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Pastor Robert Grady and Mr. Winn Turambi [translator] during the Sabbath School Seminar.

"It's up to me to win three in 1983," was the slogan used during the Sabbath School Seminars conducted at Lubok Antu Church and Ayer Manis Adventist Training Center on January 19-20 and 21-22, 1983 respectively. The team was led by Pastor Robert Grady, Far Eastern Division Sabbath School Director, assisted by Pastor Ng Gan Theow and Mrs. Anita Heisler, Southeast Asia Union Mission Sabbath School Director and Child Evangelism Director respectively, Pastor V. Clements, former Far Eastern Division Sabbath School Director and Pastor Edmund M. Liah, Sabbath School Director for Sarawak Mission.

The team went first to Lubok Antu Church where forty Sabbath School officers and members came for the training. These delegates represented ten churches and branch Sabbath Schools in the Second Division. On January 21, the team went to Ayer Manis Adventist Training Center to conduct another seminar for all churches in the First Division. About one hundred Sabbath School officers and church members attended the seminar.

The purpose of the seminar was to stress the importance of Sabbath School work and how it can be used to achieve the bold vision of our world church, that is to baptize (convert) 1,000 souls per day for 1,000 days. Topics discussed were the roles and responsibilities of Sabbath School officers, Sabbath School secretary's reporting, Sabbath School programming & planning through Sabbath School Council, children Sabbath School evangelism, branch Sabbath School evangelism, Vacation Bible School evangelism, the importance of daily lesson study for personal spiritual enrichment and Target 85 in relation to the Sabbath School.

One delegate remarked, "I am inspired to work harder and with more dedication to make my Sabbath School a soul winning agency." When all the Sabbath School members in this mission have caught the same vision, the work in Sarawak will soon be finished and Christ will come soon.—*E.Liah, Sabbath School Director*

SABBATH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP 1980 - 1982

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>SABAH</u> | <u>SARAWAK</u> | <u>WMSM</u> | <u>THAILAND</u> |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1980 | 9,748 | 7,308 | 2,504 | 2,089 |
| 1981 | 9,245 | 7,940 | 2,251 | 2,188 |
| 1982 | 10,760 | 7,859 | 2,188 | 2,372 |
| 1983 - 1st Qtr. | 11,997 | 8,407 | 2,179 | 1,848 |

TERRITORY:
West Malaysia & Singapore



Seventh-day Adventist Church of West Malaysia & Singapore



Adventist Youth Camp

About 100 young people from the West Malaysia-Singapore Mission attended a Youth Leadership Training Camp held recently at Tanah Rata, Cameron Highlands, Pahang. Instructors at the leadership training camp were Pastors Phoon Chek Yat, Ng Gan Theow, Calvin L. Smith, John Lim, B.U. Donato and Mrs. V. Smith. "I enjoyed all the meetings there," said one young lady.



Student Colporteurs Training

Recently, five student literature evangelists namely Tan Teck Hwa, Cheng Chiew Kwang, Pang Lian Moi, Ang Mei Kheng and Wai Choo Peing received their certificates of colporteurs' training from Pastor Joshua Mok, the mission president. These five student colporteurs came from Pontian, Johore and they went through a three month training in Kuala Lumpur. They stayed together in a house in Kuala Lumpur and studied Life and Teachings of Christ, Public Evangelism and Christian Salesmanship. They canvassed during the day. Their instructors were Chai Fook Wing, Samuel Siew and Sim Tian Sang.

Three Indian Churches Meet Together

Pastor P. Benjamin of the Sungei Way Tamil Church organized a retreat for the Sungei Way, Banting and Bukit Jelutong Indian Churches at Morib beach in the State of Selangor. More than 150 adults and children attended the retreat. AT the end of the retreat five persons were baptized at the sea.





Pontian Pathfinders Camp

Recently the Pathfinders of the Pontian Chinese Church had a camp in their church compound. More than 40 pathfinders of the church participated in the camping. Pastor and Mrs. John Lee of the local church coordinated the program and they were assisted by Elmo See, Daniel Neo and Gerald. More than 60 visitors from the Pontian town came to see the Pathfinder exhibition. They also participated in a campfire held on a Saturday night.

A Pathfinder Investiture Service was held in the Pontian Church recently. Pastors Calvin L. Smith and Samuel Money were invited guests at the service.

That night during a social get-together dinner more than 60 young people of Pontian town attended.



Baptism In the Sungei Way Indian Church

Seven people were baptized by Pastor P. Benjamin at the Petaling Jaya Swimming Pool recently.



