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Undaunted by the rain that fell on the opening night, FED President, Pastor W. T. Clark addressed the crowd.



World Pathfinder Director, Mike Stevenson, tries out a newly-constructed monkey bridge built by the Adventist English School pathfinders.

The Far Eastern Division Camporee held in Phuket, Thailand in December 1984 was a great success. From throughout Thailand, West Malaysia-Singapore, and Sarawak came 552 pathfinders. For six days they rubbed shoulders with their counterparts from Indonesia, the Philippines, Japan, Korea, Hongkong, and Guam-micronesia. New friendships developed and old acquaintances revived.

The highlight of the camporee was the baptism of eight pathfinders. It thrilled the hearts of those present to see these dear young people from West Malaysia and Sarawak choose to follow their Lord. All left the camporee more determined to be servants of God and friends to man. They felt unified to take up the challenge of an unfinished task, that soon all may see the Master Pathfinder face to face. — G. T. Ng, SAUM Youth Director.



A word of encouragement comes from Pastor Mike Stevenson after the baptism. The eight baptized were: Juliana Teo (Kuching), Ah Sin Akin (Kuching), Rose Daming (Kuching), Betar Longe (Kuching), Geda Labut (Kuching), Ahnew Naggit (Kuching), Robina Kho (Penang), and Daniel Koh (Malacca).



The Hmong group from Northern Thailand marches down the road to the grandstand. Chiangmai Academy and the Tribal Center put up a superb foot drill demonstration directed by Pastor Art Bell.



The band marching in front of the contingents was composed of pathfinders from Ekamai Thai School in Bangkok.



Sarawak pathfinders were an inspiration to many during the Camporee. Their precise footdrills won much applause.



Singapore's active group of fine pathfinders.



For Geda Labut, it was a moment never to be forgotten! Geda has come a long way to surrendering himself to Christ. Although he has received Bible studies from his teacher Watson Ho for about two years, and has been active in Voice of Youth meetings, he had not made a full commitment to the Lord. Many prayers were offered on his behalf and that of Ahnew Naggit, another pathfinder from Sarawak. Finally both took a bold stand for Jesus, much to the rejoicing of the 800 campers who witnessed their baptisms.



Mr. Rajendran from Bukit Mertajam Church demonstrates a made-in-Phuket Kavadi during one of the cultural shows.



## SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE THAILAND MISSION

On the evening of January 11, 1985 in Bangkok, Thailand, delegates gathered at the Milne Auditorium at the Adventist English School for the 16th session of the Thailand Mission.

From all parts of the country 182 delegates came, representing the Thai, Karen, Hmong, Lahu, and Chinese brethren. Many new companies were represented for the first time. These included Singburee, Korat, and Tup Chin in Nakorn Sitamarat Province; Siritorn Dam on the Laos border; a new company in the city of Ubon; and a number of new areas among the Karen believers. During the session three new churches were voted into the sister-

hood of churches: Phanokok, a Hmong group and Gamapadoo and Pway Baw Lu, two Karen companies.

At the first meeting Friday evening Pastor George Johnson, the Southeast Asia Union President, gave the keynote address. Prior to this the Mission President, Pastor Wendell Wilcox, reported that in 1984 there were 521 baptisms, the highest number ever for the Thailand Mission in any one year.

The session continued all Sabbath. Pastor R. I. Gainer, the Far Eastern Division Treasurer, spoke Sabbath morning. In the afternoon Pastors Robin Bwint and Subin Ingnoi were ordained to the gospel ministry.

On Sunday, various committees gave their reports. The nominating committee elected Pastor Sopon Jaiguar as the Communication and Evangelism Secretary; Pastor Rungsit Saejand as Youth and Lay Activities Director; Brother Somchai Chuenjit as assistant Youth Leader; and Dr Somsak as Health and Temperance Department Leader. Other departments had only minor changes.

One of the major actions at the session was to request the Union and Division to approve the establishment of a small training college for the Thailand Mission. A 200-acre tract of land is being purchased with this goal in mind. Part of the 13th Sabbath overflow offering for the last quarter of 1988 has been designated for this project. — *Pastor W. L. Wilcox, President, Thailand Mission.*



Pastors Robin Bwint and Subin Ingnoi being ordained to the gospel ministry at the recent session in Thailand. Dr. Steve Bassham is offering the dedicatory prayer.

## ORDINATION OF WORKERS IN THAILAND

During the Thailand Mission Session held in Bangkok, two workers were ordained to the gospel ministry. These were Pastor Robin Bwint and Pastor Subin Ingnoi.

Pastor Bwint entered the work on September 10, 1978. He has been the pastor of the Gamapadoo Karen Church in Northwestern Thailand. Last year a new church was dedicated. A few months later the church was organized with 43 charter members and 81 Sabbath School members.

During the session the Gamapadoo Seventh-day Adventist Church was accepted into the sisterhood of churches in Thailand.

