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DOOR-TO-DOOR WITNESSING HASTENS CHRIST'S RETURN

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Why hasn't Jesus come?

"The long night of gloom is trying, but the morning is deferred in mercy, because if the Master should come, so many would be found *unready*. God's unwillingness to have His people perish has been the reason for so long delay" *Testimonies*, vol. 2 page 194 (1869)

What do Christ's people need in order to be ready?

His character. Christ's Object Lessons, page 69.

How do we obtain the character of Christ?

"In order for us to develop a character like Christ's, *we must share in His work.*" *Desire of Ages*, page 142.

Inspired by these, and many more divine instructions, Pastor Calvin Smith, the Union Lay Activities Director, conducted an On-the-job training in Door-to-Door Witnessing, with the help of Pastor Lawrence Banyie, the Mission Lay Activities director, plus several other pastors and workers in the Serian district.

It was the first time that such a witnessing program was ever held in 6 of the churches, namely Bunga, Tarat Mawang, Rayang, Riih, Pasir and Empungan. And as we might expect, the devil certainly did not fail to cause doubts to arise. However, the Holy Spirit overruled and the doubts disappeared when the teams went visiting and found out that it was quite simple to do. Soon God blessed their effort and thrilled their hearts so that they were all smiling and full of joy when they met again for reports after the visits.

Can you help but be full of joy and praise when you get responses like these?

"This is wonderful! I thought nobody cared about me all these 15 years," said one backslider that was visited. "I want to study the Bible, and come back to church again. Please come again" said others.

"Don't just visit one home only, but come and teach all of us in this longhouse; not only the Bible, but teach us your songs also; we love to hear your songs."

No wonder when asked if they would join the visitation again the following week, every team member raised hands with a lot of enthusiasm. Certainly the greatest joy is to see a soul surrender to Christ, our Lord.

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Does Tithe-Paying Pay?

"Sultan, you better dismantle your house and build it elsewhere, and not have it stand on the top of this spring," demanded the villagers of Emplanjau. "Few of our people got sick and died and the witch-doctor said that the devil is angry because you have built your house on the top of this spring," the villagers pressed, pointing to the spring that flows under Sultan's house. The spring was believed to be a bathing place of KUMANG the Iban goddess.

Sultan is a faithful laymen of Emplanjau Adventist Church. He helps to conduct Bible Study classes for his longhouse and takes charge of the church services in the absence of the church pastor. After the birth of his first baby, Sultan was asked to live separately from his parents. That means that he has to build his own house, make his own farm and live an independent life. That is how Sultan has his house built on the top of the spring.

"Well, I cannot dismantle my house so soon," Sultan argued. "I have no one to help me build one and besides I have to work very hard to feed my family for as all of you know, I started to rear my family from nothing."

There was a meeting held in the longhouse that night, and someone suggested that the whole village would go out to the forest the next day to find wood to build a house for Sultan. Very soon, the building materials came in piece by piece. The posts were erected then the beam and the rafters and finally the roofing. Some of the villagers began to hammer boards to make the walls and floors. Finally, the

house was completed.

"Sultan, you can move now, and live in the brand new house that we have built for you. Please do, otherwise the evil ones will plague us again," the villagers pleaded.

Sultan obediently obeyed, packed his few belongings and occupied the new house. Asked as to how much he contributed to build the house, Sultan said, "I did not spend a single cent, but I know that this is one way which God blessed me, because I paid a faithful tithe and I am trying my best to be God's faithful layman." Sultan answered beaming with a smile.



Sultan's family is rewarded

"Faithful stewardship requires the use of life and its products to the glory and benefit of God. What you do with the life God has given you to use, both reveals and develops your character. The motive and degree of faithfulness in your stewardship show whether or not you are in harmony with His Kingdom, and thus safe to save." COB 332

Pulling Teeth Fills A Need

"Oh! it must be very painful," whispered a woman, trying to empathize with the dental patient. Her mouth was wide open pretending to absorb every pressure put forth by the dentist on the patient's tooth.

Very recently the Health Department of Sarawak SDA Mission, led by Maitland Di Pinto, Mission Health Educator, conducted a dental clinic in four villages in Health-project Areas. The villagers were: Keniong, Sematong, Gawang and Jaong.



Mait Di Pinto tackles a bad tooth

The objectives were to promote proper dental care to every resident in the longhouses and to train pastors in the various methods and techniques of dental care and tooth extraction.

Pastor Sipuk Sagong and Michael Sarod were the recipients of the practical training on dental care. To date, five local pastors have undergone intensive dental care training from an experienced dentist.



