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BANGKOK HOSPITAL CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Forty years ago, in May, 1937, Bangkok Adventist Hospital opened its doors in a modest little shop-house on Plaplachai Road in what was then the central commercial district of the city. In charge was Dr. R. F. Waddell, who later served the church in various capacities and went on to become Director of the General Conference Department of Health.

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Hospital Administrator Kon presenting bronze plaque to Mr. Pleng for more than forty years of service.

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MEETING THE CRISIS THROUGH "TARGET-80"

by W. L. Wilcox, President
Southeast Asia Union Mission

The conditions in the world today should arouse us to the realization that the hour is late. The coming of Christ is near. Many crises are confronting the world today. The energy crisis, the crisis of leadership, the crises in the Middle East, South Africa, Pakistan; the population explosion crisis with food shortages and famines; the crises of natural catastrophes and tragic accidents on the great lines of travel today. Many crises are also being faced by religious organizations in the world.

The Adventist Church Crisis

The Seventh-day Adventist church is also facing a crisis. God's word tells us about this in Revelation 3:14-17, "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."

This is a tremendous crisis! What are we doing about it? Are we just living as usual, or are we concerned enough to pray most earnestly, and to become active in some phase of our soul-winning program? When we, as God's people, are really awake to the times in which we live, we will see a real change in our old habits. Faith and love, mentioned as gold in Revelation 3:18, will so fill us with zeal and enthusiasm, that we will be on fire for the Lord Jesus Christ. Souls will be saved, and tremendous things in God's cause will take place.

The Tremendous Challenge

The TARGET-80 program was designed to encourage all the church members to become actively engaged in the winning of souls. There are 85 million people that must be reached by 1980. That is the TARGET-80 program. We have also set certain goals we hope to reach along the way in baptisms, church planting, Sabbath school members, organized churches, etc.

As we rally together and become unified in this project, the Lord will bless and the work will move forward in a mighty way.

Brethren and sisters, let us all use some of our time during our busy schedules and take part in saving precious souls for Christ. As we become involved in the TARGET-80 program, others will follow our example and it will not be long before we will be together in that heavenly home.

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Forty Years in Retrospect

The small hospital flourished from the beginning and gradually spread into adjacent shops to become a 50-bed hospital. In 1940 a large house was leased on the site of the present complex. It was called the "annex" as the first site was still kept in operation.

During the war the facilities were kept open thanks to the courageous efforts of Mr. Pleng Vitiamyalaksana and his valiant team. Rapid expansion came after the war. Dr. Waddell and his family returned to Thailand. A number of other overseas workers followed. The annex property was purchased and soon construction on the present building was underway. It was officially opened in 1951. An extension to the main building was completed in 1965.

The school of nursing had reopened after the war, and in 1958 the new dormitory-school of nursing building was officially opened by Her Majesty, Queen Sirikit. Further educational facilities include schools of medical technology, anesthesiology and midwifery.

Construction is at present underway on a two-storey addition to the back of the building which will include a new laboratory, patient rooms and administrative offices. Also, plans have been drawn up, and building work should soon be underway for a modern new wing which will project towards the front at right angles to the main building.

Anniversary Day
May 10

Special activities of the day began at the usual morning staff worship hour in the hospital church. A choir, under the direction of Mrs. Arthur Gaskell, presented a special number. Hospital Administrator, Jonathan Kon, was master of ceremonies. Guest speaker for the occasion was Royce Thompson, Treasurer and Director of Health Services of the Southeast Asia Union.



Hospital Administrator, Jonathan Kon, [at left] and employees who have worked twenty five years or more at Bangkok Adventist Hospital. Mr. Pleng, center, holds plaque.

Mr. Pleng Vitiamyalaksana, who joined Dr. R. F. Waddell's team seven years before the original hospital opened, and has been with the institution ever since, gave a brief history of its growth. He remembers well when the first patients arrived for treatment and is proud of the achievements of the institution to which he has devoted his lifetime. He still works at his desk as Assistant Manager. During the service a special bronze plaque was presented to him for more than forty years of continuous service.

Special pins of recognition were also given to other employees who have worked at the hospital for more than twenty five years.

At lunch time the hospital treated all its employees to a delicious meal on the recreational court. Special canvas pavillions covered the area. Beautiful large centerpieces of roses were on each of the three serving tables. Many friends of the hospital, former workers, and students attended the function.

