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What is a Christian?

A Dusun Sermon by A. MOUNTAIN

I want to talk to you this morning about what it means to be a Christian, and especially a Seventh-day Adventist. Christianity is not an improvement on the old life, it is a new life. It means a change of masters, a change of direction. From being servants of Satan, headed for destruction, we go into reverse to serve Christ and climb toward heaven. From serving self we turn to help others. We follow new rules, with the Bible as our guide. Are we doing this? If not we will never see the kingdom of heaven. Just tying the label "S.D.A." on ourselves is no guarantee of eternal life. You may tie the name "dog" on a cat; but everyone can see that it is still a cat. Likewise God does not take any notice of names; He sees what we are, and says, "I will give unto every one of you according to your works." Rev. 2:23.

The Golden Rule is the new rule of life—"Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." It is foreign to this world. Its motto is, "Every man for himself, and the devil take the hindmost"; but Satan takes the lot and all who share that spirit. The Christian does not ask, as did Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?" He knows that he is responsible to help, warn, protect his neighbor, not only in matters pertaining to his eternal welfare, but also in the material things of life. I want to stress the material things of life. Too many of us forget that, and think we have only to help people find the truth.

My father was an exponent of the Golden Rule. He was always thinking of others. When walking by the way, if he came across a stick, a stone, or a fruit peeling that might cause another to slip or stumble, he would pick it up, or throw it to one side. If he saw a broken bottle or a sharp tin that might cut someone's foot, he would pick it up and place it where no one would be likely to walk. He was his brother's keeper. This is real Christianity.

Sometimes while traveling in the jungle I have come to a place where someone had felled a tree, cut

off the part he wanted, and left the branches lying across the trail to the impediment of all who came that way. A Christian will not do a thing like that. Before leaving the place he will clear everything off the trail. "Let . . . no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." Rom. 14:13.

God gave instruction to His people to be very careful lest they endangered the lives or health of others. If a man had a vicious animal and allowed it to get out so that it killed a man, the owner paid with his own life for his carelessness. If a man dug a hole and neglected to cover it up, so that a man or an animal fell into it, the digger of the hole paid the penalty for his error. When a person built a house with a flat roof he had to make a railing around the edge to protect people from falling off. The regulations have become the basis for similar laws in all civilized countries; and people are heavily fined for any infraction of these laws. God will also call men to account for such transgressions. The Christians observe these provisions naturally from love to God and love to man, on which hang all the law and the prophets.

Our new Master left us an example that we should follow in His steps. What was this example? "Who went about doing good";—to himself? That is what most of us are doing. No, it was to others; yet most of us are so busy taking such good care of ourselves that we seldom even have time to think about others. And how should we do good?—tell them about the Sabbath? No, they are not interested in days; they have to work every day; and one day is as good as another to them. But help them—ever so little, and they will listen to anything we have to say. And don't be too anxious to tell them about the Sabbath; tell them about the love of God. They need love and sympathy first; doctrine can come later.

A Christian is a changed man—different from worldlings. In fact the Bible calls him peculiar or

special. "The Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself above all people that are upon the face of the earth." Deut. 7:6. In what way are we peculiar?—because we keep the Sabbath? The Bible does not say that. This is what it says, "Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:14. Good works, then, is the special mark of the Christian; and that simply means living to help others instead of oneself.

Here is a poor man who had a very small crop this year, while your bins are full of rice. This concerns you! "Look not every man upon his own things, but every man also on the things of others." Phil 2:4. Something must be done about this. So you talk the matter over with the whole church, and decide that each family will give so many gantangs of rice. Then one day you all go to visit this discouraged man. You tell him that God has blessed you with plenty; and that you want to share it with him. He will be so surprised that he can hardly talk. Nothing like that has ever happened to him before in all his life. You explain that this is part of your religion, and that you find great joy in thus helping him. It won't be hard to persuade that man to come to church; he will really want to learn more about a religion like that. And you will not encourage him to praise you; you will point him to the Love of God that causes you to love your fellow men. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

Here is a sick neighbor in distress. Go and comfort him, but do something more than just talk—help him. Give him what he needs, and if it is more than you can do alone, enlist others to help, even the whole church if necessary. This is our business. Here is a poor widow, unable alone to take care of her little farm. Let the entire church set a day, or several days, and put in her crop. This is real Christianity. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27)—from that worldly spirit which says, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Now we know what makes a true Christian. "Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, that thou bring the poor that are cast down to thy house? When thou seest the naked that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?" Isa. 58:7. Have you ever done anything like this? If not, why not? The needy are all around us. If you have not, you had better get busy helping others before it is too late, and you are left out of the kingdom. "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food . . . notwithstanding ye give them not those things that are needful for the body; what doth it profit?" James 2:20, 15, 16. No it is profitless trying to be a Christian without good works. Just believing the truth, joining the church, and calling yourself an S.D.A., but doing nothing about it, is useless. It is like mailing a parcel at the postoffice

without proper stamps—it will never get anywhere. And we will never reach heaven without the stamps of a Christian upon us. The stamps of a Christian are good works.

On the other hand, if we seek out the poor and needy, as we are bidden, and help them in their troubles, we will not need a lot of ministers; our lives will speak louder than the preachers' words. Thousands will accept a religion that makes people do good as well as talk good; and we ourselves, will have a surer hope of eternal life.

"Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?" James 2:22. We hear a great deal these days about "Share your faith," which is excellent: but there is something even better—share your food and your clothing, and your faith—made perfect—will go with them. Remember a Christian is a man who, like his Master, goes about doing good.

Blessings from Tithing

By S. G. MAXWELL

Many are in need of greater material as well as spiritual blessings from the Lord. It is natural and right that one should desire the fruit from his labors. Yet how often these words from the prophet are fulfilled in our experience. "Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes." Haggai 1:6.

We never have enough. A month's wages does not last many days. Food is eaten up quickly. And one is worried about how to provide for the future. So we borrow for our needs. But borrowing only sells the future before it arrives. Too often the creditor is waiting at our door; "When will you pay your debt?" he inquires. You excuse yourself by promising, "Tomorrow." But tomorrow brings no real help. Borrowing money does not make you rich. It is not God's plan that His child should be in debt.

God tells us "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it." Proverbs 10:22. What is the blessing of the Lord? Anciently a blessing was much desired. Fathers would bless their children. Jacob desired the blessing so much that he practiced falsehood to obtain it. The high priest regularly blessed the people. The holy Sabbath day was set apart and blessed by God. Jesus used the expression many times in His Sermon on the Mount when He blessed the poor in spirit, the meek, etc. He also said, "Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it." Luke 11:28.