Among the baptismal candidates were two old women above 70 years of age. These two are the grandmothers of Samuel and Mark of the Sungei Way Tamil Church, Selangor.



A Chapel Is Built

Recently, a chapel was built for the believers at Bukit Jelutong Oil Palm Estate, Batu Tiga, Selangor. The laymen who assisted in the construction of the chapel were Nyanamuthu, Mark, John and Samuel. The chapel is 20 feet wide by 35 feet long. The pastor of this chapel is Pastor P. Benjamin who is also the pastor of the Sungei Way Tamil Church, Petaling, Selangor.

Pastor P. Benjamin said, "We did not hire any contractors to avoid the extra expenses. Little by little we completed the building. At present we have 14 members and some Bible interests there."



Voice of Prophecy Rallies In Perak



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Voice of Prophecy rallies were held recently in Chemor, Sungei Siput, Ipoh and Kuala Kangsar by Pastor Calvin L. Smith who was assisted by Pastors V.N. Joseph and Samuel Money. A total of about 300 students attended these rallies. Alec Gunasegaran, a layman of the Chemor Tamil Church his Bible students to the rally at Chemor.



Sungei Siput Tamil Crusade

An average of about 100 young people attended an evangelistic series of meetings held at the Kamuning Rubber Estate Hall, Sungei Siput, Perak, from October 1 to 21, 1982. Pastor Calvin L. Smith was the speaker with Pastor Samuel Money as the translator. Pastor V.N. Joseph was the coordinator. Alex Gunasegaran, Matthew Selvam and Selvin Shanmugam were the laymen who assisted the meetings.

A double story house is being rented in the town of Sungei Siput for the interests to attend Sabbath services. A total of 9 persons have been baptized. Many more are studying the word of God.





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Datuk Khor Gark Kim delivering the address

Penang Adventist Hospital celebrated her 58th Anniversary on December 11-12, 1982, commemorating the founding of the hospital as a small clinic by Dr. Earl Gardner on December 12, 1924. The celebration was planned in order to emphasize to the community and staff the purpose of PAH; to arouse a sense of appreciation and dedication among the workers; and to prepare the way for future fund raising program.

The celebration program was started by doing the first thing first: a thanksgiving service for God's blessing. The service, planned by Chaplain, Albert Phua, consisted of responsive reading, hymns of praise and thanksgiving, brief history of PAH recounting God's blessing, a sermon, prayer of dedication and ended with act of dedication. Pastor Joshua Mok, President of West Malaysia-Singapore Mission delivered the sermon. In response, those attended the service signed their names on a scroll, signifying their covenant with God to continue

servicing Him in His institution.

A mini exhibition depicting the history of PAH and current activities was prepared by the health education department under the leadership of Pastor John Lai and Mrs. Claudia Ang.

Social aspect of the celebration was held in the afternoon with a reception at 4:00 p.m. Numerous leaders of the community attended, including Datuk Khor Gark Kim, the State assembly-man for the district in which PAH is located. In his speech, he praised the hospi-

tal for the effort of providing Christian medical care and to supplement the health care activities of the government. Pastor John Lee, the President of the hospital recounted the history of PAH and announced that plans are under way for a new hospital building to provide better services to the community. Past donors were recognised in the unveiling of a donors plaque, intended also as an invitation for the community to continue their support of the hospital.

Earlier, on Sabbath December 11, special services were held at the English and Chinese SDA Churches of Penang. Pastor John Lee preached on Christian medical work as a fulfillment unit of the gospel commission given by Christ and invited the church to pray for more dedicated workers in order to meet the challenge for better service in the future.

As we look back to the many years that PAH has stood as a light in Penang, we are filled with



(L to R) Pastor Joshua Mok, President of West Malaysia-Singapore Mission, Dr. N. Thrasher, PAH's Vice-President, Pastor John Lee, PAH's President, Datuk Khor, Datin Khor, Mrs. Lee, Miss Newman, Matron, by the newly unveiled plaque.



Datuk Khor Gark Kim, State Assembly-man, viewing the exhibition with Pastor John Lee.

thankfulness for His blessing. God's leading hand can be seen throughout the stages of development of PAH. Dr. Gardner started the hospital against the advice of the government health officer, for western medicine was not well accepted in Penang. Yet, Dr. Gardner did not just practice western medicine. He practiced Christian health care, in the tradition of Christ our Master Physician. Soon the clinic outgrew its premise, and a new location had to be found. Several moves were made before the present site was chosen. It is interesting to note that all the major buildings in which the hospital had operated in are still standing today, including the first clinic on Muntri Street and the first building erected on the present site.