The *Bangkok Post,* one of the city's English newspapers, published an eight-page supplement which gave an interesting glimpse into the past and told of present services as well as plans for the future. Our health message and education program, including the anti-smoking plans, were very nicely presented.

Serving table showing beautiful arrangement of roses.





SABAH

New Mission President Welcomed

Sabah's new Mission President, Pastor James Thurmon, his wife and two children, arrived in Kota Kinabalu on Sunday afternoon, March 27.

Mr. David Chung and Pastor Mandatang Gaban went right to the aircraft to meet them. Arriving at the terminal, the Thurmons were garlanded by four young girls and were immediately engulfed by a large crowd comprised of mission staff and church members who had turned out to welcome them.

That evening a potluck supper was held in their honor in the auditorium of Sabah Adventist Secondary School. Members of the mission staff, teachers, district pastors and many church members from the Kota Kinabalu, Menggatal and Tamparuli areas were present. Two songs of welcome were sung. One was by a group of little children for little Lara and Steven; the other, by a group of workers and teachers, extending friendship to Pastor and Mrs. Thurmon.



Pastor Thurmon speaking to the group who attended the potluck.

The night was indeed warm—warm welcome, good warm food, and plenty of warm air. But the faucets at the Thurmons' new home were dry! Except for some drinking water in the refrigerator, they had to make do with just a bucket of water until more came the next morning. — *Charles Gaban*



Pastor and Mrs. Thurmon at potluck prepared in their honor.

Kota Kinabalu Youth Witness During Holidays

Five young people of the Kota Kinabalu church decided to do something different and use their Easter holidays to witness for Christ instead of feasting and merrymaking as many Christian young people do.

On Friday morning, April 15, they left by car for Sandakan, a distance of about 300 miles, and arrived there just in time for sundown worship. On Sabbath morning they attended the Sandakan church where they presented special numbers during the divine service. That afternoon they joined the young people to sing at an old folks home. It was thrilling to see how intently the elderly people listened to the songs of Jesus' love. They were amazed that young people should go to the trouble of preparing songs for them.

On Sunday morning the group visited the wild life conservatory, and on Sunday evening they were invited to join the Sandakan church members in a social to celebrate all the April birthdays. They had a wonderful time eating, playing and singing together.

Early Monday morning found them heading back to Kota Kinabalu. They thanked God for a safe trip and for the privilege of witnessing for Him. — *Kong Hon Yin.*

Donato Conducts Week of Prayer and Leadercraft Course

Pastor Bernie Donato conducted the Week of Prayer meetings at Sabah Adventist Secondary School, Tamparuli, from March 20 to 26. His series of inspiring presentations centered around the theme song, "Christ for Me."

Thirty two students responded to his appeal to take their stand for Christ, while over one hundred came forward to rededicate their lives to Jesus.

The highlight of the week of spiritual emphasis was the baptism of three students on Sabbath morning, March 26, in the Tuaran River.

One of them, Peter Shang, the son of a Chinese Roman Catholic businessman in Sandakan, first enrolled at Sabah Adventist Secondary School in 1974. His father was so pleased with the change that had taken place in his son's overall conduct and attitude, that he has since been a firm financial supporter of the schools in the Sabah Mission. Peter has been taking Bible studies for quite some time under the guidance of Pastor Shuking Gadaun, the Bible teacher.

Following the Week of Prayer, Pastor Donato also conducted a Leadercraft course for about one hundred youth leaders from various churches in the Mission. Among those who assisted in this course were Mr. Peter Wong, Mission Youth Director, and Miss Linda Sibadogil, Child Evangelism Director—*Charles Gaban*



Pastor Donato baptizing Peter Shang

G.C. Departmental Director Visits Sabah

Sabah Sabbath school leaders and teachers were privileged to have special training lessons for primary-age children on April 15 and 16.

More than 200 delegates from the different churches met in the Tamparuli auditorium to take advantage of the lectures presented by Elder Thomas Ashlock of the General Conference Sabbath School Department and Elder Erhling Calkins, Manager of Sabbath School Productions in the Southern California Conference. Also assisting them were Mrs. Pauline Barnett of the Division Sabbath School Department and Elder Robert Heisler, Union Sabbath School Director.