It is clear that obedience to God is the secret of obtaining His blessing. He made this very clear in these words, "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments . . . that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all

nations of the earth; and all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee." Now notice where the obedient soul will be blessed. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of the ground, and the fruit of thy cattle. . . . Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods. . . . The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure, the heaven to give rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand; and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

These are wonderful promises, but they depend on obedience. Obedience always brings a blessing, but disobedience brings a curse. Many of God's people today are receiving a curse instead of a blessing because of disobedience. You ask, "How can this be?" God says, "Ye have robbed me, and are cursed with a curse. Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."

The case is clear. Withholding our true tithes causes God to withhold spiritual and temporal blessings. His blessing maketh rich. Without His blessing we are poor. Does this explain your condition?

Now take heed to the counsel of the Lord. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruit of your ground."

Here the Lord asks us to test Him to prove that He will keep His promise. If you'll pay a faithful tithe, the windows of heaven will be open to you and great will be the blessing. Has anyone really proved that this can be so? Yes, very many of God's obedient children have found this to be true.

It was Sabbath morning in the Kisii country in Kenya, and the Christians were on their way to church. Suddenly a dark cloud covered the sun. The locusts had come! Fear entered every heart. But in obedience to the command to remember the Sabbath day and to keep it holy, the members went to church. Said the pastor, "No one has anything to fear today if he has paid his tithe faithfully, for the promise is in Malachi 3:11, 'I will rebuke the devourer.'"

All prayed in the church all day. The heathen beat tins and eried their loudest to save their crops. But they failed. Everything was devoured. At sunset the Christians went down to their gardens. Nothing had been touched! God had kept His promise.

"What medicine have you got?" asked the heathen. "Nothing," said the Christians, "but the promise of God, 'I will rebuke the devourer.'"

An old mother in poor health in Bechuanaland pays tithe on orange trees in her yard. They survive the draughts that so often come to this land.

In the Moshupa church in the same country is an

old brother and his wife who pay tithe on their fowl, goats, and cattle, as well as their garden. They never stay home on Sabbath to chase the birds from their crops, claiming the promise, "I'll rebuke the devourer," and God fulfills His promise. His crops exceed all others in the vicinity. Many of the maize stalks break because of the heavy crop.

A member of the church in Matabeleland prided himself on his Sabbath attendance and good conduct. But his garden did not prosper, even though he plowed from morning to night. So he bought African medicine and put it on as directed. But the garden still was poor. The evangelist met him one day and speedily discovered the trouble. He did not give God His own. Soon he saw his mistake, and evaluating his kraal and barn, he gave two of his cattle, a goat, and some maize as tithe. Today this man is well known for harvesting heavy crops. The garden and his strength are the same, but now he enjoys the blessing of God.

Thus the story of "the blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich" could be multiplied many times. God always keeps His promise. He longs to bless us. Therefore He says, "Prove me now herewith . . . if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing." **HAVE YOU PROVED HIM BY RETURNING A FAITHFUL TITHE?**

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To Church Pastors and Elders in the Malayan Union Mission

Dear Brethren,

In the recent committee meetings held in Singapore by the Malayan Union Mission, plans were finalized for the forthcoming Evangelistic effort to be held in the Balestier Road church in Singapore beginning September 11, 1955. These series of meetings will be conducted jointly by Pastors Milton Lee from the South China Island Mission, and J. R. Spangler, secretary of the ministerial Association of the Far Eastern Division. Pastor Lee will conduct his sermons in the Mandarin language since he is able to use this dialect fluently. A workers' training school will also be conducted in connection with these series of meetings for the benefit of all the workers who will be brought in to assist in the effort.

To meet the cost of this major effort, a budget of \$22,000 has been set up to be shared by the Far Eastern Division, Malayan Union Mission, Youngberg Memorial Hospital and churches within our Union. The South Island Union Mission has graciously offered on its own initiative to assist us financially by taking up an offering in its Union. For this we are grateful. Surely we ought not to do

less in our own Union. And in-as-much as the effort will primarily benefit our own field, it was felt reasonable that an opportunity should be given to all of our churches in our own constituency to assist in meeting the financial need. Hence, Sabbath, August 27, has been chosen as the way when this special offering will be taken.

Two of the local churches in Singapore have already pledged to raise \$2,500 each. It would be well for the pastors and church elders to make this announcement well in advance of the date, August 27th, so as to acquaint the members more fully with this appeal. Thus they will be prepared to make a larger offering in harmony with the needs of the hour.

Truly, we are living in momentous times, and how much longer we will have the privilege of warning these large cities for the second coming of Jesus we do not know. The hour is late. What greater investment can we make than putting our money in such a soul-saving endeavor? Great blessings will come to us as we give liberally of our means, August 28. "Gather my saints together unto Me: those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." Also please remember each day to pray for the success of this forthcoming effort. Pray that our men may have wisdom and strength, and be fully surrendered so the Spirit of God can be poured out in great measure.

Thanking you very kindly for your co-operation, and wishing you every blessing in the Lord, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

Y. H. PHANG.

Working for God

BY JAMES WAH

Two boys, each with a pile of magazines, approached the first house on a certain street in Penang. Upon knocking at the door, it was opened by a gentleman.

"Good afternoon, Sir. We are visiting your neighborhood this afternoon and want to present you with some helpful literature."

"Oh, thank you very much," the man answered as he accepted the paper. And just as he turned to re-enter his home, one of the boys added. "Just a minute, Sir." "We would also like to acquaint you with a free Bible Correspondence Course which many have found interesting and profitable. You can study these lessons in your leisure hours in the quiet of your own home. Would you like to enroll too?"

The boys took the name and address of the gentleman, and then proceeded on to the next house. On a neighboring street the same thing was happening—two girls were distributing literature and canvassing for Voice of Prophecy enrollments. These boys and girls are Missionary Volunteers from our Penang church. Accompanied by several older church members, these young people are going out into the high-

ways and byways to sow seeds of truth and bring the gospel to the doors of the people. Encouraged by the Home Missionary leaders, Brother Chong and Brother Yau Kong, they meet every alternate Sabbath afternoon at 2 p.m. There at the church they have a season of prayer before they go out two by two to sow beside all waters. The impelling force behind their impulse and enthusiasm to go out to these people with the gospel is the conviction that the Lord's coming is very near at hand.

