Cheingmai, told us that she is also a believer in the seventh day Sabbath of the Bible.

Because of the great need in Cheingmai, we made an urgent appeal to the Union for some evangelistic help and Pastor Pogue was sent there to begin an



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effort. In spite of the good interest already developed, the opening night of the effort was really a difficult undertaking as Satan opposed us at every step, but by God's help we are coming out victoriously. When we first looked for a location for the meetings there were several possible locations, and some were at first promised to us at a fairly reasonable price. When we really tried to get some of the good locations, however, we were unable to obtain any of them. After attempting to lease twelve different locations, we were finally able to rent a lot in the very centre of town. We erected a bamboo tabernacle which seats about three hundred people.

We preceeded the effort with a Voice of Prophecy rally. This was well attended by the Voice of Prophecy students and the general public alike. The opening night of the lecture series was a bit of a disappointment to us because although we had a good attendance, very few of the Voice of Prophecy students were there. We later learned that they had been warned by the head of the Christian churches in that area that they should not attend our meetings. Pastor Pogue then determined to carry the meetings to some of the homes of those who were afraid to be seen at our meetings and on the nights he did not have meetings at the tabernacle he conducted cottage meetings at several of the homes. As many as thirty people attended these meetings. A regular Sabbath School has been started and several of these interested people are attending. When one girl began attending our meetings her mother drove her from the home but she is still faithful in coming to the meetings and to Sabbath School. One young man who is also very interested is a member of the first tribe of people ever to accept any form of Christianity. His great great grandfather was the first Christian martyr in Thailand.

Although we are continuing to meet a great deal of opposition in our work we are confident that by God's help we will be victorious in establishing a new church in Cheingmai. Please remember this work in your prayers.

Baptism in Bangkok

On Sabbath, December 29, seven young people were baptized and accepted as members of the Bang-

kok Thai Church. Of this group, one young man renounced Buddhism and accepted Christ as a direct result of the evangelistic meetings held in the church one year ago. Of the others baptized, four are nursing students at the hospital, one is a teacher at the Mission School, and the other learned of our message from working in an Adventist home.

Thailand Medical Work

BY A. I. KRAUTSCHICK, *Comptroller*

The year 1951 has brought new developments in the medical work for the people of Thailand. It was the second full year of operation of all 6 units of the Thai Medical Institutions, if we do not consider the few months when the Bhuket Mission Clinic operated on just a dispensary level. We had to call Dr. F. N. Crider and his family to join forces with the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital due to a shortage of professional help after the new 100-bed hospital building was opened on March 18, 1951. Dr. R. F. Waddell and family left on a well-earned furlough to the United States the same month, leaving Dr. Louis G. Ladington in charge of the work.

We were very fortunate indeed to strengthen our nursing staff with the arrival of Miss Gertrude Green who accepted our urgent call after we had lost Miss Ruth Mumroe, Mrs. Waddell and Mrs. Ritz, on furlough. With a number of excellent graduate nurses from our second graduating class the nursing problem was solved satisfactorily.

The tragic death of Miss Ruby Barnett, due to a traffic accident on January 8, 1952 was a hard blow never to be forgotten by the hospital family. Our doctor's staff was considerably strengthened with the arrival of Drs. Roger and Ethel Nelson in June, the husband being an excellent surgeon and the wife an efficient tacher in laboratory work and pathology.

Our School of Nursing has done a good work under the leadership of Miss Wilma Leazer with Mrs. R. M. Milne as instructor of Bible. Fourteen girls were graduated from their three years' course in June. This class has four girls who were already Adventists, but unfortunately none became baptized during the training period compared with the twelve who took this step during the first year. The good spiritual leadership can be recognized, however, because just recently four students gave their hearts to Jesus. Two were from the Senior class of twenty-three members, one is from the Junior class of fourteen members and one is from the freshman class of thirty-five members which has been in operation only six months. Our every effort has been dedicated to developing these young girls and boys into competent Chritian nurses. A net loss of \$477,263.17 was sustained by the institution in order to educate these young people not only for life but for eternity.

It is the endeavour of all medical workers in Thailand for 1952 to bring physical and spiritual healing to those who come to us for help. We earnestly solicit an interest in your prayers as we plead for an abundance of the Holy Spirit in carrying the third angel's message to the twenty million unwarned souls in Thailand.

