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OUR COVER: Part of the Thirteenth Sabbath offering will be used to build lamb shelters for little ones like this in Western New Guinea.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

FOUR ROADS FOR CHRISTIANS



There are four roads that the trudging feet of Christians must travel—old roads, worn by the passing feet of many pilgrims. They are not always easy roads. But there is no other route for Christians who would go up to the city of their God.

THE DAMASCUS ROAD—Acts 9:1-5. This is the road of awakening. The conversion of Saul, as mentioned in these verses, represents a universal experience, which may be sudden and dramatic, like Saul's, or slow and gradual. But everyone of us must walk the road of awakening—an awakening to the realization of the Divine Presence never before experienced.

THE JERICHO ROAD—Luke 10:30-36. This is the road of service, of loving involvement in the problems of others. Christianity teaches us that our relationship with others depends on our attitude toward ourselves. In other words, no one is your neighbor unless you think of yourself as his neighbor. You cannot have a brother without being a brother. Do we represent the good Samaritan in our lives?

THE JERUSALEM ROAD—Luke 9:51. This is the road of commitment to duty. The Christian must follow his perfect Exemplar, who performed with courage the unpleasant and painful tasks that needed to be done. Early in His life He learned to pronounce the hard word *must*. *Must* be about My Father's business. Luke 2:49. *Must* work the works of Him that sent Me. John 9:4. *Must* suffer many things. Mark 8:31.

When the conviction of eternal realities seizes a Christian, he commits himself to fulfilling the divine purpose in his life.

THE EMMAUS ROAD—Luke 24:13-15. Along this road walked two disciples with heavy hearts. All their dreams had been shattered, their plans cruelly wrecked. But as they walked, they became conscious of the presence of Another. Their hearts "burned within them" as new courage, hope, and faith were born in their hearts.

Do not let anyone or anything keep you from walking the road of fellowship with your God.

These roads are four stretches of one highway leading to the city of God. To fail to walk the whole way is to deprive oneself of life's highest adventure and noblest enterprise. The followers of Jesus have never found the way easy or safe or ordinary. Jesus warned them it would not be so; but He knew it was the right way, the best way, and in the end the happiest way, if only they would make the venture.

Those who are willing, Jesus will lead all the way.

Earl Anchant, Physiotherapist
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NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS

God's Good News Reaches Brunei

The state of Brunei, located on the north-western coast of Borneo, has a long history as a progressive Islamic Sultanate. Because of this, God's good news has made rather slow inroads into the hearts of the 140,000 citizens of this British protectorate. With a relatively small land area of 2,226 square miles, Brunei is one of the largest oil producing countries in Southeast Asia. It also exports large quantities of rubber and hardwoods.

Seventh-day Adventists have long desired to enter this little kingdom of His Highness Sir Muda Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzadin Waddaulah, the 27-year-old Sultan. Much study has been given as to just how this could best be accomplished, since Brunei is the only one of the nine countries in the Southeast Asia Union that remains unentered.

While many conventional avenues seem closed, the lessons from the Singapore Voice of Prophecy Bible School found their way into the hearts of the young people of Brunei. News of the Bible lessons spread by word of mouth from friend to friend until now, within just a short time, we have more than 460 students actively studying the Word of God. Several students had written asking that we come and visit personally with them. God did open a way and on March 21, 1974 a Voice of Prophecy team composed of C. H. Damron, VOP Director; Beth Coffin, Assistant Director; Hugh Johnson, mission pilot; and R. S. Watts, Sr., journeyed to Brunei. They visited with students in the afternoon and conducted an evening rally.

The team visited with 45 students in the afternoon; 38 attended the evening rally. C. H. Damron spoke, and when the invitation was given, 14 precious souls came forward and signed their names, indicating their desire to become Christians.

How thankful we are that the good news of Jesus and His love is now being heard in Brunei. The team is confident that the VOP lessons will continue to bear witness for the Lord and win souls in this intriguing country. Please remember the work in Brunei in your prayers.

Chester H. Damron, Ministerial Secretary
Southeast Asia Union Mission



SARAWAK & SABAH

Farewell to the Halls

Pastor and Mrs. R. C. Hall are returning to the United States for pastoral work after 12 years in Sarawak and 21 years in the Southeast Asia Union. Before serving as president of the Sarawak and Sabah Missions, Pastor Hall was a missionary to Thailand and Laos. He will long be remembered for his work as a pilot and medical missionary to the jungle people. The village people have hewn 13 airstrips from the jungles in three districts of Sarawak, making it possible for Pastor Hall to air-lift patients to the Kuching Hospital. He has also delivered babies, extracted thousands of teeth, and brought visiting doctors and nurses out to the villages to give medical care. Pastor Hall operates a ham radio set by which he keeps in touch with the needs of the field and secures help from interested people around the world. Handy with tools, he repairs machines and builds churches, as well as presiding over countless committee meetings.