An average of 300 pieces of Christian literature filled with our truth are being distributed and thirty enrollments are secured for the Voice of Prophecy school on each outing.

The object of this visitation and literature distribution program is two-fold. First—every home in Penang will have the opportunity to hear our message for this time, and second—a missionary spirit will be fostered in our young people. In this sort of work, oftentimes those who desire to help others are themselves benefited. About two Sabbaths ago, during the Home Missionary period in church, a few testified that whereas they had been shy in speaking for the Lord, now they had overcome their shyness as a result of this work.

It is still too early to tell much about the results of this work, but we are hoping and praying that the Lord will richly bless these humble efforts.

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Seminary Ingathering

BY SAW ENG CHUAN AND TOH HOCK SEONG

More than M\$19,000 were collected in the Ingathering campaign conducted at the Malayan Union Seminary recently. This amount far exceeds the goal of M\$12,600 and provides funds for the renovation of the science and assembly building.

Prior to the field days of July 5th and 6th a series of four successful programs was presented to promote the Ingathering work among both the morning and afternoon students. For children in the primary classes who were underage for street collecting, letters were prepared and sent to their parents asking for their liberal support.

The results of these two phases of the campaign were more than satisfying. The underage students brought back a good harvest from their parents, and some of the older students were so fired with zeal that before the actual field days they had collected a substantial sum from their relatives and friends.

On the morning of July 5, after a short inspirational program and prayer, the army of students broke up into prearranged small bands and began systematically to work the city shop by shop

and street by street. The success achieved the first day was most encouraging. That this added to the spirit of enthusiasm for the second day of the campaign was in evidence as the students clamoured for more receipt books and more supplies.

On Thursday morning the entire school assembled around the playcourt where a public address system and a blackboard were set up. As the reports were given from the respective classes the morning air was rent with cheers and applause. Every class reached its goal and some classes more than doubled their goals. \$18,530.11 were reported after the field days, but amounts received since the campaign closed have swelled the total to \$19,395.76.

What a miracle the Lord had wrought for us! He had not only given the students the courage to go out, but He had gone before them and created a liberal response in the hearts of the people.

Seminary Sabbath School

By S. N. SIREGAR

It is both a pleasure and an inspiration to attend the Seminary Sabbath school. Our Sabbath school has an average attendance of 205 besides an average of 17 visitors. The membership is made up largely of Seminary students and faculty members, but we also count among our members several workers from the Youngberg Memorial Hospital and the Malayan Signs Press, as well as several faithful lay-members, some of whom have grown up right along with our school family.

According to age and experience, we divide ourselves into: seniors, with an average attendance of over one hundred; juniors, with an average attendance of about 50; primary, with an average attendance of 25; kindergarten, with an average attendance of 25; and cradle roll, with about 15. Each division is virtually self contained, with enthusiastic leaders to promote the different objectives of the Sabbath school.

We make use of all the available Sabbath school "helps" and supplies, and pay for them by raising about \$225.00 in church expense each quarter. These "helps" keep the children, particularly in the lower divisions, interested.

I have been inspired by the enthusiasm shown by our members in raising funds for Missions. Our quarterly goal has risen from eleven hundred dollars in the beginning of July 1954 to fourteen hundred dollars at the beginning of July 1955. Due to enthusiastic response to the promotion of investment and the needs of the mission fields, the members have brought in an average quarterly overflow of over \$400. This represents vision, willingness to work, and a desire to have a part in finishing the work of God on earth. Our boys and girls, our young people and adult members plan and work, and God blesses their efforts.

A young man wanted to have something for investment and so applied for work during the holidays. He had the joy of presenting to the Lord the sum of thirty-six dollars. A number of our students and workers gave one day's earnings, while others

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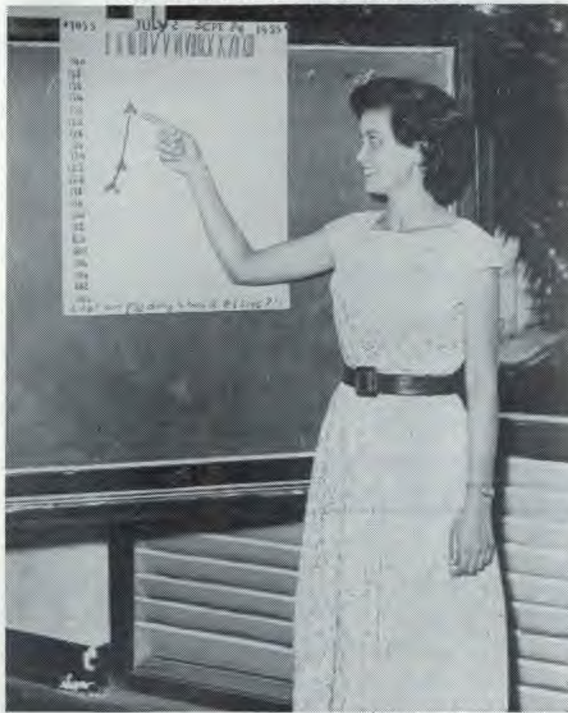
A portion of the Malayan Union Seminary faculty and students at the close of the 1955 Harvest Ingathering campaign.

contributed a part of their canvassing earnings. In the quarter that just closed, a group of our musically talented young people got together and prepared a musical program. It netted about two hundred dollars, and this was cheerfully brought as an investment offering.

The Seminary church is also fortunate in having some members who give systematically to missions by laying aside a second tithe.

This year we are conducting a Teacher's meeting. We plan to offer a Teacher's Training Course. Officer's meetings are becoming a feature of our programme. Our teachers and officers realize that we can never do too much planning, preparation, working and praying, for a helpful, uplifting, upward and onward Sabbath school. Please remember us in your prayers.

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(PHOTO, BY T. S. N.)

Miss Eunice Tremehere points out the rising attendance trend on one of the Sabbath school devices.

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The Sabbath School as a Soul-winning Agency

BY R. A. POHAN

"The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities and the most effectual in bringing

souls to Christ." *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 10.

The Sabbath school is a school—the church at study, a means of building up the experience of our people and their understanding of the work of God. At the same time it is the greatest instrumentality in winning souls for Christ. "The object of Sabbath school work should be the ingathering of souls." *C.S.S.W.*, p. 61.

One very fine method of doing soul-winning work is to organize Sabbath schools. Many churches now in existence started as Sabbath schools, and hundreds of today's members first attended branch Sabbath schools.