It was refreshing to exchange ideas with these denominational leaders. Time was far too short to include many demonstrations on how to make primary Sabbath schools more effective, but hopefully the ideas imparted to us will be implemented in the children's divisions of our churches and will result in a large harvest of young hearts for Christ. — *Linda Sibadogil*



Mrs. Calkins telling a Bible story. Pastor Ginduk Laung actively translates.





Left, Sabbath school leaders and teachers eagerly take notes during lectures and demonstrations. Right, Elder Ashlock shows how to act out a story.

Bounar And Maylyne Are Wed

Mr. Bounar Gangkai and Miss Maylyne Liew were united in marriage at the Menggatal church on March 27, 1977.

Maylyne, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Apook Liew, is a graduate of Sabah Adventist Secondary School and is presently employed as an English-Malay stenographer at the Police headquarters. The groom recently completed his engineering course in Kuala Lumpur and is now working at the Sabah Electricity Board.

The bride's father, Mr. Liew Apook, has served the Mission for the past twenty-six years as construction and maintenance manager. He has helped to build a number of homes for mission workers as well as scores of lamb shelters and jungle chapels throughout Sabah.—*Kong Hon Yin*

SARAWAK

Dixon Appointed Mission President

During the recent Union mid-year committee meetings held in Singapore, May 17 to 19, Elder Paull Dixon was appointed President of the Sarawak Mission. He fills the vacancy left by Elder Bruce Johnston.

Elder Dixon, his wife, Becky, and two daughters, arrived in Sarawak in January, 1975, in answer to the mission's call for a pilot-pastor. He has directed the flying program and is also presently leading out in the Theological Education by Extension program for the mission.



Teachers, pastors and students who took part in the Extension Education orientation class at Ayer Manis. New Mission President, Dixon, at right.

Education By Extension Begins



Dr. Wong Yew Chong leads out in a discussion on self management in the orientation class. Left to right: Dr. Wong Yew Chong, Joebenny Keli and Edmund Liah.

About 30 pastors, teachers and students came together April 11 to 14 at Ayer Manis school for the orientation week of the Extension Education program. Dr. Wong Yew Chong, Academic Dean of South-east Asia Union College, led out in the informal sessions.

Participants were divided into small groups according to language and background. Various tasks were assigned to the small groups and a reporter kept a written account of the observations and conclusions. Every day a "newspaper" was prepared and distributed.

How to study, time management, church goals, management concepts, and decision-making were some of the topics considered. Many of those attending the orientation said that they had gained more from the workshop in terms of personal growth and development than in any course they had ever taken. — *Paull Dixon*

GOD'S REQUIREMENTS

"The Lord's side is ever the side of mercy, pity, and sympathy for the suffering, as will be seen by the example given us in the life of Jesus. We are **required** to imitate His example." **3 Testimonies,** 518

Sarawakians Meet With Mission Leader

Fourteen students from Sarawak who are studying at Southeast Asia Union College and Seminary met at Sin Leong restaurant on March 24 for a special dinner planned for them by Mission President, Elder Paull Dixon, who was visiting in Singapore.

This gave the students opportunity to learn what is going on in their home mission. Pastor Dixon told about the rapid progress of the work in Sarawak and briefed them on the new extension school program which has recently begun in Ayer Manis and Kapit.

The students enjoyed the occasion and expressed their wishes and need to keep in touch with the leaders of the mission where they will be serving.

Of the group studying at SAUC, four are Theology majors, three are Secretarial Science majors and six are Education majors. Four of the group are graduating this year.—*Petrus Ngadan*



Students from Sarawak who are studying at Southeast Asia Union College and Seminary. Front row, left to right: Jeannie Liaw, Sim Wan Hong, Annie Chong. Second row: Ivy Wong, Lily Wong, Brenda Ten, Sharon Ho, Nancy Lim. Back row: Michael Poh, Petrus Ngaden, Pastor Paull Dixon, Sim Hua Kwang and Teresa Ng. Not pictured: Wee Hun Been and Christina Lau.

Ayer Manis Offers Vocational Training

The Ayer Manis school staff has taken a new look at the needs of its students. Many times a school gives a good education but does not prepare the student to get a job along practical lines when he finishes his course of study.

Though the traditional subjects will continue to be taught, there will be a stronger emphasis on vocational training and skills. As a beginning, and since the first of the year, basic electricity, electronics and motor mechanics are being offered. Fifty students are currently enrolled in these courses.