Mrs. Hall will always be remembered as a superb cook and hostess with a house always full of people, a teacher of cooking classes, and a true "mother in Israel." The Halls will be greatly missed by all who know and love them; but there is a strong possibility that they will return, after a few years, to Southeast Asia, where their hearts will always be.



Pastor and Mrs. Richard C. Hall



John and Cecelia Rueh joined the Sarawak Mission staff in February, he as Secretary-Treasurer, and she as office secretary. Both received the Bachelor of Commerce degree from Philippine Union College. Previously they were connected with Ayer Manis School. The Sarawak Mission welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Rueh and their six-month-old daughter Jeannette.

Teachers and Pastors Get Upgraded

Three extension schools from Southeast Asia Union College were conducted recently in Sarawak and Sabah.

During the month of March, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Lantry presented library workshops in Ayer Manis School, Sarawak, and Sabah Adventist Secondary School in Tamparuli, Sabah. The thirty-hour intensive course consisted of discussions on the duties of a librarian, the objectives of a library, finance and budget, circulation procedures, library records, and methods of classifying and cataloging various types



Mrs. Lantry explains a point to a group of absorbed SASS teachers.

of books. An important feature was the daily devotion hour when teachers prayed for wisdom before the study. Those who attended the full course were able to earn two hours of college credit. (Reported by C. S. Gaban.)

Ralph E. Neall, Bible Department Chairman of Southeast Asia Union College, conducted a two-week course in preaching for 25 pastors of the Sarawak Mission at Sunny Hill School in April. The preachers not only learned the theory of constructing expository, biographical, and topical sermons, but practiced preaching to the class. Twelve men completed the requirements for the course for three hours of college credit.



Ralph Neall teaching preachers to preach.

Thirty-five teachers of the Sarawak Mission attended the two-week Spirit of Prophecy Extension School taught by Mrs. Ralph Neall. Such topics as Ellen G. White's role in the Advent Movement, science confirms the Spirit of Prophecy, fulfilled predictions, and the right and wrong use of the counsels, were discussed in class. After doing research in the "red books," students presented lively panel discussions on the subjects of love and marriage, proper Sabbath observance, healthful diet, recreation, and medical missionary work. By the time the course was finished, most students were inspired to study the Ellen G. White writings more diligently and to take the counsels seriously. Twenty students received college credit for their work.

► **BOLD ADVENTURE**—The “Target 80” team, consisting of W. V. Clements, B. E. Jacobs, B. Johnston, R. C. Williams, and R. S. Watts, Sr., from the Division, and R. S. Watts, Jr., and C. H. Damron from the Union, conducted a Seminar for the 70 workers from the Sarawak and Sabah Missions at Kuching from March 25 to 30. R. S. Watts, Sr., presented a study of the Spirit of Prophecy while his son climaxed the meetings with a Sabbath sermon leading the workers to a total commitment to Christ for greater soul-winning zeal.

► **MARTIN WATERWORTH**, an Adventist Volunteer Service Corps worker from Sydney, Australia, is teaching science and mathematics at Sunny Hill School for a two-year term. An alumnus of Avondale College, Martin is a dedicated worker, always willing to help his students and assist in evangelistic meetings.

► **VICTORIOUS LIVING MEETINGS**—Sim Chor Kiat and Phoon Chek Yat led out in a series of evangelistic meetings at Sunny Hill School from May 7 to 30. Each evening a health feature, presented by Martin Waterworth, Janice Hall, or Danson Davidson, was blended in with the doctrinal message. Bible lands pictures, recreational fellowship, a picnic, Bible quizzes, question box, and panel discussion kept the interest high throughout the series. When Pastor Phoon gave a moving appeal on the last Friday night, 31 young people surrendered their lives to Christ.

► **SARAWAK ANNUAL COMMITTEE**—From January 31 to February 3, the annual committee for the Sarawak Mission met in Kuching. Representatives from the Division and Union were G. O. Bruce, R. S. Watts Jr., R. I. Gainer, K. T. Kong, and F. H. Hewitt. The meeting focused on soul-winning endeavors and long-range plans for the Mission.

► **HUGH AND BONNIE JOHNSON** are leaving Sarawak for Pacific Union College, where Hugh will study theology and teach aeronautics, and Bonnie will manage the college airport. Since Johnsons came to Sarawak in September of 1972, Hugh has been a medical missionary pilot, flying into the jungle to bring help to the sick, and preaching in the churches. A baby girl, Nina, was born to them here. The Johnsons will be greatly missed in Sarawak.