候，佈道會似乎沒有繼續下去的希望了，但是感謝上帝的幫助，我們終得允許繼續至完。如今，戴德模和湯納兩牧師又在英語教堂主持另一華語傳譯佈道會。

若同本聯會地區內的人口起較起來，我們的受浸人數不過二百六十四人，未免太少了，但我們需記得，有許多人却會藉着我們的機關，函授學校，佈道會，聽到一些關於我們的道理，所以我們不能以受浸的人數來計算聖工的果子。

我們最大的需要就是聖靈大大降臨在我們職工和教友中。在我們的教堂，學校，報館，醫院等機關的圍牆內，要有聖靈的火熱烈燃燒起來，深入每個與我們接觸的人之心中。時間短促，工人稀少，但工作重大，需要繁多，聖靈大大降臨這田地乃是我們至殷至切的禱告。（邢福蘭）

北婆羅洲華人教會

十月廿七日安息日上午，講道聚會後，由孟玉山牧師給涂國華夫婦施浸，涂君在政府氣象台任職，前為聖公會教友，一九四九年參加山打根佈道會後，受感，立志戒煙守安息奉獻什一，又加入預言之聲聖經函授科，一九五〇年調亞庇埠，決意加入屬靈教會。其祖母現年八十二歲，為本會在婆羅洲最高齡教友，前為真耶穌教會女執事，十年前筆者派書報時引其歸主，曾力為道作證，最近得聞其孫受浸，特由納網乘馬空飛機來亞庇觀禮，是日非常高興，並在會眾面前起立作證主恩，多人受感，後守聖餐共二十八位男女

會友，各人面現喜容，依依惜別。請當代婆羅洲教會禱告為荷。（黃達三）

西貢華僑教會

西貢堤岸華僑教會，自客夏聘得華南佈道家何章如牧師蒞（呷頭）越主持佈道大會以還，教友的數目大有增加，教友的信德守道熱心等也較前大有進步，教會已在日漸長進中，誠蒙上主莫大的恩典。

去年二月至五月間，何牧出席聯會年會議並在馬來亞各大城市作短期巡迴佈道會，到處無不大受歡迎，靈恩沛臨，各地教會興奮異常，消息傳來此間，會內弟兄姊妹同心慶賀，感謝主恩。

自何牧由星返越後，則積極籌備第二次的佈道大會，經過一番準備和籌劃的工作，並成立一個籌備委員會，分有宣傳，佈置，招待，音樂，探訪，總務等組。佈道大會自九月廿三日起，每週四夜，各界人士踴躍赴會，每晚且有本堂的聖歌班唱聖詩，和領導會眾歌唱頌讚詩歌一刻鐘，使聽眾們的精神興奮，至於何牧的演詞，生動活潑，富有吸引聽眾的注意，並引證科學，歷史，哲學等闡述聖經真理，末世預言，指引黑暗中的生靈行走於光明大道中。兩月來所收的捐款約有四仟元越幣。

佈道大會特於十一月四日晚舉行燭光晚會，此會在越南的基督教界尚屬首舉，是日下午雖然下了數陣大雨，入晚仍細雨綿綿下不停，但赴會聽眾並不因雨而減，未到開會時間，則已擁擠了

全會場。七時三刻開會時間一屆，聖歌班先相繼登台領導全會眾唱詩，一刻鐘後主席李唐明長老暨何牧亦登台，聖歌班肅立唱聖詩，主席禱告和致詞後由何牧演講，大意說：世界的歷史大約可分三大黑暗時期，正如今晚的天氣，被黑雲和大雨所遮蔽而無光，但耶穌是世界上的光，他要照亮這黑暗的世界，我們為主門徒者也應當興起發光。特別音樂有華萊斯夫人的木琴獨奏和女中音獨唱，混聲四部合唱，聖歌班之特別詩，九時半全堂電燈熄滅，象徵這世界的黑暗，以後有一羣小童約廿人，各手持火炬，跟着鋼琴的聲音，從黑暗中由台後出現，一面唱歌，一面繞講台上下而行走，表示小兒言行猶燭光，為主發光和行在光中。唱完詩歌，成羣小童進入台後，光明又從黑暗中消逝，再由唱歌中的一小女童傳光給主講者何牧，而分傳給兩位手執巨燭的少女，而再分光給會眾，接到光者，再分給他人，霎時千燭俱明，點點燭光滿遍全堂，燦爛輝煌，光明奪目。最後由聖歌班，手擎燭光，合唱「送恩光」，一時歌聲和燭光，有聲有色，相映成趣，歌畢隨即散會，與會者無不手撐燭光，皆大歡喜，相繼離場。一時黑暗的蔡厝宗沖街，頓變成了一條長光龍，蜿蜒數百丈。