We are happy to state that we are doing well in this respect in the Malayan Union. The writer has just returned from a trip to Sarawak and North Borneo, both interesting sections of our Union Mission field. In the Marudu Bay district, where a big interest is springing into life, we find the Sabbath schools conducted by lay-members spear-heading the movement. Several churches have already been established as a result of Sabbath school work.

In the village of Simpangan the people rejected God's truth for many years. They trusted in their devil priests and witch doctors. In vain our lay-members and Gospel workers tried to arouse their interest in the things of God. About a year ago an old man became ill. Not knowing this, one of our Goshen church members visited the village at this time. When our brother heard about the sick man he went to see him at once and talked to him about Christ, His saving power, and His soon coming. He spoke about God's people, our church and Sabbath school at Goshen where men women and children received further instruction in the Truth of God. The sick man expressed his longing to join the people in church on Sabbath. "But I am sick and cannot walk so far," he said. "Oh," replied the dear lay-man, "we would be happy to organize a Sabbath school here in your home, if you so desire, and study and worship with you." The old man beamed with joy. And so a Sabbath school was started at his home. Several friends and neighbors also came and attended the meetings.

Unfortunately, after a month the old man became seriously ill and passed away. But before he died he instructed his wife and children to follow Jesus and to remain loyal and faithful to Him. He talked to many of his friends who came to see him in his last hour, and advised them to learn more of Jesus and follow Him. Several members of our Goshen church attended the funeral. Some brethren thought that this would be the last of our Sabbath school in this village. But after the funeral the bereaved family and several others expressed their appreciation for the changing power of Christ in the life of the the old man. "I want to die as he did, so peacefully and fearlessly. I long to become an Adventist." When our brethren heard such expressions they were determined to continue the Sabbath school in that village. When they met the next Sabbath, six new families joined with them in worshiping the true God for the first time. It was not long before the

first fruits, consisting of twelve souls, were baptized. Today almost all the villagers are Adventists.

In another village doors were closed to us for a long time. The people would not receive any of our members into their homes, knowing of our habit of talking about our faith. This village was infested with deer and wild pigs; but there was no gun in the village with which to shoot them. One day two of our church members from Goshen went to this village to hunt with a gun. This time they were cordially welcomed by the people who were anxious to join them in hunting. After a day of successful hunting, the villagers felt obliged to listen to what our brethren had to say! Their interest in the truth proved to be so great that a regular Sabbath school was soon organized by our laymen. Today many of them have become members of our church through baptism.

Let us ever remember the supreme objective of the Sabbath school—the ingathering of souls. “The object of the Sabbath school should not be lost sight of in mechanical arrangements, thus occupying time which should be given to other important matters. We should ever be guarded against forms and ceremonies which will eclipse the real object for which we are laboring.” *C.S.S.W.*, p. 151. May God richly bless our Sabbath school work.

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Thailand Youth Camp

BY W. N. ANDREWS

Dark clouds of gloom rolled over certain sections of Bangkok in early May, when it was learned that the cottage engaged for the Youth Camp was, by mistake, still undergoing extensive repairs, and would not be ready for the Camp scheduled to start May 5. Quick work by Pastor R. M. Milne found another cottage in Hua Hin; and only three days late, the camp was under way.

Thirty boys and girls, with Mrs. R. M. Milne, Pastor W. N. Andrews, Brother and Sister R. C. Hall, Alphonso Mamora, Nguyen Quang, and a group of loyal and hard-working cooks made up the camp. The usual activities were carried on during the camp. The Morning Watch circle right beside the waves, the prayer bands meeting in small groups, the kitchen aids, the water boys, and the camp rangers, all told the story of a camp in progress.

Special mention should be made of the fine response of these young folk in the Camp Council period. It was hoped that this time would really be a “council together,”; and these boys and girls entered into that spirit very well. Three such evenings were spent at the camp-fire hour, as well as the regular morning Council hour. We were specially favored in having Pastor and Mrs. F. A. Mote spend a day with us. His message at the Council

Hour, and their stories at night will long be remembered.

The craft classes worked on a variety of things, under the guidance of Brother and Sister Hall. Classes were offered in leathercraft, braiding, plaque painting and textile painting. Practically every camper made at least two articles, and some more than that. Some made articles to be sold in favor of the new Bangkok School fund.

The high point in interest came on the first Wednesday of the camp, when Captain Jack Shirley, of the nearby Thailand Police Training Camp, arranged to take the entire camp out to a nearby field where we had the privilege of watching paratroopers jump. That was quite a thrill in itself, but the thrill was continued when he took us all back to the training camp. There he explained and demonstrated the entire training program. He climaxed the demonstration by allowing several of the older young folk to jump from the training tower in the regular harness that all trainees wear. One girl, Katherine Lau, was the first girl to jump from the tower, and was awarded a pair of paratroopers wings in honor of the event.

The last day came all too soon. With memories of trying to dodge the jelly-fish, not always successfully, of hikes up rocky hills, of two grand days under the pines a few miles down the coast, and above all, the memory of good comradeship for eleven days, we boarded the bus and headed for Bangkok, tired, but looking forward to another camp next year.

Baptism in Bangkok

BY R. M. MILNE

On July 2, five candidates were baptized at the Chinese church in Bangkok. Among them was Lim

(曼谷新領浸禮之教友(中立者爲林海生老先生))



(PHOTO, COURTESY OF R. M. MILNE)

The five baptismal candidates. (Bro. Lim, center front) Pastor Milne and Pastor Kon in back.

Hoi Shang, who has been a very well known leader of the Kwok Wan Tong in Siam. Many years ago he was a student in the Malayan Union Seminary. But although he has known the right way for a long time, he would never take his stand on the side of Christ.

About three months ago, during a period of enforced rest, he read and studied very carefully with Pastor V. L. Kon, and definite conviction came to his heart. He longs now to redeem, in his last years, some of his lost opportunities to witness for his Saviour. Remember these new members in your prayers.

Buried with Christ

BY R. C. HALL

Sabbath, March 19, was a day of rejoicing at the Ubon church for eleven precious souls made their decision to follow Christ in baptism. After studying the Bible, attending meeting, and keeping the Sabbath for a time, they had requested baptism as they wished to unite with God's remnant people.

Some of these candidates were gained through the clinic under the direction of George Juler, M.O.; some through the influence of their parents or friends; and some through the work of our national workers. Since our arrival in the field in March 1954, we have been striving to bring these interested ones and others to make their decision for Christ.