Mrs. Hall (center) demonstrates a recipe, assisted by Dorene Ng and Eunice See.

Vegetarian Classes Attract Interest

Chop chye lemak, potato salad with boiled salad dressing, egg foo yong, oatmeal bread, and tofu balls were just some of the foods demonstrated in the cooking class at Simanggang, September 16 to 21, conducted by Mmes Dorene Ng and Jean Hall. The town, located on the bank of the Lupar River, responded with interest to the Five-Day Plan and evangelistic meetings; but the Better Living Cooking Class brought in an additional interest in the best attended class in Sarawak so far.

We always check on the availability of food before planning a “menu,” for we will not demonstrate anything the people cannot buy right there. Since no whole wheat flour was available for bread



Phoon Chek Yat, Martin Waterworth, Janice Hall, Yap Choon Kiong, Danson Davidson, and Sim Chor Kiat were speakers in the Victorious Living Crusade.

making, we substituted Quaker oats. For the mock chicken cashew special, we had to substitute young corn on the cob for winter bamboo shoots.

Each day we gave out samples so the class would know how the food should taste. At the next session we would ask how many had tried the recipes, and many hands went up. The eager anticipation of the group showed by the increasing attendance, until on the last day more than 60 attended. Twenty-four received certificates for attending all five demonstrations. One woman who could not attend the class, sent her children, eight and nine years old. We visited her, and Wung Wei Kong demonstrated how to make oatmeal bread, imparting the Bread of Life as well.

In one year's time we have held cooking schools in Miri, Sibul, Kuching, and Simanggang, with increasingly large classes as our demonstrators increased in experience.

Mrs. Jean Hall



The pastors and children are all amazed and delighted with the lamb shelter that was built in one day.

The Lamb Shelter That Was Built in a Day

Friday, January 5th, was a day to be remembered in the Sarawak Mission. On that day, Oscar Heinrich, Public Relations Secretary for the Southern Union of the United States, came to Sarawak to make a slide and tape-recording show for Mission Spotlight, a Sabbath School feature used in many churches. He wanted to take pictures of how a lamb shelter was erected, to promote the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.

At the last minute, the site originally chosen for the lamb shelter had to be abandoned, because two weeks of steady rain had made the jungle trails impassable. In its place, Kampong Bunga, at 32nd mile on Serian Road, was chosen.

There wasn't much time to notify the church members of the project. By the time I arrived, at 8 o'clock Thursday night, some of the people were already in bed. But our active church elder assisted us in notifying the people.

Friday morning, when I arrived with a lorry-load of building materials, I was delighted to see the crowd of people, who had abandoned their padi fields for the day, waiting to help with the project. Soon all hands were at work, carrying lumber to the site, with even grandmothers and little children helping out. Some teachers from Ayer Manis also came to help. We began at 8 a.m., and finished the building at 5 p.m., while Elder Heinrich took pictures of the whole operation. The last thing we did on preparation day was to decorate the building for the dedication ceremony on Sabbath morning.

When the members came to church that day, many were amazed to find a lamb shelter standing nearby. "This lamb shelter sprang up like a mushroom overnight!" they exclaimed.

Many thanks to Bill Clements, Division Sabbath School Secretary, for contributing the money, and to the church members for their enthusiastic help.

Paul Nyungga, Sabbath School Secretary
Sarawak Mission

200th Jungle Chapel Erected at Tuba

"The Tuba Jungle Chapel is the 200th jungle building erected in the Southeast Asia Union Mission territory since the program began in 1967. It took five years to build the first 100 buildings and two years to build the second 200. Adventist friends around the world have joined in sending personal, unsolicited, sacrificial gifts to make this attainment possible. The cost of material for this jungle chapel was S\$1,250. The Sabbath School members joined in erecting this chapel in January of 1974."

These were the words on the plaque put on the Tuba Jungle Chapel, written in both English and Kadazan. Jungle buildings started under the name of "lamb shelters" in 1967. Today jungle chapels and schools are built as well as lamb shelters.

In 1967 a lamb shelter cost US\$100; but as the cost of materials has soared lately, it was recently voted to grant US\$400 for the same project. Jungle chapels cost up to US\$1000, and jungle school rooms up to US\$800. So let us give generously for the thirteenth Sabbath offering overflow, for part of it will go for jungle chapels in this Division.

Robert B. Grady

Witch Doctors Won by a Layman

Kundipoi and Konsoyoi were two witch doctors baptized with seven others last December in the little jungle village of Tombongon, Sabah. They were so good at witchcraft that the sick came to them for healing, desperate single people came for charms, and young men came for satanic power to get revenge on their enemies.