"These classes are optional for students who have an interest in them," explains Geoffrey Pauner, Principal of the school.—*Paull Dixon*

Seventy-Four-Year-Old Pilot Delivers Sarawak Mission Plane

Can you imagine flying a small single-engined airplane for 20 hours and 55 minutes without stopping? That is how long it took "Pappy" Lockard to fly from California to Hawaii.

"I thought that was the longest flight I had ever made," said the 74-year-old veteran, "But after doing some checking I found I once flew 21 hours and 30 minutes."

Unfavourable winds kept the Sarawak bound Cessna 185 on the ground for over three weeks in California. En route to Hawaii "Pappy" experienced fuel valve selector problems which delayed him another week waiting for repairs in Honolulu.

Pappy has logged over 20,000 flying hours much of which has been ferrying aircraft around the world. At 74 he looks no older than 60. "I've tried to live in harmony with the Creator's laws," he explains.

Delivery of the new plane which was donated by the Quiet Hour was done without charge. Pappy was right at home in the rugged Cessna plane, since for years he has been doing "bush" flying. The year before last he served as a relief pilot in Zaire.

How long does Pappy plan to continue flying? "As long as my health will permit it," he says. "After all, I love flying. Why shouldn't I keep doing it?"—*P. Dixon*

"A living faith in Christ will bring every action of the life and every emotion of the soul into harmony with God's truth and righteousness."
4 Testimonies, 527



Pastor Detamore unfolds the truths in God's word.



Time out to explain a point of doctrine.



Professional cameraman kept Pastor Detamore in focus for audiences in overflow rooms.

288 Decisions for Christ



Pastor Detamore in a moment of relaxation.



Mr. Michael Lim led the singing and told stories for the active children's meetings.



Mr. Wu Chook Ying translating the message into Chinese while his audience watches Pastor Detamore on the TV screen.



Pastor Moldrik at the console.

More than
70 Baptisms
to date



Mrs. Moldrik waits for her cue at the piano.



Message in song by Pastor Moldrik.



Candlelight ceremony, started by one lighted candle in Pastor Detamore's hand and gradually spread to candles held by everyone present, showing how the light of the gospel shining from each one's life can spread until the whole world knows.



In a classroom Mr. Samuel Hutapea translated into Malay.



Elder and Mrs. Moldrik and Pastor Detamore standing in the center along with all who helped make the crusade a success. Seated in the foreground are ministers from all over the Union who attended the Field School of Evangelism held in conjunction with the crusade. Standing behind are ladies who greeted people as they came to the meetings. Some helped in the children's meetings.

THAILAND

Tribal People Study Lay Evangelism

Fifty delegates from twelve Meo villages met for ten days on the campus of our Chiengmai Tribal Center in North Thailand for a Lay Evangelism training school. They came in their distinctive dress of black with red and orange trim. Classes were conducted daily from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. The delegates learned and prepared to teach the message of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Pastor Rungsit, district pastoral director for the hill tribes, led out in the program. Roger Kopitzke, Director of the center, coordinated the food and lodging for the delegates and provided much of the inspiration for the meetings.

Pastor Clifton Maberly, Director of the Ubon district in northeast Thailand, brightened the training school with doctrinal messages which were illustrated by materials taken from the local area. The watering of a plant was used to demonstrate a person's need of daily dependence on God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Being well grounded in the Bible was illustrated by a plant which was planted in artificial rather than fertile soil. Maberly emphasized, through illustrations from nature, that spiritual growth comes from God.



Pastor Robert Heisler baptizing former witch doctor on first Sabbath of Meo Lay Congress.







Meo villagers practicing the use of the Better Life Picture Roll on Christ's second coming. Former witch doctor on upper right with granddaughter on her back.





Pastors Robert L. Heisler and Sopon Jaiguar, Lay Activities directors of the Southeast Asia Union Mission and the Thailand Mission, conducted classes in soul-winning. They consisted of three phases: first, a study of Bible doctrines; second, discussion of the Bible doctrines; and third, teaching of Bible doctrines. All participants were urged to learn the doctrines as illustrated in the "Better Life" picture roll as well as to be able to teach them to others.

One lady, a former witch doctor, taught doctrines while carrying her granddaughter on her back.