During the second World War, the medical work in Penang was interrupted some what. Japanese army took over the hospital and named it the "Love Hospital". They helped us complete the West Wing of the hospital that we now call the Japanese Wing. Faithful workers of the hospital continued to serve during the war and were here to welcome the return of the missionary doctors after the war. Two more buildings were added after the war and new services were provided.

The uniqueness of PAH as a Christian health care centre is the

loving care and witness to patients. Many have been led to Christ as the result of the loving efforts of PAH staff. The strength of SDA Church in Penang is partly due to the witness of the hospital here. We will continue to emphasise the unique spiritual heritage of our hospital, both in witnessing to those who do not know Christ as well as reclaiming members who have become inactive. We are encouraged in the past few months by the return of some of these members.

Through the past 58 years, the hospital has met numerous obstacles. At times it seems the hospital has to close its doors. Yet God continued to bless and guide. Unsurmountable obstacles were removed one by one. We are sure that God will continue the miracle that he had performed in the past. As we dedicate our lives to His service, He will make it possible for PAH to face the challenge of the future and to be a light shining in Penang.



The 31st Five Day Plan

In conjunction with the Great Singapore Smoke-out Day for 1982 as declared by the government, the 31st Five Day Plan sponsored by Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital was held at the hospital auditorium from December 13 to 17, 1982, with Dr. B. Singh, Dr. C. Ing and Chaplain J. Ng as speakers.



Picture shows Mr. Don Schatzschneider (left) presenting a certificate to an Ex-smoker.

A total of 26 smokers attended the nightly sessions. A significant observation during the program is that cigarette consumption rate went down from 671 on the first day to 65 on second day, and 21 on third day, 6 on fourth day and 0 on the fifth day.

Graduation exercise for this group of ex-smokers was held on December 23. Hospital Administrator Don Schatzschneider was invited to present certificates of attendance to all participants. All participants expressed their appreciation to the hospital management for conducting this effective program. Many of them signed up for Nutrition Seminar which is scheduled during the early part of 1983.

Praise the Lord for temperance ministry which is indeed an effective means of reaching the general Public.—*Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Officer, Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital*



Mr. Lester Noorman, a former patient of the hospital who made the largest donation of \$9,100.00 was invited to cut the ribbon during the dedication service for the newly acquired \$24,000 ambulance at Singapore Adventist Hospital on November 2, 1982.



MASEHI ADVENT HARI KETUJUH SARAWAK SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MISSION

Sibu Good News Rally

The Chaplain of the Penang Adventist Hospital, Pastor Albert Phua, recently came to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings which were held at the Foochow Association from December 3-17, 1982 at 7:15 p.m. nightly. The average attendance was 60.

In spite of heavy rains and problems with transportation people still kept on coming faithfully to listen to the good news because they were impressed by the songs and the messages which many of them heard for the first time.

Pastor Albert emphasized the importance of surrendering oneself to Christ by trusting in Him always. A person is not saved by keeping the Laws of God, but saved by faith through the grace of God.

Mrs. Phua and Chai Miaw Fah were actively involved in conducting the Vacation Bible School



Sarawak Adventist Leader Visited by Head of State

Sarawak's acting Head of State paid Christmas calls to the homes of the heads of various Christian churches in Sarawak on Christmas Day, 1982. In the past visits were made only to the bigger established churches, but the 1982 Christmas was special in as much as the acting Head of State saw it fit to visit the homes of other heads of churches. The purpose of his visit was to promote and emphasize goodwill in a multi-religious society. During the visit of the acting Head of State to the home of Choo Wee Fong, President of the Sarawak Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, a great interest was shown in the work of the church and many questions were asked about our rural and educational work throughout Sarawak. It is always a rare occasion for a head of State to visit the home of a leader of the Adventist Church. No doubt Adventists in Sarawak are proud that the Sarawak government recognises the influence of our Adventist work in the State which began in 1922.—*Lawrence Banyie, Communication Secretary*

with an average attendance of 20 every meeting. At the end of the Vacation Bible School certificates were presented to each one of them.

