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WE HAVE FOUND



THE "WAY OF LIFE"

PRAISE THE LORD!



PRAISE THE LORD!

Read about what is happening in our refugee camps in Thailand . . .

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## UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES IN TARGET 85, IF . . . . .

We don't "forget the way the Lord has led us in the past."

Do you remember the highlights of two outstanding activities or events in 1980—one in Sarawak and one in Sabah? They were reported in the 1980 FED Quinquennial Council Daily Bulletin as follows:

"Sarawak's largest evangelistic crusade ever with an average attendance of 1,000 for four weeks. Why? How? First, Brother Tayo, a layman, saw an angel who told him, 'Jesus is coming very soon—go.' The mission pastors studied together the sowing and reaping principles expressed in the Spirit of Prophecy—the principles of Target 85. They then began putting these to practice by joining with the laymen of Tayo's district in door-to-door work. They returned to their respective districts greatly inspired by the excellent response. Active witnessing action teams were then established in five churches of the Serian District. Four months later the Holy Spirit worked with the revived working members who brought their Bible students to the crusade. The immediate harvest: About 60 baptized as the witnessing program continues."



*Unschooling Brother S. Upas taught school teacher and politician Singkan.*



*Damai, Sabah, witness action team with Pastor Gindol.*

"The largest evangelistic crusade ever in Sabah with an average attendance of 1,400 over a four week period. 189 were baptized and 200 were in the baptismal class. How did it happen? By following the divinely appointed principles of Target 85—laymen and pastors united in sowing and reaping. Four months before the effort, witnessing action teams were established in seven churches of three districts. A full-time pastor-trainer, Nelver Sikul, continued on-the-job training in all the churches until the time of the effort conducted by Pastor Ginduk Laung. The revived, working members joyfully brought their Bible students to the evangelistic effort. Truly the Holy Spirit works in a mighty way when God's people unite as one in labouring together with Him. Half of the converts were members' interests and half were children from Adventist homes. Much inspiration was also gained by an exceptional Festival of Faith which closed the night before the effort began. (Pastor Jonathan Ng has highlighted this outstanding event in the following article.)

Yes, the possibilities are unlimited. A brief example: In the Damai Church, one of the districts involved in the above-mentioned program in Sabah, one of the members of the small witnessing action team has been used by God in a mighty way. Sangki Upas has, we've been told, "never sit on a school chair," but through the witnessing action team and the kind and helpful instruction of Pastor Ginduk, the new idea of witnessing inspired him to visit Singkan, a teacher by profession who recently became one of the leaders of a new political party. Singkan said, "I have been trying in vain to find security all of my life through the witch doctor, but since I have found Jesus, all the fear and doubt have disappeared from my mind. In Jesus I find new happiness and security. Thanks to Brother Sangki."

As a result of the work done by Brother Sangki, through the help of the Holy Spirit, another man came to study with him in Singkan's house. The three decided to start a branch Sabbath school. Now they have an average attendance of 70. A temporary building has been completed to house the new group, started by one faithful layman of the Damai Church.

As we move forward under the power of the Holy Spirit following the Lord's directions in Target 85, the possibilities are truly unlimited.—  
*Calvin L. Smith.*

# LAY EFFORTS



## 1. PREPARE THE FIELD

"If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tender-hearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one." 9T 189



## 2. CULTIVATE THE FIELD

Friendship, then confidence must come if we ever want anyone to listen to us. "And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another." Eph. 4:32. "If thou be kind to this people . . . they will be thy servants forever." 2 Chron. 10:7



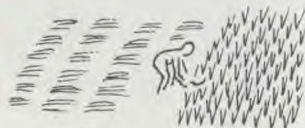
## 3. SOW THE SEED

Present Jesus first. "Bring the people right to Jesus Christ, in whom their hopes of eternal life are centered . . . As you bring to them the Word of God, presenting it in a simple style, . . . you will have a harvest." EV 178



## 4. RAIN, SUNSHINE, NUTRIENTS FROM SOIL

"And I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all men unto me." John 12:32. "So the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Saviour, pervades the soul, renews the affections, and brings even the thoughts into obedience to the will of God, enabling the receiver to bear the precious fruit of holy deeds . . . As in the natural, so in the spiritual world. The natural life is preserved moment by moment by divine power . . . So the spiritual life is sustained by the use of those means that Providence has supplied." AA 284



## 5. HARVEST THE CROP

"Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season . . ." 2 Tim. 4:2. "Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth." Jer. 1:9. "My word . . . shall not return unto me void." Isa. 55:11



## 6. JOY OF THE HARVEST

"For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy." 1 Thess. 2:19, 20





The pastor and his wife standing in front of the Miri Church [with a pastor's parsonage attached] which was dedicated on March 7, 1981.