Kuching Pathfinders welcome King of Malaysia

TEMPERANCE RALLY ROUSES 250

Every cigarette you smoke shortens your life approximately 18 minutes," Pastor Bernie Donato, SAUM Temperance Director, emphasized during a Temperance Rally conducted at Ayer Manis School Auditorium in late 1979. 250 young people attended the rally and came from various secondary schools in the Serian district and the nearby churches.

In his discourse, Pastor Donato compared Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs as the Three Dragons, which destroy thousands of lives and make people slaves. Referring to wine he said that it can easily deceive people, because wine is the

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THAILAND

SAWS Helps Cambodian Refugees

"There were six of us in the family, now I am the only one left." "We spent two weeks walking through the jungle to get here, almost half of our group did not make it." "I was an engineering student, my father, mother, brothers and sisters have all died." "This is all I have" said a youth pointing to a few pieces of clothing and a sauce pan blackened by soot.

These were some of the stories I heard as I stood talking with a group of Kampuchean refugees at Khao I-Dang Camp and as they talked, the group grew bigger. It was a pitiful sight, looking at the faces of these people who have been deprived of the basic needs of human existence. I was still looking for words to comfort them, when one of the young men spoke up, "We are lucky to be alive. We are glad to have people like you all, who have come to help us."

Indeed, we were there to help in Khao I-Dang, the newest refugee camp near the Thailand-Kampuchean border. Seventh-day Adventist World Service (SAWS) together with Bangkok Adventist Hospital, have a medical team at this camp,



Checking IVs is BAH nurse Chinda



Eddie Ammon gives blood



Nurse Judy Aitken

taking charge of a 100-bed ward at the field hospital.

Khao I-Dang Camp was started on November 21, 1979 when close to 10,000 refugees moved to a site prepared by the Thai Military and the United Nations High Commissioners on Refugees (UNHCR). It was designed to take in up to 200,000 refugees, the camp had more than 30,000 people by the second week. More are still coming.

New arrivals were given plastic sheets and bamboo for tents, and mats for sleeping on. They have to clear their own campsite and build their own tents. Food rations are given to them to do their own cooking. Usually the ration for each day consists of rice, some type of vegetable and salted fish.

In another refugee camp, at Sa Keow, Dr. Alwin Parchment started work in November as the Epidemiologist-Public Health physician. Having served in Singapore at Youngberg Memorial Hospital, Dr.



(Front) BAH Thai nurses featured on TV

Parchment will be transferred to refugee work in Thailand in the SAWS team. His past experience as a public health physician makes him a very needed person in this camp. There are about 40,000 refugees here, most of whom arrived late in October, 1979.

Elder Richard Hall, newly appointed SAWS director for refugee work, will be stationed in Bangkok to oversee this work. As more refugees pour in, I will be making more on-the-site reports from time to time. We need your prayers and support. The Kampuchean refugees need your help—John K. Lee, BAH.



BAH's top-rated medical team gets set for the border with Dick Hall and Dick O'Fallon (right back).



Refugee Camp at Kow I-Dang

A PICTURE STORY OF RELIEF FOR CAMBODIAN REFUGEES



Tent City food line at Sa Keow



Wet-nursing 10 refugee babies



Kwashiorkor victim



Eddie & Kathryn do hospital laundry



Tourists donate blood



Anemic child



Dr. Turner



Refugees love pictures



Paul Essig



Bamboo hospital



Jerry Aitken (right) & Rick check donated supplies



Lisa gives toys at orphanage



Jill feels for fever



Dr. Al and patients



Blood from Dr. Dan & Sheri Pletsch

AID TO THE REFUG



Top left, Dr. & Mrs. M. Bascom's refugee council



Nurse Jeanie Ryan



Irene McEachren & Dunman Rd SD



A kid gets Ted



J. P. Rao & pharmacy staff



Drs. D & E Smith help



Far Eastern Academy's Dale Rhodes & concert



Cecilia and Serena help



Drs. Lee, Parchment & Nurses Sherry Anthes, Ann King



Refugee helper Ray Ammon



Rain can't stop Lisa Roberts and Tim Standish



Blankets, mats & milk given by Tami, Deri & Scott



Naomi Zalabek, Jacob & Dulcie Anchant help



Shonda and Julie give apples



A rescue at sea of "boat-people"

SEE "BOAT PEOPLE"