Naturally these witches were not interested in Jesus. They opposed Christianity. They were devoted to evil spirits, to sorcery. It was their life.

But a layman named Adang persisted in telling them about Jesus. The witch doctors and their followers mocked him so mercilessly that most preachers would have lost their tempers or given up. But not Adang. He noticed that, in spite of their abuse, they were listening to what he had to say. That was the weak point in their armor.

One day last December Adang was amazed to see the witches bring their books and devilish-looking charms to him to be burned. More surprising still, they brought all the members of their families to be prepared for baptism.

Nothing dramatic happened during their baptism. But their faces beamed with quiet joy that seemed to say, "Jesus is truly our Lord and Redeemer."

Johanes M. Yaang, Pastor
Menggatal, Sabah



Adang, the layman who refused to get discouraged, and Pastor Yaang (rear) stand with the former witch doctors, Kundipoi and Konsoyoi.



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SINGAPORE



Andrew Mok, blind Voice of Prophecy student, stands by Jonathan Ng (right). Four other baptismal candidates are shown with Pastor K. T. Chin (left).

Braille V. O. P. Lessons Win Souls

"I would like to thank the Voice of Prophecy Bible School for the lessons in Braille that I have been studying for the past two years. It is through these lessons that I learned the good news of salvation. I want to enroll my school friends in the V.O.P. course." These were the happy remarks of Andrew Mok on his baptismal day, March 16, 1974.

Andrew, an inmate of the Kuala Lumpur Blind Training School, had been studying the Braille Voice of Prophecy lessons for two years before a letter from him led to a visit from our pastor and Bible studies, resulting in his baptism. ✠



During Lay Activities time at the College Church, seven-year-old Paul Grady tells Andy Ng how he conducts a Branch Sabbath School for the neighboring Malay children each week, with the help of his mother. Maybe some day Paul will be a Union Sabbath School Secretary like his daddy.

TARGET 80, the Spirit of Prophecy, and the ABCs of Prayer were the three main courses of a five-day banquet served to ministerial workers from all over the Union at a seminar held at the Rose Garden Country Resort near Bangkok, Thailand, from February 15 to 23.

TARGET 80, a long-range plan of evangelism reaching to 1980, includes strategies for church growth which would enable the church to advance in geometric leaps in keeping with the population explosion. One strategy, explained Bruce Johnston, Division Evangelist, is for each existing church to plant new churches. "Shell Oil Company can sell a lot of gas in one downtown location, but sales really burgeon when stations are opened in many locations," he said. "In the business world, more outlets mean more sales. In the same way, more churches mean more souls." He cited figures to prove that large churches which remain in one place grow by addition, while churches which divide, planting groups in new areas, grow by multiplication.

One of the best strategies for planting new churches is known as "Spirit-filled Witnessing." In this plan, a pastor would no longer go out alone to give Bible studies. "Each pastor can train from two to six dedicated members by taking them with him for three hours of soul-winning each week for three months," explained Bob Jacobs, Division Lay Activities Secretary. "During the following three months,

after these members have tasted success in soul-winning, they in turn divide, and each one trains two others, while the pastor trains from two to six more. By thus doubling the number every three months, many laymen are trained and working by the end of 18 months."

The church can grow most rapidly by working for receptive people, Bruce Johnston explained. Those who respond the best are usually relatives and friends of members, young people, migrants and refugees, animists, and people in crisis. "By concentrating our efforts on receptive groups, we can greatly increase our soul-winning results," Elder Johnston said.

Paul Gordon, a Trustee of the Ellen G. White Estate, with R. S. Watts, Sr., and Paul H. Eldridge of the Division, emphasized the role of the Spirit of Prophecy counsels in the Advent Church. "Reading Mrs. White's books involves potential change in the individual," Pastor Gordon pointed out, "and since no one likes to be reproved, there is a natural urge to doubt the Spirit of Prophecy." In one of the highlights of the series, he presented the guiding principles in the study of the Spirit of Prophecy writings. "Look at them as messages to you personally. Notice the context, considering time and place. Look for the basic principles underlying specific counsels, and apply them to yourself. To avoid a one-sided view, study all the counsels on a given

TARGET 80 FEATURED

Behind a pulpit banked with roses, Bob Jacobs explains "Spirit-filled Witnessing."



Ralph Watts, Sr., and Paul Gordon



subject. Study for guidance, not to support pre-conceived ideas. Be tolerant of others in applying counsels. We will be blessed in proportion to our belief in the writings. God does not reject us if we fall short of the Spirit of Prophecy standards, but we should continually grow in grace."