## Miri Church Dedication

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Miri was dedicated debt free on March 7, 1981. Representatives from the Union in Singapore, the Sarawak Mission and Sabah were present for this impressive service. Of particular interest was the fact that with just half the amount needed for the construction the pastor and his members launched out in faith. The debt incurred did not discourage the members. They went out soliciting funds from the public who gave strong support to our request for financial assistance. Before dedication electricity was connected with a donation of \$2500 and this same donor also gave another \$2000 for new pews. A church member donated a brand new organ. On dedication day another \$2000 came in from the man who donated the pews. We praise God that we now have a permanent church home for our growing congregation in Miri. Plans have now been laid for a series of evangelistic meetings beginning in June this year. — Choo Wee Fong, President



R. Heisler, Union President gave the charge to Pastor Wung Wei Kong during the ordination service.

## Ordination in Miri

On Sabbath, March 7th, 1981, Wung Wei Kong was ordained to the gospel ministry in the new church, the construction of which he led out over a period of one year. Wei Kong was very active visiting VOP in Singapore and Malaya during his college days at SAUC. He worked as pastor evangelist in three towns between 1975 and 1980 in Sarawak — Simanggang, Sibu and Miri. With his musically talented wife, Wei Kong is giving strong pastoral leadership to our congregation in Miri. — Choo Wee Fong, President

Target 85 is the plan of the Sarawak Mission to involve every church in spreading the good news of Jesus soon coming in Sarawak. This was officially launched during the Triennial Session, January 9—13, 1981. The underlying concept of Target 85 can be best summarised by this statement taken from Evangelism 115. "The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort is that has been presented before me by the One who cannot err." In keeping with this concept every organised church will:—

- (i) firstly elect a Target 85 committee;
- (ii) secondly choose a territory for its evangelistic thrust;
- (iii) thirdly plan action teams involving as many church members as possible witnessing in this territory;
- (iv) fourthly plan to conduct reaping meetings for those who have studied the Bible lessons given by action teams.

We are happy to report that a total of 195 action teams for the 19 districts in Sarawak were planned for 1981 as follows:—

1. Simanggang	7
2. Kapit	3
3. Lubok Antu	5
4. Julau	4
5. Simunjan	8
6. Marudi	2
7. Kuching (Dayak)	4
8. Kuching (Chin.)	4
9. Kuching (Eng.)	6
10. Ulu Simunjan	28
11. Tatau	10
12. Pantu	10
13. Sibu	3
14. Petong	10
15. Bau-Lundu	3
16. Sebuyau	21
17. Miri	3
18. Serian	56
19. Kuching Luar B.	8

## We Will Miss You, Jim . . .



### The Thurmons at Singapore Airport

Pastor James Thurmon and family leaves for permanent return to the United States of America on March 20, 1981, after serving four years in Sabah Mission as its president. During the Thurmon presidency the mission made real progress in many areas. Firstly the acquisition of a seaside property that could be used as a camp ground, seaside resort, or even a new campus for an educational institution. Three days before leaving Sabah, Pastor Thurmon made a visit to the spot and made sure that the water supply system is still functioning. It was, and would be for a long time to come. Physical development in the mission, namely, pastors' housing, church buildings, improvement of schools, all these were attempted not without criticism.

Secondly, the bold attempt of providing for the welfare of pastors and teachers. The program of making available to pastors continuing education opportunities. This brings a lot of challenge and satisfaction to pastors knowing that they could continue to grow professionally.

Thirdly, evangelistic thrust Sabah style. The evangelistic tent gives Sabah a touch of North American camp meetings. Along with the tent there are other accessories—projectors, generators, screens, and other evangelistic equipment.

With the above and many other unclassified activities the Thurmons and his office staff are kept busy for the last four years. There are casualties for such a hectic program of course in terms of money and personnel.

For years the Mission and schools realised the need for some industries on the side. This had been tried and only added more liabilities and headaches administratively. It was decided about six months ago to create a subsidiary called the Sabah Mission Industries (SMI) to handle industries and non-religious type of activities such as buying diesel, making blocks or buy buildings materials, etc. This newly created "baby" must be given the chance to grow and be of help to the Mission.