By the end of the training school all the Meo delegates were able to teach the doctrines illustrated by the picture roll and were enthusiastically looking forward to teaching their own people back in their home villages.—*Robert L. Heisler*



Pastor Rungsit, left, explains scripture to Meo believers.

Hill Tribes Enjoy Meo S. S. Quarterly

The Meo hill-tribe people in northern Thailand may enjoy studying their Sabbath school lessons in their own language, thanks to the work and supervision of Roger Kopitzke, Director of the Hill Tribe Training Center in Chiengmai.

This means that after the Sabbath school lessons are translated from English into Thai, they must then be translated from Thai into the Meo language. Stencils must be made for mimeographing, and finally the students gather and staple the pages to compile the thirteen lessons for the quarter.

At the present time Sabbath schools are being conducted in twelve Meo villages. This is a small beginning as there are two and a half million Meo people in the world. Most of them are living in the Peoples' Republic of China and in the mountain areas of northern Thailand.

We are thankful for this contact with these outgoing people, and pray that through the training of pastors and laymen the messages of a soon-coming Savior will spread to these remote mountain villages, preparing them for the coming of Jesus.—*Robert L. Heisler*



Students of the Hill Tribe Training Center in Chiengmai gathering the mimeographed pages of the Meo language Sabbath school lesson quarterly for the second quarter of 1977.



"The Lighthouse" witnessing group ready to spread the light of truth over Thailand.

Lighthouse Over Thailand

Eager to share their faith on a larger scale, the young people of the Ekamai Adventist church in Bangkok, organized a witnessing group called "The Lighthouse." Their aim is to carry the light of truth through song and personal testimonies to all sections of the country.

This required months of intensive and prayerful preparation. Their music director, Ramon Ulangca, Jr., spent four hours each week practising with the group. There are six nationalities represented, but all their songs are in Thai. This has not been easy for the non-Thai members. By the end of the school year in mid March they were ready.

Led by their church pastor, Rangsit Itsaringkarn, and equipped with a public address system and a small organ (donated by a church in the U. S.), the twenty young people boarded a bus for the northern city of Chiengmai. From there they reached out to the surrounding towns and villages. They sang in every Adventist church in the region, passed out literature, donated lanterns and used clothing, and visited church members. They presented many concerts out in the open as well as in other Christian churches that invited them. They hiked for hours up the mountains to reach the Karen hill tribes near the Burma border.

The response of the people was generally enthusiastic. Not a few followed them to hear them twice. After each performance most of the audience stayed behind to talk with the team members who befriended and prayed with them. "Your singing warms my heart, thank you so much," one listener expressed.

An important result of the tour was the effect on the team members themselves. They learned to be more prayerful and to appreciate the great needs of our work. One would-be doctor said, "When I finish my medical course I want to come here and serve the people." Another said, "I hope the mission will send me to this church to revive the membership when I am through with my training."

Their next trip is to the northeastern part of Thailand, and then to the southern panhandle of the country.—*Ramon A. Ulangca.*

Camp Held For Northern Youth

Sixty five young people and youth leaders of North Thailand spent four days, from March 30 to April 3, at the beautiful Boy Scout camping site about forty kilometers south of Chiengmai. Pastor Chalaw Artamapadung, Principal of the Thailand Mission Academy, directed the program. Pastor B. U. Donato was camp adviser and instructor.

A large number of the campers were young people of the Meo and Karen tribes. Their colorful tribal costumes added an interesting atmosphere to the camp. It was thrilling to see young people from various cultural backgrounds mixing freely and sharing their experiences one with another.

The campers worked on honors in swimming, music and cooking, and studied to complete their requirements for the various JMV classes.

To climax the camp program an investiture service was held. Also, seven young people from the Thailand Mission Academy were baptized. — *B. U. Donato*



Line call and inspection time for Haadyai Pathfinder Club.

Youth In South Camp

Fifty youth from Haadyai and Phuket held a joint Pathfinder and M.V. camp from April 6 to 11. They used the facilities of the Boy Scout Camp grounds, an ideal spot overlooking the blue waters of the Indian Ocean at Phuket's airport beach.

The Pathfinders, in their lovely new uniforms, stood at attention during the official camp opening which included the National anthem and Pathfinder song. Prayer was offered by Elder Bernie Donato, Youth Director of the Southeast Asia Union.

Inspection of the group followed by camp leaders, B. Donato, R. E. Bartolome, Chaplain of the Phuket Mission Hospital, and Pastor Suan of the Haadyai church.