At first brother Preyon assisted in the evening meetings twice a week, and in giving Bible studies. When the rains came we were forced to close the outdoor meetings, and Brother Preyon returned to Bangkok. Then we started Young People's meetings in the church on Friday evenings. These were

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(PHOTO, COURTESY OF R. C. HALL)

New members at Ubon, with Bro. Hall.

faithfully attended, and as it seemed that these meetings were one of the greatest influences in developing their interest, we have never interrupted them.

We have also held village meetings and some of these young people assisted with passing out literature, inviting people to come, and even in teaching. Brother Pruie, our national worker, interprets and preaches. We could do little without him. He stands faithfully by us in all our meetings, village work, and visiting.

For two months previous to their baptism the candidates attended the baptismal classes faithfully twice a week. Their well prepared lessons, ready answers, and happy attitude, showed that they were truly anxious to be called a child of God.

When at last the day came, and they sat in a group at the church ready to stand and answer "yes" to the questions, every member of the church rejoiced. Then we went the short distance to the River Moon where Pastor R. N. Milne buried these 10 young people and one middle-aged man in the watery grave of baptism. The members of the church stood on the bank and sang "Oh Happy Day."

We are working and praying for these dear people that they will remain faithful and in turn be workers and witnesses for God and thus win more souls for Him. Please pray with us.

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How Our Literature Helped Me Into This Message

BY R. A. POHAN

In April 1924, while I was making preparations for the final examination at the High Agricultural School in Bogor, Java, I had my first contact with this message. Prior to that time I had heard nothing of Seventh-day Adventism.

A Dutch Eurasian young man sold me a book which I first thought was a book on general history. This colporteur did not mention his name or the organization that he represented, but he did try his level best to arouse my interest in the contents of the Dutch translation of *Daniel and the Revelation* by hurriedly showing me some pictures and paragraphs. How I enjoyed reading it from cover to cover! It was a revelation to me of God's dealing with nations, people and individuals, and of His special purpose for His children. I longed to have someone who could answer my questions and render me further help. But no one could tell me the name or address of the young colporteur. I bought a Bible and started reading it.

In the middle of August, about a week before I planned to leave for Holland to further my education, my landlord came home one evening with the

startling news of a peculiar sermon he had heard at a cottage meeting. A strange pastor had claimed that the end of the world was very near and that we all ought to be fully prepared to meet the Lord, etc. My landlord suggested that we both attend the next meeting that very night. And so we went, and for the first time I heard the Adventist message and doctrine from the lips of an Adventist minister. The minister was assisted by the young colporteur who had sold me the book four months earlier. For five nights I heard the word of God explained—the the second coming of Christ, the signs of His coming, God's holy law, God's peculiar people, and the new earth. I was much impressed with what I heard. I was advised to buy another book to help me know more of the truth of God. I followed this counsel and bought the Dutch translation of the *Great Controversy*. This minister, and colporteur returned to Batavia, now call Jakarta, their place of labour.

As I read the book, page by page, I prayed for guidance, and the Lord clearly answered my prayers. He led me step by step on the newly found path. From the book I learned of the great plan of salvation, the ultimate victory, the truth about the Sabbath etc. Then I began to keep the Sabbath and to give up my old way of life. There was not a single Adventist in that city with whom I could associate with in worshipping God. I went through a very critical period in my life. The truth was clear to me, but the big question in my mind was "Shall I give up my career for Truth's sake?" One night about 2 a.m. I suddenly awoke because of a clear voice that spoke to me: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Then I fell on my knees and made a full surrender of my life and future to the Lord.

I packed my few things. At breakfast I informed my landlord of my decision to follow the Lord and of my plan to join God's people in Batavia, and that I planned to leave in an hour's time. He was startled and remained speechless for sometime, but then he started to try and persuade me to give up the "foolish idea." But I was determined and left for Batavia where I was received with joy and love by the pastor, his wife and fellow believers. After receiving final instructions from the Word of God, I was baptized the same day—September 4, 1924 at 2 p.m.—in the sea; and at 4 p.m. I started to canvass for our books—the same books which had been instrumental in bringing light, truth and salvation to my soul. I made a covenant with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords to serve Him until the end, no matter how the end would be.

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Obituary of Mrs. Phang Yin Hee

By J. L. POGUE

(Readers of the Messenger will be saddened to learn of the death of Sister Y. H. Phang, wife of the president of the Malay States Mission. Funeral services were held at the Balestier Road Church, Singapore and she was laid to rest in the Bididari Cemetery. Pastor D. Lim led out in the services assisted by Pastors J. M. Nerness and J. L. Pogue. Below is the obituary as read during the service).

Sister Phang Yin Hee (Loh Kui Len) was born November 5, 1904 in Sandakan, North Borneo, and passed to rest at 9:00 o'clock on the morning of August 4, 1955, at the Youngberg Memorial Hospital.

It was November 14, 1922 that Loh Kui Len became the bride of Phang Yin Hee. For the past 33 years Sister Phang has stood faithfully by the side of her husband in the work of God. Pastor and Sister Phang have served the Lord in many places. They laboured in Singapore 13 years, Shanghai 2 years, Penang 1 year, Ipoh 4 years, and have spent 13 years in Kuala Lumpur.

The favourite text of our beloved was:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many missions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3.

God spared Sister Phang from pain and the last night she slept comfortably. She awoke this morning at 4:30 a.m. and asked her second daughter, Stella, for a drink. Her next words were, "Stella, thank God for everything!" She then requested that her daughter pray for her there in the quietness of the early hour. Her last thought was of her children and it was that they remain loyal to God and the church, for she wanted to see them in that better world.

Sister Phang leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Pastor Phang Yin Hee, president of the Malay States mission, seven children: Mrs. Florence Lee Kok Peng, Mrs. Stella Tay Kok Poh, Donald (Poh Lin), Mary (Mui Liam), Lily (Lee Liam), Gladys (Sin Liam), and Alice (Oi Liam). Mary is in England studying at Kirkby College and Donald is in America attending Pacific Union College. She also leaves her Mother and three brothers, besides six grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives.

Through life, as she toiled with her good husband we can be assured that the recording angel did not pass by this mother in Israel. She now rests, awaiting the sure and certain call of Jesus.