...s gospel concert draws a crowd



...nd performs for refugee Christmas happiness



Eddie Green and Renee Fuller give fruit



A picnic for kids by Juanita & Kim



Bob Grady assists Dr. Hay



Dr. Joe Nozaki



Dr. M. Biggs



Nurse Trudy Hay



Nurse Rose



Nurse Betty Turner



Nurses Carrol & Anita



Dennis Gibbs



Nurse Elizabeth George



Nurse Dot Amundson



Nurse Olga Kaiser



Drs. S. & M. Tan and the Robbies help



Dental help by Mike Ryan, Jim Thurmon and Dr. Peter Cavanaugh & Christian





W. MALAYSIA-
SINGAPORE

"A Voice Crying In The Wilderness"



HMS Richards greets Yvonne Chong and Sorapee Sorajjakool (right)

"The weather outside was frightful"—gloomy and rainy, on Saturday night, November 19, but a group of some 400 people gathered inside the Chinese S.D.A. Church on Thomson Road in Singapore to greet Elder HMS Richards Jr., World Director of the Voice of Prophecy, and the King's Heralds Quartet.

"Lift Up the Trumpet, and Loud Let It Ring," sang the King's Heralds Quartet while Elder H.M.S. Richards stepped forward and in a typical broadcasting manner said, "From Singapore we present—"A Voice Crying in the Wilderness, 'Prepare ye the Way of the Lord.'" "It is nice to be with you V.O.P. graduates and friends," began H.M.S. Richards, as Mr. Ee Tuck Ee of the S.D.A. School translated into Chinese.

"Every man and woman needs a point of reference and I suggest to you, tonight, Jesus Christ as your



Music magnetism by the King's Heralds

point of reference," said Pastor Richards. "Let us quietly talk with God while the quartet sings about the sweet presence of God." As all heads were bowed in prayer an invitation was given for those to raise their hands who wanted to accept Jesus.

All were encouraged to fill out a slip which stated "I want to follow Jesus Christ and desire personal Bible study," and as Pastor Richards prepared to leave, he expressed his pleasure at meeting with the thousands of students throughout the world, and invited all present to join hands and hearts in mutual love for Christ.—Betty Turner

Sarawak's Biggest V. O. P. Rally

400 people attended a Voice of Prophecy Rally at Kapit town late September, 1979. 82 received the English V.O.P. certificates and 44 received the Iban V.O.P. certificates. 14 were baptized as a result of the V.O.P. lessons and 36 decided to join in the Bible studies. 233 more new students are enrolled in the V.O.P. lessons.

Matthew and Jenny Bandan, our Training by Extension Education students, were responsible for organizing the program. We praise the good Lord for this good news—David Ngali Mina

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number one killer of brain cells which can never be recovered. Alcohol is easily absorbed into the blood stream and causes agglutination which means that red blood corpuscles become sticky, thus they stick to each other and block the minute blood capillaries, resulting in the lack of oxygen and more carbon dioxide in the brain cells. Pastor Donato also said that alcohol distorts one's vision, unbalances the equilibrium and deprives a person of his reasoning power.

Drugs cause hallucinations. They make a person live in a make-believe world. Hot flames of fire seem like a pretty bouquet of flowers, a 5-storey building is like a step below, et. cetera. To the youth that were present during the rally, Pastor Donato advised, "Shun anything that has to do with drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.



Pastors B. Donato & C. Smith baptize in Sarawak



VOP Graduates

SAUM SCENES



VOP farewells Miss Janet Arulpragasam after 24 years of dedication, also Andrea Tan and Harriet Ammon for faithful service too. Below Phuket's Dr. Erlinda & Rodrigo Caagbay.



Grad. speaker Dr. Hay (left). Praise God Earl Anchant is well after serious illness



Dr. Wayne McFarland, of the 5-Day Plan, boosts it for YMAH. (Right) Dr. Zinke, on health. (Below) Red Cross' H. May tests Pathfinders.



Christmas at Dr. R. Standish's home

WEDDINGS



Chelvie & Laurence Tan



See Swee Leng & Goh Liang Kim



Andrew & Cynthia Kandasamy



Christina & Wee Hun Been



Annie & Stephen Loo



Nancy & Terry Sitanggang



Mariya & Pastor Tur



Publishing Report:
Left, Madam Chian Fong Ying who, with Daniel Lim brought the truth to Mr. Seva (center). Fong Ying, (Singapore), is top lady with \$5,000 in book sales and church activities. Gilbert Tan, Sarawak, is top man with \$3,966 in sales and activities.

From Laos;

Dear Editor of "The Messenger":
May you please help and offer some little services by sending us a copy of every issue of your esteemed magazine, "The Messenger," from the day you receive this letter and on.