The campers eagerly participated in the many field events including tug of war, competition in first aid bandaging and speed knot-tying. Other features the campers will long remember were the timely devotional talks by Elder Bernie Donato and the nature lessons taught by Miss Nellie Odell, overseas church school teacher at Phuket. Each week day the campers looked forward to craft time, under Miss Odell's leadership, and to swimming in the ocean. Swimming honor classes were instructed by Pastor Suan and Mr. Suwit, Phuket Pathfinder Director. Marches, games, campfires and talent night were other highlights of the program. — *R. E. Bartolme*



Pastor Chalaw baptizing seven of the campers during the youth camp in North Thailand.



MALAYSIA-SINGAPORE

Investiture Includes Three Pastors

Three pastors were invested as Master Guides at the investiture service held during the chapel service at San Yu High School on April 21. Pastor Bernie Donato, Southeast Asia Union Youth Director, led out in the service.

Pastor Matthew Yuen, Pathfinder Director, organized the service at the Thomson Road Chinese church. He and two other pastors, Isaac Foo of the Kota Bahru church and Joshua Mok, Sabbath school and Lay Activities Director of the West Malaysia-Singapore Mission, were invested as Master Guides that day. Twelve junior and teen-age young people were invested as Friends during the service also.

It is indeed thrilling to see pastors, with heavy responsibilities, taking time out to improve themselves and become better youth leaders. They will surely be an inspiration to others to continue their efforts in guiding young people to their Saviour, Jesus Christ.—*Phoon Chek Yat.*



Those who took part in the San Yu High School investiture service. Front Row, left to right: Pastors Phoon Chek Yat, Bernie Donato, Joshua Mok, Isaac Foo, Matthew Yuen, and instructor Daniel Yeo. Second row: young people invested as Friends.

Dunman Road Choir Enjoys Retreat

Choir members and sponsors of the Dunman Road church enjoyed a spiritual retreat on beautiful Sentosa island over the week-end of March 12.

Under the leadership of Choir Director, Warren Hann; Choir President, Dr. Gan Seng Ann; and Church Pastor, Sim Chor Kiat, the group rented a holiday bungalow for the week-end. Their time spent together included Bible Study, inspirational music, good food, witnessing and recreation. Sabbath morning worship was held near the sea. Andrew Chia and Ong Kiem Sian played their guitars to lead in group singing.

Sabbath afternoon, Pastor Robert Heisler, Lay Activities Director of the Southeast Asia Union Mission, spoke to the group and reminded them of the spirit of the pioneers and how they sacrificed to spread the message of the Sabbath and the soon-coming Savior. The soul-winning experiences of Joseph Bates were recounted, providing an example and inspiration for lay activities. Following his talk the group was free to break up by two's and three's to pass out enrollment cards for the VOP Health course among the many tourists roaming the island.

On Sunday the group enjoyed the beach recreational facilities.—*Robert Heisler*



Singing played an important part of the week-end activities. Andrew Chia with the guitar.



Dr. Gan leading out in a Bible Game.



Elder Heisler speaking to the group.



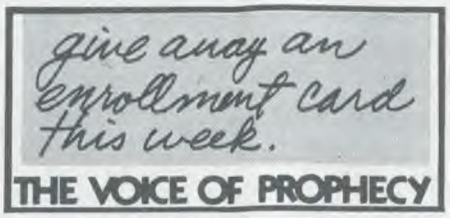
The food tasted so good!

New Youth Songbook Published

A new youth songbook, *Advent Youth Sing*, has just been published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association and should be available in the very near future at the Southeast Asia Publishing House.

The new songbook is unique in that song titles are arranged alphabetically instead of by topics. Each song is arranged in four-part harmony and has chord notations indicated. In the back of the book is a complete guitar chord finger-positioning chart for easy reference.

The songs have been selected for their message and singability. Many have as their theme the second Coming of Christ and preparation for His appearing.



New Accountant Joins Union Treasury

Michael Chia began his new work as Accountant and Cashier in the Union office on April 1, 1977. He replaces Edmund Ho who recently became Union Auditor. Michael will also do the treasurer's work for the Voice of Prophecy.

He completed the diploma business course at Southeast Asia Union College in 1973, following which he spent two years in national service. In 1975 he joined the accounting staff at Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital. We welcome Michael's quiet efficient manner.