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Calendar of Special Days and Offerings

AUGUST

- Enlightening Un-entered Areas August 6*
- Education Day, Elementary School Offering August 20*
- Singapore Chinese Effort Offering August 27

SEPTEMBER

- Colporteur Rally Day September 3*
- Mission Extension Day and offering and Baptismal Day September 10*
- Thirteenth Sabbath and Sabbath school Rally Day September 24*

OCTOBER

- Neighborhood Evangelism (Home Visitation) October 1
- Voice of Prophecy Offering October 8*
- "Signs" Campaign October 15-
- Temperance Day and Offering November 15
- October 29*

* Programs Provided.

先由何美麗小姐彈琴，各人靜聽，和愛一團。鐘指十時半，有四位母親同上講台。默禱後唱開會詩『家甜蜜的蜜』。李居明師母領禱，書記張灼明小姐報告上次聚會紀錄。收捐款後，主席黃達三師母致詞，講述母親節的意義及母愛的偉大。三育學校兒童詩歌班唱『母親啊！我愛妳。』歌詞是『母親是我最愛的人！我要永遠愛妳！我今盡我力使妳得着快樂。母親啊！我愛妳！』聲音嘹亮誠懇，聽者無不動容，多位母親熱淚盈眶。歌畢，二小孩雙手捧純白香花向每位母親呈獻，並由姊妹協助用扣針掛在各母親胸前，以表敬意。繼請溫端醫生娘演講『母親的責任』，詳述教導兒女方法；華萊斯牧師唱特別詩歌『我聽母親唱甜蜜古舊的詩』；洪聲世夫人講『一位勇敢的母親』的故事；廖得格林志毅兩位兄弟見證母親的眞愛，筆者讀箴言書卅一章廿七至卅一節後作獻身禱告。會衆唱散會詩『母親禱告隨着我』，最後由溫端師母祝禱散會。

彭應熙夫人主內安眠

彭應熙牧師德配羅貴蓮女士在一九〇四年十一月五日生於北婆羅洲山打根，在一九五五年八月四日上午九時逝於星洲陽伯紀念醫院。

一九二二年十一月十四日，羅貴蓮女士和彭應熙先生結爲夫婦。自此以後的卅三年中，彭師母忠心隨夫爲主工作。彭應熙伉儷曾在下述各地工作，計星洲十三年，上海二年，檳城一年，怡保四年，吉隆坡十五年。彭師母在不久前尚是吉隆坡華人教會安息日學的主理。她所喜愛的經文是：『你們心裏不要憂愁；你們信上帝，也當信我。在我父的家裏，有許多住處；若是沒有，我就早已告訴你們了；我去原是爲你們預備地方去。我若去爲你們預備了地方，就必再來

接你們到我那裏去；我在那裏，叫你們也在那裏。』(約翰十四章一至三節)

上帝使彭師母平安過了八月三日的晚上。次晨四時卅分她醒來後，便叫次女秀廉給她喝水，並說道：『秀廉，我們應當凡事感謝上帝。』接着她又叫其女兒禱告。她最後想念的是她的兒女，願他們忠心事主到底，以便將來在那美好的世界再見。

彭師母遺下其夫彭應熙牧師(馬來亞區會會長)及七個兒女：慧廉(李國秉師母)，秀廉(鄭國寶師母)，寶麟，美廉，麗廉，新廉，愛廉。美廉現在英國葛比師範學院讀書，寶麟在美國太平洋大學讀書。彭師母也遺下其年老母親，三個兄弟，及六個孫兒。彭師母既一生隨夫殷勤工作，我們深信記錄的天使不會忘了這位以色列的母親。她現在主內安眠，等候救主耶穌之呼喚復活。

一九五五年度

特別日和特別奉獻

- 開關新工日 八月六日
- 教育日，小學教育捐 八月廿四日
- 星洲華語佈道會特別捐 八月廿七日
- 文字佈道奮興日 九月三日
- 教會擴充捐和浸禮日 九月十日
- 第十三安息捐 九月廿四日
- 安息日學奮興日 九月廿四日
- 家庭訪問日 十月一日
- 預言之聲捐 十月八日
- 『時兆贈送親友』運動日 十月十五日
- 節制日及節制捐 十月廿九日

便決定繼續在該村落舉行安息日學，及至下一個安息日之時，共有六家慕道友趕來參加聚會。不久之後，該村便有十二個人受浸加入教會。時至今日，幾乎所有的村民都是本會的會友了。

另一村落關起門戶對待我們也很久了。村民不肯讓我們的會友進入他們的家裏去，因為他們知道我們會向他們講述道理。此村常有鹿和野豬為患，但村民却無鎗可對付之。有一天，歌珊教會有兩個會友帶了一枝鎗到此村來打獵。這回村民很樂意地接待他們，並踴躍加入打獵。經過一天的打獵之後，村民覺得不得不聽我們的會友講道了。他們聽了之後竟對道理發生很大的興趣，於是我們的平信徒立即在那村落開了一個安息日學。今日，該村已有多人是本會的會友。

願我們永遠記得安息日學之最大目的厥為救靈歸主。『我們不應在安排節目時忽略了安息日學之目的，以致浪費了應用於處理重要事情的時問。我們要時刻謹防流於拘泥格式，免得它們掩飾了我們工作之真目的。』(前書原文第一五一面)願上帝賜福我們的安息日學。

泰國青年營

安德烈

泰國區會原定於五月五日舉行青年營，但因所定的屋子未修理完畢，所以未能依時舉行。於米倫儀牧師努力在華興找到另一所屋子後，青年營乃得於八日開幕。

參加青年營的青年男女共有卅人，職員計有米倫儀師母，安德烈牧師，何爾夫婦，阿芳蘇，川光等位。一般的活動是在營內舉行，每日清晨

則有在海邊舉行的守晨更聚會。在舉行討論會之時，所有青年人都熱烈參加討論。除了每天早上的例常討論會外，我們也於晚上的營火之旁開了三次討論會。我們特別感到榮幸的，是莫德牧師夫婦與我們共同過了一天的生活。

在何爾夫婦指導下，青年人學了許多技藝，諸如製革，編織，繪畫等。每個人都至少製了二件東西。有些人計畫把所製之物品出賣充作曼谷學校之基金。在第一個星期三，泰國警察訓練營之隊長帶領全隊人員去參觀兵表演跳傘，並允准幾個年紀較大者從高塔上跳下來。時間過得很快，十一天的團體生活就告結束了，但大家都帶着許多快樂的回憶踏上歸途。