Pastor Ingnoi has been pastoring in the Ubo area of Northeastern Thailand for 10 years. The Lord has blessed Pastor and Mrs. Ingnoi's ministry with many souls. Presently he is located in the Kalasin district of Thailand.

*W. L. Wilcox, President of Thailand Mission.*

## BANGKOK ADVENTIST HOSPITAL CONDUCTS

### HEALTH EVALUATION REPORT AT CENTRAL PLAZA

Bangkok Adventist Hospital's Health Education Department conducted a week-long health-evaluation program at Central Plaza. For the third time, Honorable Marut Bunnag, Thailand's Minister of Public Health, presided at the official opening. He has been very impressed with the hospital's health education outreach.

Simple tests were performed on each individual to determine the existing health of the heart, lungs, eyes, and teeth. Weight was taken. Diabetes-testing was available. Each individual could take a computerized test to evaluate his level of stress, life expectancy, and type of personality. Individual counsel for smokers and drinkers was provided. There were nutritional games, health films, multimedia slide presentations, free literature handouts and nightly musical renditions by the Bangkok Overseas Church and the Cherubims of the Adventist English School conducted by Mrs. Rebecca Tabaranza. On Sabbath, personality tests, spiritual counseling, health lectures, films, and four musical programs were offered.



The combined 'Cherubims' singing group of Bangkok Overseas Church School and Adventist English School performing at Central Department Store during the Health Evaluation Program.



Health Evaluation at Central Plaza, Bangkok. (Miss Velda supervising - standing at back)

The Health Education Department would like to express their thanks to the Public Relations Department of BAH for raising funds to cover costs and advertising the program; to the church members, administration, employees, and student nurses for their support and help; and to the management of Central Plaza Department Store for providing the large area for the exhibits and testing.

The results were gratifying. Over 6,000 people registered. The statistical breakdown is as follows: 35% - excellent; 48.7% - very good; 2% - fair; 0.3% - not good. Many applied for regular health programs in addition to the VOP Health Course. The response to the health programs in the order of preference, was:

1. 5-Day Plan to Stop Smoking
2. Heart Beat Program
3. Stress Management
4. Health Tour
5. Cooking Class
6. Physical Fitness
7. Diabetes Program
8. Health Conditioning.

—Miss Velda Sansri, BAH Health Education Director.

### FIRST HEALTH TOUR

The BAH Health Education Department conducted Thailand's first Health Tour just a few days after the one week Evaluation Program at Central Plaza.

Twenty health-conscious clients and eleven staff members travelled 350 kilometers to exotic Wang Kaew, northwest of Bangkok to a well-equipped bungalow near a beautiful seashore. It was a perfect setting for carrying on the week's activities of vegetarian cooking class, stress management sessions, spiritual counselling, doctor's time, open group discussions, health lectures, socials and many forms of exercise such as: calisthenics, walking, jogging, and swimming.

The success of the program was attributed to the uniqueness of the Christ-centered health presentations in an atmosphere of love. Some tour participants described it as an excellent, relaxing, and educational trip. Some wished we would have it more often. Others asked to know more about our way of life. Two requested Bible studies and said they would continue to attend the rest of the health programs offered by the Hospital. *Miss Velda Sansri, BAH Health Education Director.*



The Health Tour participants in front of the bungalow where they stayed at Wang Kaew





Pastor James Zachary, FED Ministerial Director, poses with the chaplains and ministers who attended the Chaplain's Seminar at Pattaya.

## BAH CHAPLAINS ATTEND SEMINAR

Bangkok Adventist Hospital's four chaplains attended the first Chaplain's and Minister's Seminar in Thailand last November. Pastor James Zachary, FED Ministerial and Chaplain Director, conducted the four-day meeting at Pattaya Camp in an effort to improve the professional skills of the spiritual leaders from churches and medical institutions in Thailand.

He discussed the role of the Holy Spirit and the Caring Church in evangelizing more than 50 million Thai people. Towards the end of the seminar, they were challenged to improve their spiritual image and be more zealous in doing the work of God. They parted fully recharged to carry on the most important work entrusted to men by God. — *Pastor Narciso Penafiorida, BAH Chaplain.*

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## YOUNGBERG ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

### R E P O R T S

## DR. SHINJI KUBO COMPLETES EXAMS

Dr. Shinji Kubo, M.D., a staff physician in family practice at Youngberg Adventist Hospital, passed the difficult Japanese Medical Board Examination held in Tokyo, Japan in September, 1984. He was not able to take the exam earlier because it was always administered on Sabbath.

Dr. Kubo and his family joined the hospital in 1982 after he completed his residency training in family practice at Glendale Adventist Hospital. Since his arrival, the hospital has enjoyed an increase in Japanese patients. The Youngberg staff rejoice with Dr. Kubo over his success and wish him the Lord's choicest blessings during his ministry in Singapore. — *Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, Youngberg Adventist Hospital.*



Photo shows Dr. Shinji Kubo (extreme left) and his family.