The Vientiane church in Laos is still existing even between difficulties and hardships of this present times. And so, we, few members

who are remaining here in this country want to know about our churches round about us here in Southeast Asia, by reading your magazine, "The Messenger". But we can not give a subscription for it. Therefore, we just ask your generosity to send us free.

We hope that, to read your magazine will somehow be a refreshing spirit and a strengthening faith for us here in this time. *Sincerely in Christ. - Mr. B.*



SABAH



Elders Leo Ranzolin and Jim Thurmon inspect Pathfinders

Ranzolin Visits SAUM Pathfinders

Elder Leo Ranzolin, World Pathfinder Leader and Associate Director of the Youth Department of the General Conference, met a large number of Youth leaders and Pathfinders in Southeast Asia during his visit here early November, 1979.

Together with Pastor Bernie Donato, Elder Ranzolin witnessed the Pathfinder programs in Bangkok, Thailand, in Kuching, Sarawak and in Tamparuli, Sabah. In Singapore he was accompanied by Elder Winston DeHaven, Youth Director of the Far Eastern Division and spoke before a large group of students, teachers and SDA workers who assembled at SAUM auditorium.

Wherever he went, Elder Ranzolin won the love and admiration of the young people as he mixed freely with them. His presence was a strong boost for the Pathfinding program of the Union here. In Sabah, Pastor Jim Thurmon, Mission President and former Youth Director of the Texas Conference, took Elder Ranzolin to the mission-owned campsite which they reached after a 15 minute ride in the twin-engined fiberglass mission boat.

Before he left for Jakarta, Indonesia, Elder Ranzolin expressed a desire to visit Southeast Asia again and if possible join the Pathfinders

during the 2nd Union-wide Pathfinder Camporee in Phuket, Thailand next April, 1981.

We trust he, and many others, will be able to join that great youth session bound by the common ties of Christian love and fellowship.—
Bernie Donato

Chuan Hoe Crusades For Christ

In my experience, whenever we hold a crusade, God will reward our efforts with souls. Sure enough, Sabbath afternoon, December 22, 1979 three persons were baptized in the sea at Marine Parade, behind the "Big Splash" in Singapore by Pastor Robert Heisler, President of the Southeast Asia Union Mission.

Many months before the seminar, we had been trying to secure a place for the crusade. A few weeks before it began, we had an intensive visitation program devoted to visiting the Voice of Prophecy interests and distributing 18,000 handbills in nearby residential areas.

Pastor Ray Ammon, Publishing Director of SAUM, was the main speaker and our seminar soloist, Mrs. Irene McEachren communicated the gospel through songs. Health lecturers were Drs. J. Wayne McFarland, Joseph Nozaki, Jack Turner, Tony Perez and Jack Hay. The Chuan Hoe members are thankful to all these kind people for finding time to crusade in their



Seminar speaker Ray Ammon, center, Michael Ho and members

territory.

About half of the people attending the seminar were Christians of other faiths who attended the meetings faithfully. 14 persons responded to the altar calls on the last two nights. One young lady, after learning about Sabbath observance, asked her employer for Sabbaths off. He said, "Not all the people can follow the teachings of the Bible." Her reply was thought-provoking, "Yes, not all can follow the teachings of the Bible, but it doesn't mean that *some* cannot follow them." She was given Sabbaths off because of her faith and courage to follow Jesus Christ all the way. She was also one of the baptismal candidates.

The main harvest is yet to be reaped. A Bible class is being conducted on every Friday night for the interests created. Several people are receiving personal Bible studies from the pastor and church members. We thank God for the fine weather although a rainy season was forecasted, and for precious souls won to God's love.

—*Michael Ho*



Pastor Heisler



Mrs. I. McEachren



SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE

Youth And Truth Triumph

B. Harry Vijayabalan a stalwart youth of 18 was introduced to the beliefs and community services of Seventh-day Adventists by Herbert Geibel, a former student of Far Eastern Academy in Singapore. The two teenagers met while they were both visiting patients in Youngberg Adventist Hospital 2 years ago. Since then, Harry has been a regular member of the Southeast Asia Union College church and a participant in youth activities.

This year he was invited to an interview for the *President's Scout Award*. But as the interview fell on Sabbath he decided not to attend. Instead he requested the college church pastor to write a letter of excuse on his behalf knowing this would automatically disqualify him. But God rewarded him for his faithfulness and Harry received the award by President Benjamin Sheares on August 31, 1979.