In response, one minister commented: "After sitting through the instruction of these godly teachers, I have a new outlook on the inspiration of the E. G. White writings." Another said enthusiastically, "The Spirit of Prophecy has come alive to me—the counsels and rebukes are more personal!" Others resolved to read the books more diligently.

Pastor and Mrs. Glenn Coon and Steve Marshall, well-known revival speakers from America, showed how to revive the churches spiritually through ABC Prayer Groups: ASK according to God's promise, BELIEVE that He is able and willing to fulfill His promises, and CLAIM that He *has* fulfilled the promise. "You can thank Him for already giving you what He has promised," Elder Coon said, "for the promise contains the reality."

The pastors who attended the seminar, mostly from Singapore, West-Malaysia, and Thailand, with representatives from Vietnam, Cambodia, Sabah, and Sarawak, were thus armed with great strategies for finishing the work in Southeast Asia.

From reports by R. E. Neall and Alfred Low.



Rangsit Itsarinkan was one of the translators for the multi-lingual audience.

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otation for Le Cong Giao of Vietnam.



Sunti Sarajakkool translates as Bruce Johnston explains the church planting strategy.





VIETNAM

CAMBODIA DISTRICT NEWS

God's Buddhist Bookman

Fifteen newly-baptized members, a musty stock of aging *Prince and the Rebel* and *Guardian of Health* books, a city surrounded by enemy soldiers and fighting for its very existence—what would be the chances of starting literature work under those conditions? But God is not dependent upon favorable circumstances for the success of His work. On February 26 and 27, in the beleaguered city of Phnom Pehh, Cambodia, a beginning class for training literature evangelists was conducted.

Eight of our newly-baptized members began the training course, but there were nine in the class. Who was that small, quiet young man sitting at the end of the second row? "Oh, a Buddhist monk," I was told. "And what's he doing here?" I wanted to know. "He's studying the doctrines of the church, and plans to be baptized in three weeks; so we

thought he ought to be included in the class." I raised no objection.

After the basic principles of Christian salesmanship were covered, the students learned their canvasses and practiced giving them to each other. Finally it was the monk's turn. "Monk," (that's what we called him) "will you give your canvass next?" The room became silent and each eye was glued on Monk as he very skillfully gave his first presentation. As soon as he finished, a round of applause broke out in the room. All agreed that Monk has given the best canvass of all.

After a lunch break, we met together before visiting the homes and shops in the immediate area. But one was missing. Where was Monk? After a few minutes, we decided to go ahead and start without him. With shiny, new black briefcases bulging with God's message, and a prayer on our lips, we started out. Three hours later we met again to see how things were going. All had sold something—in fact, during the three-hour period 14 books had been sold. All were pleased with this good beginning.

The next morning our group met once more for worship before going out. The others were there, but where was Monk? No one had seen or heard from him. Worship was over and last-minute instructions were being given when the door opened and in walked a smiling Monk with a flat, empty briefcase. Starting by himself, he had sold eight books—all that he had. Where? Around the Buddhist temple where he used to live, mostly to his former fellow Buddhist monks.

Two weeks later Elder Bob Grady visited Cambodia. He found that our new group of literature evangelists had sold a total of 506 books during the previous two weeks, with total sales amounting to 503,000 riels. They had enrolled hundreds in the Voice of Prophecy course. Pastor Grady challenged the group during the morning worship to see who could sell the most. After 16½ hours of combined work, they came back with 50 books sold and 44 enrollments in the Voice of Prophecy course. Certainly God is blessing our literature evangelists in Phnom Penh.

But what about Monk? Just three weeks after becoming a literature evangelist, he was baptized. Now he has exchanged his begging bowl for a briefcase: the Buddhist monk has become a bookman!

Richard L. McKee, Publishing Secretary
Southeast Asia Union



"Monk" (right) sells a book to his former fellow monk.



These newly-trained literature evangelists are having great success selling health and message books in Cambodia.

▶ **BOOK STOCKS DEPLETED**—The new colporteurs in Cambodia are selling books so rapidly that stocks will soon be depleted. The mission had about 1000 sets of *The Guardian of Health*, and *The Prince and the Rebel* in the Cambodian language when the colporteurs began their work in February.

▶ **ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTER HOLDS CRUSADE**—Following the February 10 shelling of Phnom Penh, in which 150 persons died and over 1000 homes were destroyed, evangelistic meetings were held at the language center. Because the schools were closed at this time, we held meetings instead of classes, filling the 100 seats with ease. Even when schools reopened in March, and we had to schedule our meetings at 1:30 p.m. (during siesta time) in order to use the school facilities, we were able to maintain an average attendance of 75. Ng Gan Theow, director of the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School, conducts baptismal classes continuously. Included in the class are a physician, a school teacher, and a sergeant major in the Khmer Army.