Sabah Mission workers regretfully see the Thurmons leave. They pledge to carry on the task for God's glory. Pastor Thurmon, Judy, Lara, Steven, Amber have endeared themselves to the Sabah Mission family.—*Geoffrey A. Pauner, President*

## Elementary Church Schools in Sabah Mission

The elementary church school system in Sabah Mission has played a very significant role in the character development of the child. If one were to sum up the significance of this great objective of Christian education, the statement by Ellen White would do it best:

"To restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring back to the perfection in which he was created, to promote the development of the body, mind, and soul, that the divine purpose in his creation might be realized—this was to be the work of redemption. This is the object of education, the great object of life." Education pp. 15, 16.

This statement poses a great challenge. The development of character, the redemption of the whole person is a task that cannot be taken too lightly. The issues involved are eternal: "In the highest sense, the work of education and the work of redemption are one." Education p. 30.

To assure that education and redemption are inseparably linked,

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*Mrs. Lorraine Felker addressing the Primary School children in Goshen*

## REFUGEES R



Judy Aitken with some of the original group including Pastor Pham Minh Hoang, former secretary of the Vietnam Mission



Phann Sokhom; He was convicted of the Truth through translating "Way of Life" started the 1st Bible class with results as described.

Five Bible study and VOP classes conducted daily by newly baptized Seventh-day Adventist with 40-70 attending each class; hundreds more studying "Way of Life" and other VOP courses; over 60,000 VOP lessons supplied in a three month period; already several hundred graduated and baptisms multiplying.

Certainly the Holy Spirit is working in the lives of these—many well educated—individuals who have suffered beyond belief in their search for peace. I'm speaking of the work of God in the two adjoining Phanat Nikhom refugee camps 120 miles southeast of Bangkok.

Only in eternity will the true beginnings and results be known, but as we are able to ascertain, it began in a small way only a few months ago when a half dozen interpreters who had been working at the Khao-I-Dang SAWS hospital became

interested in studying the Bible and seeking for truth. They were then transferred to the Phanat Nikhom Holding Center and were asked to translate the VOP "Way of Life" lessons into the Khymer language. While translating, the truth brought conviction and decision. All the non-SDA translators were later baptized. One of them, Pham Socalm, a former law student from the University of Phnom Penh, was strongly convicted on the Sabbath truth. He started a small Bible class with some Christians. This has mushroomed into the above-mentioned proportions.

Certainly these results would not be, aside from the diligent efforts of SAWS personnel, Mrs. Judy Aitken and others such as Pastors R. E. Bartolome and Abel Pangan, and teachers, Ted Chew, Wong Chwee Lin and eleven others from Ekamai Adventist English School.

Judy is a Seventh-day Adventist currently working with another relief organization. She arranged for the translation of the lessons and has worked untiringly, often going several times a week to the camps, bringing encouragement and spiritual guidance. For example, her efforts to negotiate the difficult transfer of Khieu Savang from another camp resulted in uniting him with his wife and son. She also arranged for the seemingly impossible treatment of a severe physical malady Savang was suffering from. Through these two occasions he learned to trust God. He told God that if He would bring about his recovery he would witness for Him the rest of his life. Shortly after his complete recovery he was asked to be one of the two section leaders of the camp with 7000 under him. He encouraged the other section leader, a Buddhist, to study



One of the 5 daily classes. Teacher: Kueh Yuk Sikla of the accompanying story.



Happy graduate. Dr. Ouch Son, presenting Bibles, serves as local Elder.

# RESPONDING



VOP graduation in one of the three Sabbath worship services Feb. 21, '81 (Judy in center)



Baptism of 32 Feb. 21, 1981

the "Way of Life" lessons, and he began a "Way of Life" class for all his subordinate leaders. That class has now grown to 60 students.

You need to hear the story of the recently baptized young man chosen to teach two classes a day under Savang. His name: Kueh Yuk Sokha. See picture. (The following is a brief survey of the story he wrote for us.) He had an adopted brother who died on the battlefield. His father was a soldier. In 1970 as a commando Sokha was captured by the Viet Cong and imprisoned but escaped a year later. Then he lived with the family of Tansoy who were friends of his father. Through their encouragement he began to study the Bible and to believe in God. He later married and had a son, but in his desire to finish his education he left his wife and son with his family and returned to reside with Tansoy.

When the Khymer Rouge took over in 1975 the family of Tansoy was killed. Sokha managed to escape the massacre and walked four days and three nights to reach home. Upon arrival he was shocked to find that his father had been dead only two days.