曼谷舉行浸禮

七月二日，曼谷華人教會有五人受浸加入教會，其中有一位是聞名全暹之革命老人林海生先生。林君幼時曾在本會星洲神道學校寄讀，離校後加入同盟會為會員。大約三月個前，林君養病於協和醫院，在此期間，官威良牧師曾與他詳細研究聖經要道。有一日，林君閱讀聖經之後，感於聖經預言之準確可靠，乃決定加入教會，並趁其晚年為主作證。

與主同葬

何爾

三月十九日是泰國烏汶教會之一個快樂的日子，因有十一人受浸加入教會。他們有的是醫院的裕勒醫師引導來，有的是受了親友的感化，有

的是本國傳道士召來。自從我們於一九五四年三月到任之後，便努力勸導這些慕道友獻身歸主。初時，普里洋兄弟一面每星期協助主持二晚的聚會，一面跟慕道友查經。後來由於雨季之緣故，我們迫得停止戶外聚會，而普里洋兄弟也回曼谷去。於是我們開始在星期五晚上開青年團聚會，因這聚會對慕道友的靈性之進步有很大的效果，所以自開始至今，從未間斷過。

我們也有到鄉村舉行聚會，並有幾個青年人協助分派小冊，請人赴會，及教導慕道友。本國傳道士比里兄弟有時自行講道，有時協助翻譯。他是我們得力的助手，他忠心協助一切的聚會及探訪的工作。

今年初，我們開始組織查經班，每星期有二次的聚會，慕道友都忠心赴會，並熟讀他們的學課；隨時回答傳道士所發的問題。經過二個月的教導後，他們乃於三月十九日在教堂公開表明信心。接着，全體會眾逕赴月河舉行浸禮儀式。當米倫儀牧師為十個青年人及一個中年婦女浸禮之時，會友則站在河岸上高唱『快樂之日，使我決定，向主寄託我的性靈。』

願各位與我們同心禱告，祈求上帝幫助這批青年人忠心事主到底，並熱心為主作證，招引更多的人來歸主。

西貢教會紀念母親節

黃達三

堤岸華僑教會於六月四日安息聖日舉行母親節特別聚會。是日天氣清朗，惠風和暢，男女老幼，母親小孩，濟濟一堂，約一百餘人。會堂內前列四張長椅，貼有特別紙花歡迎赴會的母親。

列幾組：高級學員，大約一百人；中級學員，大約五十人；初級學員，大約廿五人；蒙董學員，大約廿五人；幼稚學員，大約十五人。每組都設有主任，負責推動安息日學各種事宜。

我們盡量利用各種安息日學之「良助」和供應品使年幼學員對安息日學發生興趣。我們每季約收到二百廿五元的雜費用以支付這項開消。

我們的安息日學的目的，由一九五四年初的每季一千一百元起已逐漸增加至一九五五年第三季的一千四百元了。各位學員都熱烈響應佈道的工作，所以每季的生日捐約有四百多元。我們的學員，無論男女老少，大家都通力合作，而上帝也賜福我們所做的工作。

有一個青年人將在假期工作所得的卅六元獻為生日捐。有幾個學生將他們一日所得工資或賣書所得一部分之錢獻為生日捐。在第二季之末，一組有音樂天才的青年男女，為推動生日捐之事，主持了一個音樂會，結果共收到二百餘元。有幾個學員除了繳納什一之外，又再以「十分之一」作為安息日學捐。今年，我們有舉行教員聚會，我們也計劃開辦一個教員訓練班。我們也經常有舉行職員聚會，因為我們都覺得要主領一個有效果的安息日學，須以計畫，預備，工作和禱告作後盾。請大家為我們禱告。

為上帝工作

華詹美

兩個男孩子，手中各拿着一疊的雜誌，來到橫城某一條街的第一間屋子。他們敲了門後，便有一個男人出來開門。

「先生，午安。我們今日來探訪這地區，並很歡喜將這良好的刊物送給你。」

「謝謝。」那人接了刊物，正當他要進去之前，其中有一個孩子接着說：「先生，請你等一等，我們很高興介紹你這聖經函授學校。你可利用閒餘的時間研究這函授課，你願意參加嗎？」

這兩個孩子錄下這人的姓名和地址，然後又到第二家去。在另一條街上，同樣的事情也在進行着：兩個女孩子也在分派書報和招人加入聖經函授學校。這些青年男女是橫城教會的青年佈道團的團員。有幾個較年老的會友陪同他們到大路和小路去散播真理的種子，並將福音帶到人家的門口去。在家庭佈道團領袖鍾達光兄弟和翁耀光兄弟鼓勵之下，他們每隔一星期即於安息日下午二時在教堂聚集。大家禱告後，便分成二人一隊地出去撒種。因為他們相信主來的日子已經很近了，所以他們這樣熱心地出去工作。平均而言，他們每出去工作一次，共約分了三份之書冊，以及招了三十個人加入聖經函授學校。

他們這樣出去佈道的目的有二：第一，使到橫城的每一人家都有機會知道我們所傳的信息；第二，培養佈道精神。我們從事這種助人的工作之時，常常自己也獲得利益。大約二星期前，有幾個人在家庭佈道團聚會的時間作見證說，他們過去本是害怕見人的，現在已不再會害怕了。

安息日學是救靈的機關

包漢

「安息日學應是引人歸向耶穌之最偉大和最有用的工具。」（安息日學勉言原文第十面）

安息日學是一個學校，是會友研究聖經的所在，是幫助會友建立基督徒的經驗及認識上帝聖工之工具。同時它也是一種最偉大的救靈工具。

「安息日學應以救靈為目的。」（前書原文第六一面）一個十分良好的救靈方法，就是組織安息日學。有許多教會都是由安息日學發展而來的，且有許多會友起先都是安息日學的學員。

本聯合會在這方面的工作，做得很有成績。筆者最近由沙勞越及北婆羅洲回來。在馬魯魯灣區，人們踴躍對真理發生興趣。平信徒主領的安息日學努力進展，結果已有幾個教會成立了。辛盤岸村之村民拒絕上帝的真理已有許多年了，他們信靠巫醫和術士。我們的平信徒和職員雖然努力要引起他們對真理發生興趣，但都是徒然。大約一年前，村裏有一個老人生病。適當此時，歌珊教會有一個會友來訪此村。當他聽見這老人生病之消息後，便立即去見這老人，並對他談論基督之能力和復臨，上帝的子民，我們在歌珊的教會和安息日學等事。這個病人聽了之後，表示願意在安息日與上帝的子民一同在教堂裏做禮拜。他說：「但是我正在生病，不能走得這麼遠。」這個平信徒立即回答說：「既然是這樣，如果你願意的話，我們很高興在你家裏組織一個安息日學，這樣我們可同你一起研究聖經和敬拜上帝。」老人欣然答應，於是一個安息日學便組織了，他的幾個朋友和鄰居也來參加聚會。