Assisting Pastor H. R. Fisher was Gary Wagner, Director of the Language School, and Steven Dunn, student missionary.

Helton Fisher, Director
Cambodia District.

▶ **HELP FOR REFUGEES**—Every new member baptized into the Phnom Penh Church automatically becomes a SAWS (Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service) worker and is outfitted in a special uniform. Claiming promises for protection in Psalms 91 and 34, all 25 members recently delivered clothing to more than a thousand families in Kompong Speu, 60 kilometers from Phnom Penh. Along the way they drove through a heavily-devastated area that had just been reclaimed by government forces. Their rewards were in seeing the grateful smiles of the refugees. Nearly 100,000 such families have received clothing from SAWS during the past year. Over 62 tons of clothing are now on their way to help the three million refugees of Cambodia.

▶ **MORALE-BOOSTER**—Six bicycles were recently donated to the young workers in Phnom Penh, giving the team a real morale boost. Prior to this, all travel had to be done on foot or by pedicab. Along with the bicycles came a 3000-watt McCulloch generator, costing U.S.\$450, to provide lighting for evening classes at the Language Center. Many thanks to Mr. A. R. Elliott and Mrs. Louise Baldwin for their gifts.



Six new bicycles are a boon to the young workers in Phnom Penh.

NEWS FROM VIETNAM



Even with a new baby, Le Thi Bach carries on a prodigious program of child evangelism.

► **MARATHON STINT**—Le Thi Bach, Child Evangelism Secretary for the Vietnam Mission, has completed a marathon stint of translating Sabbath School, Vacation Bible School, and Branch Sabbath School programs and lessons from English into Vietnamese. She also conducted a number of Sabbath School training sessions, and spark-plugged 29 Vacation Bible Schools during the past year. All of this was done while she was expecting her second child. Sincere appreciation for her work was expressed by the Union Sabbath School Secretary during a recent institute in Saigon.

► **ORPHANS HELPED**—More than 400 Vietnamese orphans are now being aided by Adventists, according to Pham Thien, Lay Activities Secretary of the Vietnam Mission. Contributions from Australia

and America have assisted Vietnamese relatives and friends of the orphans to care for them in their own homes. U.S.\$7 a month will pay for food, and \$3 a month will pay for the child's tuition in an Adventist mission school. When grateful families asked how they could express their thanks, they were taught how to pay tithe to God. As a result, two full-time ministers are being supported through the tithe received.

Adventist neighbors invite the orphans and their guardians to attend church and Sabbath School, and many respond. In the first year of the Orphans' Relief Program, 15 have been baptized, many more are attending Sabbath services, and over 60 are attending Adventist mission schools. Pastor Thien says, "This is the most rewarding welfare program we have undertaken to date. It is not a 'rice-Christian' program of enticing people to come to church to get help. It is real love in action."

► **CHILD EVANGELISM**—The four Adventist churches in Saigon are now conducting 20 Branch Sabbath Schools in homes, alleys, restaurants, and schools of the city. Cholon Pastor Jonathan Foo



One of a dozen branch Sabbath Schools being conducted in the crowded alley-ways of Saigon.



Nguyen Minh Lam (left), Pastor Le Huu (right), and these four ladies are ready to go out conducting Branch Sabbath Schools.

states that all 28 teachers of the Chinese school are active in this work. Some of the groups will soon be organized into church companies.

► **HONOR REFUSED**—Delegates from Catholic and Protestant churches met for a Bible translators' conference in the city of Dalat during the month of March to make plans for translating a new Vietnamese Bible. Pastor Le Huu, Mission Education Superintendent, represented the Adventist Church at the ten-day session, during which time they worked together on the first chapter of John. At the close, the delegates were unanimous in choosing Pastor Le Huu and a Catholic priest to spend the next two years in translating the new Vietnamese Bible, with double the salary they are now receiving. This was an honor difficult to turn down; but because of a shortage of workers, the Vietnam Mission was not able to release Pastor Le Huu.

► **SCHOOL FOR REFUGEES**—A new jungle school and a chapel building has just been completed in a humble farming village called Dai Loc, 20 kilometers from DaNang. Children of refugee families, just now returning to their former farming lands,



This jungle school will soon be opened to returning refugee children.

will attend the school. Parents will be invited to church services in the chapel.