佈道會並於十二月廿三日晚舉行聖誕節音樂會，為佈道會最後的結束。該音樂會由華萊斯夫婦主持，祈望各位同道記念越南華僑聖工，並常代禱，至懇。（洪聲世）

懷訓選粹

草率的誦讀聖經，便沒有甚麼益處，人可以讀完全部聖經而見不到它的妙處，悟不到其中蘊藏的精義。讀一段而充分了解其意義，透知它與上帝救人之計劃所有的關係，強似毫無目的地讀了許多章數而不得甚麼教益。應當把聖經放在身旁，一有機會，就開卷誦讀，將其中金句背出。即便是在路上行走，也可讀一段，細玩其意義，以求謹記在心。

——幸福的階梯第八二面



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南洋聯合會年終報告

南洋聯合會包括五個主要政治區域，每個區域組成一個區會。本聯會工作範圍由西至東約一千哩，由南而北約二千哩，人口凡五千萬。在這廣闊的區域裏，我們有三千多一點的教友。

沙勞越區會的聖工集中於兩個區域：古晉南部陸上達雅地，和達道河沿岸的水上達雅地。自古晉南部三十二支碑走了半小時的森林路，便來到陸上達雅地的巴魯村，村子由許多座的長屋組成。長屋用竹搭成的，因為是許多間屋子相連起來，故稱為長屋。這些屋子是浮腳屋，地板離地幾尺，土人把廢物從竹片鋪成的地板之裂縫丟下去，地板底下是豬子走來走去找食。普通說來，這達雅族是不會寫也不會讀的，他們的入息只够每日的費用。大約三年前，我們的道理傳到這個村落，當時有三分之一的村民接受道理。過了一年後，這些教友搬離巴魯村，到二哩外另建一個新村。他們的生活完全改變，如今這個新村被譽為沙勞越的模範村。一九五一年七月沙勞越成人教育官羅柏尼哥連同傅思牧師訪問這新村；後以書面報告觀感，對該村大加獎譽。其一部分報告經刊載於去年八月號會聞，想諸位已看到了。

北婆羅洲區會的聖工正在固穩進展中。最近的計劃是在北婆羅洲島東北角的馬魯路灣建立一所訓練學校。一九五〇年第四季安息日學捐的盈溢數中有一部分就是指定用以建立此學校的。我們現已物色到一塊很好的地，面積大約有五百英畝，正同政府磋商中。

越南區會領域內有二千五百萬的人口，這是一個重大的挑戰。北部地區一部份地方因為有游擊戰在進行中，所以我們不能工作。本區會的預言之聲函授學校正深入許多新地區。西貢的越南時報報館剛已完竣，區會辦事處的越語教堂也於去年造好，我們也在堤岸建立一間教會小學。

暹羅區會的醫藥工作有很大的進步。容有一百多個病床的曼谷衛生療養院於一九五一年三月舉行開幕典禮。我們現在有四位西人醫生在此療養院工作，院內並附設有護士訓練班，受訓學生大約有七十個。我們且在烏武，普吉，哈齋等地設立分院，每院由一位美籍醫生主持。一九五一年十二月，蒲雅各和馬丁兩位牧師在暹羅北部之清邁開佈道會。雖然我們遇到許多阻隔，但我們深信一定有些成績的。我們祈求上帝賜福清邁的工作，使我們能在這裏設立一個教會，做為發展這區域聖工之中心。

去年，我們在星嘉坡維多利亞戲院舉行大規模的佈道會。佈道會雖由戴德模和湯納兩位牧師主持，但教友和神道學校學生都盡力幫忙；各區會也派職員幫忙探訪赴會的人士。星期日晚的赴會人士，有時突破一千人。截至目前止，立意歸主的有一百五十人，已經受浸加入教會的有六十人。除外，去年神道學校也有二十九個學生受浸歸主。對於星嘉坡的基督教社會而言，這次的大佈道會無異於一顆屬靈的炸彈，別個教會很表反對，並於他們的刊物登載反對的文字。有一個時