Presently Harry is an engineering student under scholarship from Singapore International Airline. He is an active Sabbath School member and also takes a keen interest in Pathfinder activities. We appreciate the religious liberty privileges the Singapore Government affords its aspiring citizens and pray youth, like Harry, will go far in serving their country and their Lord.—*Sim Chor Kiat, SAUC Pastor*



Winnie, Gillian & Sim Chor Kiat



Singapore President Sheares awards SDA youth Harry Vijayabalan (Min. of Culture photo)

The Ang Mo Kio House Church Young, but Stable

Difficulties encountered in starting a new congregation in a "virgin" territory are very much different from those encountered in maintaining an already established church. A lack of resources (both human and financial), an inadequate meeting place, and unfamiliarity with the territory and its residents demand sustained enthusiasm and grim determination.

Mid-year 1977, a handful of Southeast Asia Union College students and a few volunteers from Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital Church embarked on such a project in the new housing estate of Ang Mo Kio, a recent satellite town in Singapore.

Today, after having experienced much "teething" problems, the church in Ang Mo Kio is pleasantly stable.

Some factors that contribute to its stability as a young church are:

1. A strong sense of "togetherness" and "belonging" among its members. One can immediately sense a spirit of warmth and friendliness when one steps into the church.
2. Its congregation constitutes a mature group. About a third are married people. More than half are young working adults. The youth (in their late teens) display mature and responsible attitudes.
3. Financially the church functions

quite autonomously. Except for special funds for evangelistic purposes and subsidy for rental, the church takes pride in maintaining itself. Unhealthy dependency upon others is thus discouraged.

4. Recent converts handle key leadership roles responsibly. Newly baptized members are not "spoon-fed" by the more experienced volunteer helpers. They function creditably in important roles. In fact, the main departments like Lay-Activities, Sabbath School and Child-Evangelism are headed by recent converts. Every member has a contribution to make in the smooth running of the church.—*Pastor Ng Kah Seng*

SDA School Wins Trophy

A 30-member Junior Choir of the Seventh-day Adventist School in Singapore under the direction of Mrs. L. Wee walked off with a third-prize trophy during the Primary Schools Bilingual Singing Contest held at the Macpherson Community Centre in conjunction with the Potong Pasir Constituency National Day Celebrations this summer.

With the strong emphasis on bilingualism in Singapore, this contest was held to encourage students to master at least two languages in school. During the contest, each choir group was required to present two songs in two different languages.



In his closing remarks, Mr. Alex Abisheganaden, a school inspector for the music section of the Department of Education and a judge for the singing contest, praised the participating schools for the efforts made in helping their students to appreciate this branch of fine arts and further encouraged the principals to keep up with their good works.

Mr. Loke Mun Leng, chairman of Citizens' Consultative Committee of Potong Pasir Constituency, presented the trophies to the winners of the singing contest. —Jonathan Ng, Education Director, WMSM

YOUTH THAT CARE SHARE

Thirty-seven Youth Fellowship members camped at the Singapore Christian Conference Centre at Changi Point early September, 1979. Our camp director, Vincent Chee, together with other officers planned this camp with the purpose of sharing the gospel with the Seventh-day Adventist School students.

An evangelistic series, "We Share the Beautiful Life" was conducted by Pastor Jonathan Ng. He listed 5 spiritual facts and experiences illustrating the beautiful life one can have in Jesus Christ. *Start Right*, a book containing basic studies for Christian life was given to each camper.

Pastor Sim Chor Kiat of SAUC led discussions in personal growth and representatives of 5 groups took turns to present personal testimonies. A question-and-answer period

Left, Singing Contest Winners. Right, SAUC Baptismal Group

was given to solving problems regarding how to live the victorious Christian life.

Recreation time each day included various activities as telematch, swimming, table tennis, volleyball, group games and a treasure hunt. Each group presented skits or songs during the free expression time. The groups with originality and cooperation were awarded prizes.

Then a consecration service was held on the last evening. The sacredness of this service was enhanced by reverent quietness and candlelighting. After a summary of the messages presented was given by each speaker the choir sang, "Just as I am" and "Right Now". Each camper brought his candle to be lighted and placed together on the table and the service ended with the group kneeling in a prayer circle. Lastly a film "Worlds Apart" was screened.

We praise God for the fun of sharing and participating in the programmes. Each camper left with a key chain and a cassette tape as souvenirs for sweet memories that linger on and on. —Diana David



Hal Heisler & Jenni Smith, children of SAUM workers fly to Indonesia to give 510 Bibles given by Dennis Gibbs. (Lower) Mae & Jake Mehling join SAUM from WWC, U.S.A.



Dr. D. Bauer & Marilyn of AU with Pastor J. Chong. (Lower) Sharing, Caring Singapore Youth