The Holy Spirit has been working constantly in the hearts of the audience. As we came to the end of the series a total of 25 people surrendered their lives to God and 10 of them decided to be baptized and join our church. Many of them are now worshipping with us every Sabbath. Many more will come and join the remnant church of God because of the Good News Rally.—*Andrew Wong, Pastor, Sibu SDA Church*



News Reports From Downunder

by Pastor T. K. Chong, former president of West Malaysia-Singapore Mission



"Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us of which we know nothing." Ellen G. White, *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 481

During my thirty-two years of service in the mission field I had seen a number of people gone on retirement and I always wondered what happened to them after their retirement. Only one person has kept me informed from time to time through the years, and that is none other than Elder C.P. Sorenson, a former president of the Far Eastern Division. Aman at his age has so many irons in the fire such as, sitting in committees, presiding board meetings, getting himself involved in community activities, never tired since he is a source of unabated energy.

When I first began in the work, I remember attending a workers meeting and the guest speaker was the late Elder V.T. Armstrong, a fine Christian gentleman and worker. There was one story he told that never ever left my mind, through the years. About a man who worked for the denomination for many years as a pastor and when the time came for him to

retire, a member of his church offered this veteran worker a home all to himself, with no strings attached.

I never dreamt that one day it would be my turn to retire from active service and I wrote to my youngest daughterannah and told her that in year's time my services would come to an end. Unknown to me, she went to Cooranbong, an Adventist village and bought a plot of land and built a house for me and my wife to live in when we came to Australia. When we arrived in Australia we stayed at our third daughter's home and then went to Cooranbong to live in the newly built house that Hannah had provided for us. We can testify that it was God our heavenly Father who moved the heart of our daughter to build that house for us. I am reminded of the text in the Bible found in Hebrews 13:5 "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

Our stay in Australia has been a pleasant one, taking time to read our denomination books including the Spirit of Prophecy and the Bible each day. Gardening, which is something new, but I find my wife and I have green thumbs, growing red radish, cucumbers, lettuce, cabbages, okra, sugar peas, choy sum, broccolli, wong ah pak, etc, etc. and roses, freesias, pansies, daffodils, tulips and shrubs.

Once in a while I have been asked to speak in the Cosmos club, to the retired nurses of the Sydney Adventist Hospital of the Cooranbong chapter, at Sabbath school and a stand by teacher for

any one of the classes and attend some of the meetings of the Senior Citizens association and go out with them on bus-rides to see places of interest and believe it or not we are the youngest couple of this association, since most of them or in their seventies and eighties.

For the first three months of our stay in Australia I was not used to staying at home all the time after having spent a life of activity in the mission field. I had thoughts of having my self recycled and back to active service, but have decided to defer the matter for awhile.

In the past one and a half years we have had dear friends calling at our place. In spite of their busy programme in Australia they took time to come and see us, which only fills our hearts with gratitude.

While reading a magazine the other way, I came across this statement which I wish to share with you and I think it is great.

"A photograph can be very kind because the image never grows old. People change but a photograph always remains the same. You see people as you remember them." *Albert Einstein*



Some who called on us include, Miss Hepsi Goonerasagaram, Mrs. Vila Canagasabi, Mrs. Anita Fong, Mr. & Mrs. D.C. Myers nee Marion Barlow, Geoffrey Pauner, Mr. & Mrs. Alfonso Mamora, Mrs. Chia, Sr. of Singapore, Dr. & Mrs. Lee of Sumatra, Elder & Mrs. Marshall Chase and their two cute daughters, Pastor E.J. Johanson and others.

News from Downunder...from pg 9



'Loneliness is one of the greatest of all diseases of our time,' so we learned in one of our Sabbath School lessons. Fellowship with God and with people is the answer. This prompted us some months ago to ask Dr. Bruce Lo, Chairman of the Science department of the Avondale College to do us the kind favour of inviting the Asian students of the college to our home for lunch on Sabbath.

The Asian students at the college represent countries like Japan, Brunei, Singapore, Indonesia and Hong Kong together with those now living in Australia but away from their homes in the other states of Australia. Belinda and Angelia, talented daughters of Pastor and Mrs. James Wong who works in Melbourne and Andrew, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Mamora who presently are working at the Sydney Adventist Hospital in Wahroonga were amongst those who came.

We together with our loved ones who were visiting with us played hosts to our young guests. It was an enjoyable time with the young people as we exchanged views and listened to their aspirations. This two way conversation was indeed interesting and stimulating.

The hours passed by swiftly and the students were returning for the lay activities programme of the college church. What a fine group of young people who are deeply

committed not only to their studies but also with the other aspects of church involvement. By the way, there was an ABC student with us too, that is, an Australian Born Chinese.