Robert B. Grady, Correspondent

► **MR. DO DINH CHUC** first learned the truth from tracts he read during his stay in our hospital. Later he bought books from a colporteur and attended evangelistic meetings by Bruce Johnston in downtown Saigon. After he was baptized, his wife severely persecuted him for several years. Recently, her attitude has wonderfully changed, and she has begun attending church. Mr. Chuc is shown here with Pastor Pham Truong Thanh on the day of his baptism.



News from Saigon Adventist Hospital

► **NEW ARRIVALS**—Denise Anderson and Sheryl Wein, recent graduates of the Hinsdale S.D.A. Hospital in Illinois, arrived in Saigon on March 18, 1974 to start their one year of volunteer service.

► **HEART TEAM**—The Loma Linda University Heart Team is spending a six-week tour of duty at the Saigon Adventist Hospital. Heart surgeries are being performed on a number of well-screened cases.

► **NEW NURSE AIDES**—After the completion of their four-week Nurse Aide training program in January and February, 16 of the 28 Vietnamese students were employed and started to work on March 1, 1974, giving valuable assistance in Wards 3 and 4, and in the Physical Therapy Department.

► **UPGRADING**—On February 21, 1974, Mrs. Lily Nghiep, Assistant Director of Nursing Service, left Saigon for Paradise Valley Hospital in National City, California. She will be staying for a six-month upgrading course of in-service education in all the areas of supervision and administration.

Esther Oldham, Director of Nursing Service
Saigon Adventist Hospital



THAILAND

Old Seed Finally Yields Harvest

Seed that was sown 16 years ago in a remote village of Thailand finally bore fruit, as was evidenced by a large baptism in the Ubol Church on April 20.

Some weeks before the baptism, Yothee Jantadee, colporteur and Layman of the Year 1973, was impressed to hold meetings in the village of King Nam Yuen, about 100 kilometers from Ubol. This was in a new district which the government had recently opened by giving free land to settlers. Brother Jantadee was amazed at how quickly the people responded to his message and opened their hearts to Christ—something unusual for Thailand.

When Pastor Yao came to assist with the follow-up work, the mystery was unraveled. Coming to one of the houses, he met an old man who looked familiar. "You were the village chief at Non-ngern-roy!" he exclaimed.

"Yes, a whole group of us came to this new district about two years ago," the chief replied.

In their joy at meeting, Yao could not forget his discouragement of the past, when all his teaching



Yothee Jantadee (right), who received the Layman of the Year 1973 plaque from Pastor Sunti, conducted meetings in King Nam Yuen.



Pastor Sunti baptized 39 believers in the Ubol Church.

and pleading with the people of Nong-ngern-roy had yielded no results. This very chief had refused to yield his life to Christ. After some friendly reminiscing, Yao asked the chief, "Are you ready to accept Jesus as your Saviour now?" Without a moment of hesitation, the chief answered, "Yes." Other villagers whom Yao had known before responded in the same way.

On that bright Sabbath morning of April 20, Pastor Yao was deeply moved to see the chief, his wife and two children, and 19 others from the new district, enter the waters of baptism. While I was baptizing them, I couldn't help thinking of how we sometimes get discouraged when our labor seems to yield no results. Yet, in this case, seed that had been planted 16 years before finally germinated and yielded a harvest. What an encouragement this is to each of us! Keep on with your soul-winning work, dear fellow workers. "In the morning sow seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6.

Sunti Sorajjakool, Secretary
Thailand Mission

"... When we give ourselves wholly to God, and in our work follow His directions, He makes Himself responsible for its accomplishment. He would not have us conjecture as to the success of our honest endeavors. Not once should we even think of failure. We are to cooperate with One who knows no failure." *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 363.



SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE

Buddhist Finds God in Bible Class

I first learned about God in a Christian school I attended for a number of years. Then, unfortunately, I had to study in a government, Buddhist school. I decided that the story of Christ was like other bedtime stories I had heard—just nonsense. I didn't believe that miracles were possible.

When I came to Southeast Asia Union College, I had no choice but to take Bible because it was a required subject to graduate. But as the weeks and months passed, I found out more about God and began to understand and develop a different impression of Him. He was no longer the God whom I knew about in bedtime stories, but He began to be real. Christ became my closest friend because I could depend on Him and tell Him all my personal troubles. I know He will never neglect me. I am thankful to God for sending me to this Christian college where I could learn more of Him through my Bible lessons.

Visaka Banhansupavat,
Southeast Asia Union College

200 Secondary Students Decide for Christ

Two hundred students out of the 549 who attended the Week of Prayer at the Seventh-day Adventist Secondary School in Singapore checked, "I choose to accept Jesus" on the decision slip during the final chapel program of the series entitled, "Live the Wonderful Life!" Out of these students, 35 checked, "I choose to be baptized," while a total of 153 indicated they were willing to study further to know more about Jesus.