Michael Chia

GOD'S UNEXPECTED LEADING

by
Peter Lester

Senior year at Southeast Asia Union College — new friends — new experiences — graduation less than a year away — thoughts of returning home to England with a vocation the antithesis of that when I left home.

It was bitterly cold, so much so that I spent much time walking around just to keep warm. The place was Mussoorie in northern India. I had travelled there from a town lower down in the hills, called Rishikesh.

I had come to India for a holiday, yes, but also to find out more about Hinduism, a faith that I had been involved in for three years in connection with the Hare Krishna people. I had spent a fortnight in Rishikesh staying at an ashram beside the Ganges river.



Peter Lester

I had an intense desire to go to this place called Mussoorie, having first heard about the town when I boarded a train called the Mussoorie Express. But, then, I had apprehensions, for I had to first travel to Dehra Dun, and the bus that would take me there was the very one I had tried to use earlier to go to a leprosy colony. That experience cost me over three hours of frustration as the locals shrugged their shoulders to my enquiry, "Is there a bus?"

Despite my apprehensive feeling I packed my backpack and headed for the village. But I had no need to ask if there was a bus, because there it was, door open, ready to depart to Dehra Dun and thence to Mussoorie. I entered, the door shut, and I was off. The same experience happened at Dehra Dun. The Lord's guidance?

The day after my arrival in Mussoorie I wrote home to Mum and told her that it was so difficult to get good food (I was a vegetarian) and that it was very cold.

Finding the library, I settled down to learn some Hindi, but also to look through my Bible which I had brought with me.

On leaving the library I walked over to a small church to note the time of the service, the next day being Sunday. But looking up I couldn't help but notice all the people walking in a direction I knew not where. I followed them, walking for some time till I came to another town of Landour.

It was one of those towns with a narrow main street lined with shops on either side. The shopkeepers did their best to get me into their shops short of dragging me in, but hands in pocket I went on. Then I stopped. Someone had called out, yes, but then, so had everyone else. I turned, and the Indian gentleman who had called spoke to me. We talked for about thirty minutes.

He showed me the Himalaya mountains from his window, but he didn't want to sell me anything. I told him that I was on a cultural visit to India. He was a Hindu, but what happened next I have no doubt to be from the Lord. He told me that I should go visit a Canadian missionary at Ivy Cottage. I didn't really want to take the address, but the name bothered me. Perhaps it was because my late aunt had so wanted to buy a little cottage back home in Ivy Lane.

So, I took the address, thanked the gentleman, and set off to find the house. Finding Ivy Cottage, I knocked, not too sure what to say, but a kindly lady opened the door and asked me in. The smell of a freshly baked loaf of bread filled the house. The table was set with all vegetarian food, *enough for two people*, and on the side sat the freshly baked loaf of bread. The missionary was, at the time I knocked, just about to sit down to eat by herself.

Looking back, I know that the Lord planned my visit. For four hours I listened to the gospel, and joy filled my heart as I yielded to Jesus and received Him as my Saviour.

A series of events — a Bible study in Delhi, meeting Operation Mobilization in Bombay and in Pondicherry — led me to come by ship to Singapore, where, after a short visit to England, I returned to study at a Bible College. Attending an evangelistic rally in May, 1976, I was introduced to the Seventh-day Adventist church. Since then I have transferred to Southeast Asia Union College for my final year.

Editor's note: Peter Lester was baptized early in February. He will graduate in November. His future plans are to obtain certification of the International Federal Aviation Authority as an airplane mechanic, thus qualifying him for service in the mission field as a pilot-evangelist.

Southeast Asia Union College — News Notes

by Maggie Tan

BOBBY LEE has returned from the Philippines where he received his B.A. in Communication at the University of the Philippines. He also took guitar lessons and has mastered the Spanish flamenco technique. He now teaches in the Singapore Guitar Ltd. studio.

HENRY MARTONO returned from the Philippines for a vacation in May. He has completed first-year medicine at the University of the East. His brother, RUDY, has completed his second-year medicine at the same University.

LEE PENG CHEONG and his wife, the former DOROTHY YEE, left for the Philippines on May 15 to take graduate studies in Business and Public Health respectively. Peng Cheong will enroll in the University of the Philippines; Dorothy will enroll at Philippine Union College.