可惜得很，大約在一個月後，那老人病重逝世。但他在未過世前，曾教導其妻子和兒女要忠心跟從耶穌到底，他也在臨死之前勸告那些來探他的親友認識和跟從耶穌。歌珊教會有幾個會友趕來參加他的葬禮。他們以為這是在此村落的最後一次聚會了，然而葬禮過後，死者家屬及幾個村民都感佩基督改變這老人之生活的能力，「我願自己像他這樣安祥地死去，我很想做一個基督徒，復臨安息日會的會友。」當他們聽了這話以後，

佈道會的成功而禱告，祈求我們的職員有能力和智慧，並且完全奉獻身心，俾上帝的聖靈沛然而降。最後，謹對各位之合作敬表謝忱，頌頌道安

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繳納什一的福氣

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我們之中有許多人需要在物質上及屬靈上從上帝獲得更大的福氣。一個人願望從其工作獲得效果，原是正當而自然的事。然而可惜得很，我們的經驗却時常應驗了先知的話，他說，『你們撒的種多，收的卻少；你們喫，卻不得飽；喝，卻不得足；穿衣服，卻不得暖；得工錢的，將工錢裝在破漏的囊中。』

我們從未有飽足的：我們每個月之薪金用不到幾天即完，我們的食物很快就吃盡。我們時常憂慮將來的生活。我們向人支借以應付眼前之需要，然而向人借錢即等於出賣將來。債主時常等在門外，說道：『甚麼時候要還錢呢？』你爲脫身之計，便應允說：『明天。』然而明天並未帶來切實的帮助。支借並未使你富足，而上帝也不要其子女欠人之債。

上帝對我們說：『耶和華所賜的福，使人富足；並不加上憂慮。』（箴言十章廿二節）上帝所賜的福氣是甚麼？古時人們很羨慕福氣，所以父親時常祝福其子女。雅各因爲十分羨慕父親之祝福，以致不惜採取欺騙的手段。大祭司按時賜福百姓。上帝賜福給第七日，定爲聖安息日。耶穌在山上寶訓屢次提到『有福了』這句話。祂也曾說：『聽上帝之道而遵守的人有福。』（路

加十一章廿八節）

順從上帝乃是邀蒙上帝賜福的祕訣。祂明明白白地說：『你若留意聽從耶和華你上帝的話，謹守遵行祂的一切誡命，……祂必使你超乎全天下萬民之上。你若聽從耶和華你上帝的話，這以下的福必追隨你，臨到你身上。』順從的人將得到怎樣的福呢？『你在城裏必蒙福，在田間也必蒙福。你身所生的，地所產的，牲畜所下的，以及牛犢，羊羔，都必蒙福。……你出也蒙福，入也蒙福。……祂必使你綽綽有餘。耶和華必爲你開天上的府庫，按時降雨在你的地上；在你手裏所辦的一切事上賜福與你；你必借給許多國民，卻不至向他們借貸。』

這些都是美好的應許，但都以順從爲條件。順從的結果是福氣，不順從的結果是受咒詛。你問道：『這怎麼說呢？』上帝說道：『你們搶奪我，咒詛就臨到你們身上。人豈可搶奪上帝呢？然而你們竟搶奪我。你們反問說，我們在何事上搶奪你，就是在你們當納的什一和供物上。』事實明顯擺在面前。我們若搶奪什一，便得不到上帝給我們的靈屬和物質的福氣。祂的福氣使我們富足。我們失去了上帝的福氣，便遭遇貧窮。你的情形是否如此呢？

現在且聽上帝的勸告，『你們要將當納的十分之一，全然送入倉庫，使我家有糧，以此試試我，是否爲你們敞開天上的窗戶，傾福與你們，甚至無處可容。萬軍之耶和華說，我必爲你們斥責吞噬者，不容牠毀滅你們的土產。』

上帝叫我們試試祂，看看祂是否遵守祂的應許。你若果忠心繳納什一，天窗將要敞開，大福要沛然而降。是否有人確實證明此事呢？有，許多上帝的忠心子民已經體驗這是真確之事。

這是非洲肯雅的紀西地方，是安息日的早上，許多基督徒正首途到教堂去。突然似有一陣黑雲遮蓋了陽光，原來是蝗羣來臨了。每個人的心都驚怕起來。然而基督徒因爲順從謹守安息日遵爲聖日的誡命，所以仍然到教堂去。牧師對會衆說道：『凡有繳納什一的人，今日無須害怕，因爲瑪拉基三章十一節有應許說，『我必爲你斥責吞噬者。』』

是日，大家整日在教堂誠心禱告。至於那些非信徒，則擊桶高喊，冀以保護他們的農作物。然而他們是失敗了，因爲一切農作物都被喫盡。當太陽下山之後，基督徒便回到他們的農園去，一切完好如故，因爲上帝遵守祂的應許。

非教徒問道：『你們有甚麼藥物呢？』基督徒答道：『我們沒有藥物，但有上帝的應許。我必爲你們斥責吞噬者。』

在非洲貝楚拿蘭有一個體弱的老婦人，忠心將其園子出產的橙子之十分之一奉還給上帝，結果她的果樹不爲那時常臨到該地的旱災所傷害。在同一地方的莫蘇巴教會裏，有一對年老的夫婦，他們忠心地將所蓄養的雞，羊，牛，以及園中出產物的十分之一奉還給主。在安息日，他們從未守在家中逐趕那來吃農作物的飛鳥，但相信祂的應許，『我必爲你們斥責吞噬者。』上帝確實遵守祂的應許，所以他們的農作物收成之豐富，勝過附近所有的隣舍。他們所種的玉米，結果豐盈，以致禾桿都折斷了。

非洲馬打貝利蘭教會有一個會友，他常因自己的好行爲及在安息日赴聚會而自豪；然而有一事令人不解的是，他雖然從早到晚努力耕種，但其農園的收成並不好，於是他買了一些非洲藥物來應用，但其農園仍然歉收。有一天有一個佈