Five study groups led by dedicated teachers of the school were formed to follow up this tremendous response to the five-day Christ-centered messages delivered by Jonathan Ng, Mission Youth Director, from April 1 to 5. Eighteen lessons covering the basic doctrines, selected from the "New Life" Voice of Prophecy course, were used as study guides for the twice-weekly classes conducted by the teachers during the chapel time, while the rest of the school attended the chapel as usual.

A special song-book was prepared for the Week of Prayer, compiled of new songs which the students sang lustily, accompanied by Andy Ng, a student missionary just returned from Thailand, on his guitar.

Also during the regular class study periods, Pastor Ng and the school chaplain took part of each class to present a talk on the evils of cigarette smoking. The students responded enthusiastically to these presentations, loudly resolving at the close of each talk, "I choose not to smoke!"

Alfred Low, School Chaplain
Seventh-day Adventist School, Singapore

NEWS NOTES

by Maggie Tan

- *VICTOR & LOUANNE AAEN left Singapore on March 7. Victor had taught Health and Science courses at SAUC the past two quarters and had assisted in Five-Day Plan programs in Singapore besides. He has returned to Loma Linda University where he has one more quarter to complete his requirements for the Doctor of Health Science degree after which they will return to begin work in Mr. Klabat College.
- *JOSEPH & HELEN THIA left for upgrading at Philippine Union College on March 14. Joseph will work towards a Master's degree in Education and Helen will complete her undergraduate degree in Secretarial Science. Joseph was Dean of Men at SAUC the past two years.
- *JAMES LAI married NONEY SHA'AH on March 20 at the SDA Church in Tamparuli. James was the Manager of the Book and Periodical Agency in Sabah and was recently appointed Sabbath School and M. V. Secretary.
- *DR. HAROLD SHULL at Loma Linda University is here to spend a quarter of SAUC teaching Health courses started by Dr. P. W. Dysinger and continued by Victor Aaen. We are grateful to Loma Linda University for making these professors available to us. Students who complete a minor in Health Education under this program will receive a certificate from Loma Linda University.
- *PASTOR & MRS. JAMES WONG & FAMILY left for Australia on immigrant visas in late March. Pastor Wong, principal of the Seventh-day Adventist School for the past four years, will teach in Hawthorne High School in Melbourne.
- *ALFONSO MAMORA left for Australia in early April to work as a laboratory technician at Sydney Sanitarium. His wife, the former CAROL PAUNER, and family will follow in three or four weeks.

OVERFLOW GOES TO FAR EAST



The explosion of a kerosene stove in this kitchen last January caused extensive damage to Waiame Academy. Although facilities are simple, replacement puts a financial hardship on church members of Indonesia.



The boys' dorm represents the typical construction of campus buildings at Waiame Academy.

First SDA convert from the highlands of Western New Guinea discusses plans for a jungle chapel in his village. W. V. Clements joins the discussion.



The Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Offering will go to four projects in the Far Eastern Division this quarter.

NORTH PHILIPPINES, NAGA VIEW ACADEMY

Housing is a critical problem at Naga View Academy, with more than 200 students, and some of the single faculty members living in the dormitories, often with five or six persons in a room. A fine master plan has been developed which will eventually provide adequate classrooms, dormitories, cafeteria, library, and chapel.

EAST INDONESIA, NORTH SULAWESI ACADEMY

Located at the end of a winding mountain road, near a small, lovely lake on the island of Celebes, this academy has a fine record of producing excellent workers in spite of its drab buildings and limited facilities. Partial rehabilitation was accomplished after the revolution in the 1950s. New classrooms and faculty homes are badly needed.

EAST INDONESIA, WAIAME ACADEMY

The wooden frame buildings with palm-leaf roofs at Waiame Academy are regularly threatened by typhoons. Winds and rain tear through the school, ripping off rooftops, and exposing the insides of the dormitories, classrooms and kitchen to the damaging weather. Stronger buildings could stand up under the frequent typhoon winds, but thus far there have never been sufficient funds to construct such buildings. The faculty and students are looking to the Sabbath School family to assist them in providing classrooms and faculty homes.

THROUGHOUT THE DIVISION, JUNGLE CHAPELS

A portion of this Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will be used to build jungle chapels. These are exactly what the name implies: simple but sturdy structures which make it possible to open the work in new and often primitive areas.

The workers and members of the Far Eastern Division thank you for the world-wide Sabbath School support provided for our work in the past. The needs continue to be great, and have been made ever more critical by the dollar devaluation. Please give generously during this quarter for these four projects and for the work around the world.

Paul Eldridge, President
Far Eastern Division