The Khymer Rouge soon caught up with Sokha and sent him away from home to work. The news came that at midnight, Oct. 21, 1978, his family had been captured. He sneaked away and returned home January 15, where he found a friend who had escaped from the prison in which the family had been placed. The friend was certain they had all been sent from the prison, and he was quite certain they had all been killed, but nobody had seen the massacre. Sokha searched diligently for them, walking for two months all over the region, but found no trace.

Finally he escaped to Thailand where, although severely lonely, he has peace and joy in the message brought by the Voice of Prophecy lessons. He is a totally dedicated young man who teaches two "Way of Life" classes daily of from 40-60 people.

It is rare to find one of these refugees who does not have a similar tragic experience. We are so grateful for the work of the Holy Spirit who is inspiring the refugees to respond to the Prince of Peace. Let us pray that hundreds more will respond.—C. L. Smith, *Communication Director*

\* As this goes to printing, there are about 600-700 people attending church service every sabbath.



Part of Baptized teachers and leaders Khieu Savang (of accompanying story) far right



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A group of smiling Ex-smokers in Kuantan with the Five Day Plan Team.



WMS Temperance Director David Leoh chats with Datuk Lim (center) and Pastor Ng (left).

## "First" Five-Day Plan In Kuantan

Datuk Lim Chin Hui, a prominent businessman and a non-smoker, officially declared open a Health Education Exhibition in Kuantan, Pahang, Malaysia on February 15, 1981. Datuk Lim also presented prizes to winners of temperance poster contest among schools sponsored as a community service by the West Malaysia & Singapore Mission Temperance Department.

Presence at the opening ceremony were: WMS Mission Temperance Director David Leoh who gave the welcome remarks; WMS Mission Publishing Director Chay Fook Weng and SAUM Temperance Director Jonathan Ng who presented the opening address for the exhibition and thanked Datuk Lim and the general public in Kuantan for their support and interest in Better Living. A total of 5,000 people visited the exhibition.

Official permission was issued by the Director of Education for the State of Pahang for Pastor Jonathan Ng and his group to conduct Anti-smoking Campaigns in all secondary schools in the State. The team visited 7 high schools in Kuantan and spoke to no less than 3,000 students and teachers. They also spoke to members of Kuantan Red Crescent and the Methodist Youth Fellowship.



Dr. Wong Kai Cheng explaining the effects of nicotine on the brain.

A total of 25 smokers and 50 observers attended a Five-Day Plan conducted by Pastor Jonathan Ng and Dr. Wong Kai Cheng, a recent graduate of Christian Medical College, India. Kuantan Church Pastor Tan Kok Chin and SAUC Bible Instructor Phoon Chek Yat served as co-ordinators for the Plan with 12 students from Southeast Asia Union College assisting. Praise the Lord for what temperance outreach can do in creating a better public image for our new work in Kuantan.— Jonathan Ng, SAUM Temperance Director

## Growth In Pontian Sabbath School

Mrs. Eunice Lee, wife of church pastor at Pontian, Johor is very actively engaged in sabbath school work which resulted in the increase of children sabbath school membership to the present total of 35.

As principal of Pontian Adventist Kindergarten, Mrs. Lee is able to invite her students to attend sabbath morning service at the church. This is a very effective approach since the majority of the students are from non-christian homes.

During a recent Sabbath School Workshop conducted by Union Sabbath School Director Jonathan Ng and his wife Doreen, Kindergarten teachers were also invited to attend besides Sabbath school officers in order to further prepare them for the big task of child evangelism in the church.— Jonathan Ng, Sabbath School Director



Mrs. Eunice Lee telling story at Pontian sabbath school.





## Bangkok Adventist Hospital



The administration feels the need for more private rooms to meet the demands of our patients. New private rooms will be added on the second floor as well as two lovely VIP suites. The VIP suites will occupy corner areas overlooking the spacious carpet of grass, huge shade trees and flowering shrubs of the compound interior.

We look forward with anticipation to the completion of the first floor in mid-year and the second floor within the next few months.—*T. Y. Billones, Business Manager*

### When Rain Stops, We Pour

The progress of our new building at Bangkok Adventist Hospital is very evident as we see it from day to day. There has been a delay in the completion of the structure of the first floor due to the heavy monsoon rains that flooded the low areas of Bangkok, which also inundated the basement of the building. It was necessary to have the basement dry before concrete could be poured for the foundation.