SAMUEL AND NANCY LIM have become parents of a baby girl born on April 22, 1977. Samuel (brother of Stephen Lim) is an X-ray technician at the Washington Sanitarium; Nancy is a nurse.

S. S. DANIEL left with the Bretsches to the United States for a vacation and to visit friends. He runs his own real estate business and also deals in second-hand cars.

MRS. MAISIE TAN is spending summer vacation with her children in the States. She will also attend daughter Karen's graduation at Loma Linda University for her second Bachelor's degree in accounting.

DRS. LILY (LUCAS) & MOHAN CHANDRASEKHAR and family have come from India for their vacation. Both are physicians at the Adventist Mission Hospital in Surat. Dr. Mohan is the Medical Director of the hospital. They have three children, two girls and a boy.

MADGE TAN-OH and baby Lyndsay are spending summer vacation with their folks in Singapore. Madge has had a year off from graduate school but will resume her studies at Loma Linda University next school year.

GWENDELINE LEVOS is also spending summer vacation with her folks. She has completed her B.S. in Nursing and is working at the Loma Linda University Medical Center.

MRS. BEATRICE CHIA (BITT MOI) visited friends in Singapore over the weekend of May 20. She is on her way to California to join her daughters in the Loma Linda area. She has served as Registrar at the Ekamai school in Bangkok since her return from Philippine Union College where she received her M.A. in Guidance and Counseling.

Union Chaplains Attend Workshop

Seven chaplains from medical institutions in the Southeast Asia Union were among the twenty seven who attended the third Division-wide Hospital Chaplains' Workshop held in Hong Kong from April 15 to 20, 1977. The group included Ng Gan Theow and Esther Khor of Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital, John Lai and Hannah Lai of Penang Adventist Hospital, and Romulo Bartolme of Phuket Mission Hospital. In attendance from Bangkok Adventist Hospital were John Lee and John Alspaugh, President and Secretary respectively of the Far Eastern Division Hospital Chaplains' Association. The workshop was held at the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital on Stubbs Road. Delegates were housed at a hotel nearby.

Dr. Wilbur Alexander of Loma Linda University Medical Center presented a series of studies on spiritual care in the clinical setting. He emphasized the importance of treating the patient as a whole. Dr. Dunbar Smith discussed the history and philosophy of Adventist medical work. He gave valuable insights into the dynamics behind what we do in medical institutions.

A number of the delegates presented studies on different aspects of a chaplain's work. A most valuable part of the workshop was the open and frank sharing of thoughts among the chaplains. Many ideas and problems were brought out in the discussions. Though answers were not found for all the problems, yet at least the chaplains are aware of some of the difficulties others are facing. — *John Lee*

Penang Hospital Graduates Nurse Aides

Twelve nurse aides and five dressers completed an inservice training program at Penang Adventist Hospital and were awarded diplomas on May 15, 1977. In the 53 years of the hospital's history, this is the first time a nurse-aide class has graduated.

The course, aimed at upgrading the assistant staff, included two study blocks of eight weeks each. The Matron, Miss Newman, spent many hours organizing the classes and arranging material. Mrs. Paula Sehu, deputy nursing director, taught the first block, and the second block was taught by Mrs. Dorothy Lee, assisted by Mrs. Maggi Lim.

Graduation was held in the church which was tastefully decorated with floral bouquets on the platform and orchid clusters on the pews. The nurse-aides marched in by twos and sat in the choir loft during the program. Dr. Effie Jean Ketting provided appropriate organ music and also rendered a beautiful solo. Chief of Staff, Dr. Kenneth Oh, in his remarks, challenged the graduates to more effective service. He stressed the importance of the nurse as a liaison between the doctor and the patient, carrying out the doctor's instructions for treatment and bringing to him accurate information as to the condition and reaction of the patient.

Mrs. Flora Joshua is among those with the longest service record. She and her son, John, were both among the graduates. For excellence in classwork Mr. Soon Kee Huan was awarded first prize and Miss Lim Paik Im received second prize. After receiving congratulations, the graduates and their friends enjoyed light refreshments. — *E. J. Heisler, Hosp. Manager*



Penang Hospital nurse-aide graduation. Left to right are James Wah, Dr. Eden Smith, E. J. Heisler, Dr. Kenneth Oh, Dr. Sam Ketting, Miss Judith Newman and the graduates.