Friends and relatives were present when Pastor Robert Parr sealed the bonds of marriage and the writer gave away the bride. Cindy came from the U.S.A. to attend and take part as bridesmaid of her sister's wedding and Mrs. Chia, Sr., mother of Molly and Cindy, and an ardent member of the Church at Dunman Road was there too. A reception followed after the wedding.



Just recently we received a long letter from Eric and Molly Geelan who are now missionaries to Papua New Guinea. They are working in the highlands under quite unfavorable conditions and they are kept busy day and night, but they are as happy as ever, although they may miss the comforts at home in Australia, the missionary spirit in them is burning brightly. In addition to their many activities they have a vegetable garden of their own and they thank God for the privilege of serving Him in the mission field.

Early this year, I heard a knock at the door and when I opened it the person standing in front of me asked, "Do you know me?" I

couldn't and I told him so. He said that I had baptized him and his wife, more than twenty years ago in the church in Penang when I was the pastor of that church.

Brother Malcolm Minns worked with the Royal Australian Air Force stationed at Butterworth, in West Malaysia. It was Brother Warren Runyan who gave him and his wife Bible studies and I visited their home from time to time on the island of Penang. When they were ready and had already given their hearts to Jesus as their Saviour and accepted the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist church, it was my privilege to baptize them in the baptismal pool of the church. They were so tall, I had to ask Brother and Sister Minns to bend their knees for the baptismal rite.

What makes our hearts to rejoice is that Brother Minns and his wife are members of the Kurri Kurri church which is more than 20 miles from where we live. We had lost track of them when we left Penang but they have never forgotten us and one Sabbath he got one of the church members to come and take us to his church on Sabbath to Kurri Kurri where we had a potluck after church service and the members made us feel very much at home. More than 2 decades have gone by Malcolm Minns and Margaret Minns are still in the church is what matters.



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Our goal of S\$100,000.00 to be raised between May 30, 1982, and June 1, 1983—report to date:

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| 1. Raised by students & faculty | S\$30,000.00 |
| 2. Special gift solicited by William Taylor | 43,000.00 |
| 3. SAUM Union-wide offering | 5,000.00 |
| 4. Special appropriation to library from FED-SAUM | 21,000.00 |
| 5. Restricted funds (for new typewriters) — Penang Adventist Hospital — Benevolent Donors | 5,000.00 3,000.00 |
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Camp Meetings—The First After 20 Years

1,500 people were present for the first camp meeting of the Sarawak Mission. Because no meetings of this type have been held for more than 20 years, we are very proud to report that one fourth of our membership did show up for this first full scale camp meeting of the Sarawak Mission. The new tent was a big attraction, and even though it took a bit of time putting it up, the blue and yellow colours of the tent was a great means of advertising our camp meetings. We intend to hold camp meetings yearly and get our people used to coming for spiritual meetings. The theme was "The Family of God" and the youth received a lot of attention because they had their camporee and fair in conjunction with our camp meetings.

We are thankful for the Lord's blessings to us. These funds will do much to LIFT the standard and quality of education at Southeast Asia Union College in the following ways:

- * Classroom and facility improvements
- * New typewriters for the typing room
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- * Dormitory improvements

Did the mail fail? Has the work in SAUM stopped? **ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!**
There is more harvest than reapers We apologize for the two missing issues in 1982 and for the tardiness of this issue.

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SNAPS and SNIPPETS of YESTERYEAR . . .

The goings and comings are all part of the great Advent movement in our Union, but we praise God that we are a big, happy team!

In September, a switch was made between the chaplaincy at Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital and SAUM Sabbath School Department. Pastor Ng Gan Theow was called to head the Sabbath School, Youth and Temperance departments in the Union and Pastor Jonathan Ng has filled the vacancy as chaplain in YMAH.

The vacancy in the treasury department was filled by Elder Dale R. Beaulieu, a very experienced man from the Southeastern California Conference. Together with his capable wife, Lorene, a few major changes were made in the committee room, a few offices, and the Union office, in and out, had a new

coat of paint.

The other vacant slot was in the education department and the Basshams were flown down from Bangkok where Dr. Nancy is now acting director of education, while husband, Dr. Steve is Bible teacher at SAUC.

Prior to Dr. Nancy Bassham's arrival, Dr. Boyd Olson (the man that never retired) decided he needed a change—to do some babysitting at Torrance, California where his grandchild lives.

We also lost Mrs. Dorren Ng to the College where she is now the registrar but we have another Doreen joined us—Doreen Pham to work in our team.

That will bring you up-to-date on who is working where in the Union!