The Physical Therapy Department has been temporarily moved to the fifth floor to give way for renovation. The present PT area will be part of the new X-Ray department.

The hospital Board of Directors has decided to move ahead in faith finishing the second floor which will accommodate the much needed space for the Health Education department. There will be a large auditorium, offices, cooking demonstration area and space for exercise.



The Bangkok Adventist Hospital was most fortunate to obtain the services of the distinguished health educators, Dr. & Mrs. Gerard Damsteegt for the new Health Education program.

Dr. & Mrs. Gerard Damsteegt have travelled widely throughout the United States studying various health conditioning and health education facilities. They come with a wealth of knowledge and experi-

ence in the area of health education.

In the new wing under construction is a modern Health Education facility. This spacious area will incorporate the latest overseas advances in the treatment and prevention of such serious diseases as strokes, heart attacks, and diabetes. These diseases are now extremely common in Thailand and the programs of the Bangkok Adventist Hospital in the prevention of these diseases as well as their treatment is now well recognized throughout Thailand.

The arrival of Dr. Damsteegt as the director of the Health Education Center and Mrs. Damsteegt as his associate will greatly enhance this significant department of BAH.

I personally see the development and expansion of the Health Education Department as one of the most exciting and significant advancements of BAH in the eighties.—*Dr. Russell Standish, Medical Director*



### They Have Done It Again!

The 27th 5-Day Plan to Stop Smoking concluded at Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital on March 5, 1981 with an excellent success rate. Eighty seven percent of the participants stopped smoking at the end of five days. As the smokers went through the ordeal of putting up with withdrawal symptoms, they especially appreciated the empathy from one of the main speakers, Dr. Jack Hay, a staff physician. Dr. Hay told them he too

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## W. MALAYSIA-SINGAPORE



*Pontain Chinese Chamber of Commerce President Ng Chook Teck thanked the Church for her community service.*

### Pontain Makes Headlines Again!

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Pontain, Johor under the able leadership of Pastor John Lee Kam Hong co-sponsored two Anti-smoking Campaigns with Pontian Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Pontian Town Youth Association during the first quarter of 1981.

Pastor Jonathan Ng, SAUM Temperance Director was invited as guest speaker for both occasions. While in Pontian, Pastor Ng also spoke to 500 students and teachers of Pei Chun Chinese High School and members of the Joyful Grace Presbyterian Church Youth Fellowship on the harmful effects of smoking and drug abuse.

Leading Chinese newspapers in Malaysia reported both campaigns and published Pastor Ng's lectures giving a total of 85 columns-inches of news articles which has helped to create a better public image for our church in Pontian. Special commendations go to our Pathfinders under the directorship of Daniel Neo for serving as colour guards and ushers during the campaigns.—*Jonathan Ng, SAUM Temperance Director*

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黃哲寬碩士主講抽煙與健康

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Sabah Mission operates and supports its own system of schools patterned after the Divine blueprint, at a very great expense. To date we have 13 elementary church schools with 24 Adventist teachers helping to mold the lives of 569 pupils under their care. Much effort have been done to ensure that the standards and ideals of Christian education are being maintained in the elementary church school. A systematic program of evaluation has been designed to help the schools become aware of their weaknesses and strenghts. One such evaluation was conducted in August last year. Led by Mr. Joseph Thia, Mission Educa-



*An eye check for one student at Gaur Mission School*

tion Superintendent; a team of educators comprised of Mrs. Lorraine Felker, FED Associate Director of Education; Pastor Roy Ryan, Union Education Director; and Mr. Wee Hun Been, Principal of Sabah Adventist Secondary School evaluated five church schools.

Plans have been made to establish another church school in the Kudat District this year. With the establishment of this church school, the work among the Rungus people in the Kudat District would be greatly strengthened. We praise the Lord for this opportunity in having part in the work of this great plan of redemption.—*Joseph Thia, Education Director*

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*An ex-smoker happily receives his certificate from Dr. Hay.*

used to be a smoker. Between he and his wife, they smoked about four packs a day.

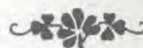
On the follow-up social gathering held a week after the 5-Day Plan, one of the participants' 9-year old daughter presented us with a box of biscuits which she made herself. A note accompanying the biscuits read:

"Dear Pastor Ng, Dr. Hay and Uncle Albert: These biscuits I hope will taste nice. If there are any left, give them to the people who are not smoking. I mean the ex-smokers. Thank you for stopping my mum from smoking. I hope this will go on. Thank you. Love, Talei."—*Ng Gan Theow, Chaplain*



**Lord, when we are wrong,  
make us willing to change,  
and when we are right,  
make us easy to live with.**

—Peter Marshall





SAUM Tidbits



Left to right: Pastor Bartolome Chunjai Thummuong Somnuk Jaingarm Somboon Mongkksaen Keow Tongin

February 16-18, Pastor Bartolome, Thailand Mission Publishing Director, and Pastor Ammon, Southeast Asia Union Publishing Director conducted a Literature Evangelist training School in Chiang Mei, Thailand. The Literature Evangelists represented came from Ubol, Chaing Mei, Chiang Kong, and Chiang Rei.

Pastor Abel V. Pangan, Bible, History, and Speech teacher at Adventist English School in Thailand received special recognition from Andrews University Alumni Association late last year, during a short alumni meeting at AES. He has spent twenty one years in denominational work in different capacities in the Thailand Mission.



Pastor Abel Pangan read the names as Pastor R. E. Bartolome, Assistant Communication Director of Thailand Mission, and C. L. Smith, SAUM Communication Director, presented the diplomas.

43 students graduated from a VOP course at the Ekamai, Thailand, Adventist English School. Pastor Abel Pangan had diligently taught this fine group of young people. It was a real joy to have the opportunity to speak words of encouragement to them and work with Pastor R. E. Bartolome in presenting their certificates. This special graduation service was held during their inspiring February week of prayer from Feb. 16-20 conducted by Dr. Gerard Damsteegt, Chaplain of the Bangkok Adventist Hospital.—C. L. Smith

Adventist English School administrator, Dr. Don Sahly has been appointed the Thailand Mission educational director. His predecessor, Dr. Steve Bassham is now ministerial secretary of the mission.

Over the last four years, the Home for Senior Citizens' in Ipoh has created quite an interest in the far away city of Rotterdam, Holland. This interest was created when two ladies, one of whom is the sister of Dr. Sam Ketting, medical director of Penang Adventist Hospital, visited Malaysia. The other lady was a nurse who worked in a Senior Citizens' Home in Rotterdam. This lady showed many pictures upon her return to the old folks in Rotterdam. They had a custom when one of the old citizens had a



birthday, to take up a collection and purchase a present. Several indicated that they would like to present the money to a mission field. As a result on two previous occasions, a check of more than \$500 was received and passed on to the Old Folks Home in Ipoh. When the Kettings went to Holland for furlough, the old folks there again collected over \$500 after slides were shown. With this donation and others that was collected among church members, a new van was purchased for the Home.



Warren G. Scales, SAWS Field Coordinator, with Van Lee who started the Bible class, with his assistants Ly Heng, Bun Kol, and Sopol.

Permission has not been granted for foreigners to hold religious services in the refugee camp. Nor has it been granted to date for refugees to be baptized. Nevertheless, Van Lee studied the Adventist message, surrendered his life to Christ and started a Bible study class consisting of seven members. After only two or three months with the helpful assistance of Ly Heng, Bun Kol and Sopol who have also been convicted and have responded wholeheartedly to the truth, the class has grown. These brothers in the faith are currently conducting Sabbath worship services with over 100 in attendance. Praise God!

The excellent dental and surgical care provided with loving kindness by SAWS and volunteer workers has been of inestimable value in reaching the hearts of these refugees.

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### ... Another page from God's Second Book

From March 16 to 19, the Union family gathered at Fraser's Hill for their triennial retreat. With "God's Hand in My Life" as the theme thought, the SAUM Social Committee with chairman Jonathan Ng and members, Anita Heisler, Lucy Ho, Marshall Chase, and Daniel Yeo invited SAUM president, Robert Heisler; SAUM secretary, C Y Wu; SAUM Publishing Director, Ray Ammon; SAUM education director, Roy Ryan; SAUM assistant publishing director, Winnie Elorta; and Mrs. Virginia Smith to share their personal experiences during the morning and evening worship services.

After rubbing shoulders in the train and bus for a total of nineteen hours, singing and praying together, enjoying meal times, and getting involved in group activities like star gazing, nature walks, bird watching (we have got one of the SAUM directors hooked on to it) golfing, fishing—have certainly helped to knit all members into a closer family unit in the Union office.

As we fellowshipped together amidst the beautiful surroundings of pine trees, beautiful flowers, cool air on that hill top, and reminisced on the guiding hand of God in our lives, we gained a precious mountain-top experience that will prepare us for greater challenges ahead—*Jonathan Ng, Youth Director*