## BAPTISM AT YOUNGBERG

Mr. Quek Kim Chia, an 80 year old patient in the geriatric ward of Youngberg Adventist Hospital, was baptized by Chaplain Jonathan Ng in the hospital's hydro-therapy department on January 5, 1985.

During the past two years, Mr. Quek has been impressed with the loving service of the doctors and nurses. Chaplain Ng and Bible Worker, Esther Khor, extended to him the invitation for Bible studies a few months ago. He enjoyed the studies very much and decided, with the approval of his family, to start the New Year with his Lord in baptism. — *Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, Youngberg Adventist Hospital.*



Photo shows Youngberg Church Pastor, Quek Boon Chuan, welcoming Mr. Quek Kim Chia to Christian fellowship.



Group attending Caring Church Seminar.

## SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY SERVICES/CARING CHURCH SEMINAR

Pastor Perry Pedersen, Community Services Director of the General Conference, and Pastor Peter Jack, Lay Activities Director of the Far Eastern Division, recently conducted a Community Services/Caring Church Seminar in Singapore. Delegates from the SAUM hospitals and the West Malaysia-Singapore Mission attended.

Elder Pedersen and Elder Jack gave excellent practical instruction. Reports given showed excellent progress in Community Services outreach throughout the Union. 1984 alone, witnessed the baptism of 150 individuals connected with such programs. Plans formulated during the seminar promise more intense activity in 1985. — *C. L. Smith, SAUM Lay Activities Director.*



Mr. Teo Seng Kee, Public Relations Officer of the Singapore Community Services, presents an anniversary magazine of Singapore's Community Services program and a special plate of appreciation to Pastor Perry Pedersen, Director of the General Conference Community Services.

## WINDOWS ON

## WEST MALAYSIA — SINGAPORE

### THE AGAPE CLUB

The Agape Club, organized by Pastors Quek Boon Chuan and Emmanuel Samuthram, sent invitations to Voice of Prophecy students toward the end of October, 1984. Approximately 30 responded and the club commenced its activities aimed at developing meaningful, happy friendships centering in a personal relationship with God.

Every Sabbath afternoon the club members and a group from the Chuan Hoe Church met in the Far Eastern Academy auditorium. Between 10 and 15 non-SDA young people came regularly. They liked the 'Buddy' system fellowship and topics discussed.

In December, a camp on Sentosa Island brought 46 young people. Many renewed their faith following the two-day group discussions covering the "Bible Encounter" series. One individual, Miss Anne Ong, decided to be baptized at the Sentosa seaside.

Agape Club continues to meet on alternate weeks during 1985. Monthly social outings are organized by Brother Chuey Hin. Group study is being given on the "Profiles of Faith" Bible series.

Since the new year, Pastor Samuthram and Pastor Quek, have new responsibilities, so Pastor Lee Kiplin has taken over the leadership of the Agape Club. He and the Chuan Hoe Church members are working to train young leaders for this vitalizing new form of youth evangelism. — *Samuel Money, Youth Director, West Malaysia-Singapore Mission.*



The Agape Camp in Sentosa Island.



One of the eager participants during the 14-day crusade.



Pastor Samuel Money (left) baptizes Anne Ong.



## SAN YU HIGH SCHOOL IN FOCUS

On December 22-25, 42 campers (25 from San Yu High School) spent a meaningful Christmas season together at the Christian Conference, Tanjong Rhu, Singapore. Thirteen students made their decisions to receive Jesus Christ. Eight responded to the call for baptism.

Thomson Road Chinese Church sent 15 youth leaders and trainers to help coach the students in quiet time with God. Each trainer spent time with one or two students at 4:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily.

Three film shows were screened during the evenings—"Joni", "Hudson Taylor" and "Stable Boy Story". The trainers gave talks on Spiritualism, Murdered Witnesses (Bible), Morals and Modern Man, Faith in Flames (the story of Daniel) and Wedding Bells (Christ's Second coming). The theme focused on Christ's return. Discussion groups met after each talk, using specially prepared materials to guide them. New songs added joy to the camp.

In a commitment service on Christmas Eve, Pastor Daniel Lim appealed for decisions. Each camper wrote a confession of sin on a slip of paper and burned it. The program followed with the exchange of gifts and the cutting of a Christmas cake. Three campers celebrated their birthdays by doing the cake-cutting together.

Just prior to the Christmas Camp, three San Yu High School students were baptized on December 22, 1984 at the Thomson Road Chinese Church. These resulted from Elder George Johnson's Gospel Week at San Yu High School in September, 1984. Two other students were baptized in October. — *Matthew Yuan, Pastor, Thomson Road Chinese Church.*



Pastors George Johnson, Daniel Lim and Matthew Yuan with baptismal candidates.



Enjoying the special feast.



Inspirational moments.



The group.

## 1985 DYNAMIC PRELIMINARIES TO BIBLE CONFERENCE

The Southeast Asia Union recently held its first Bible Conference in over 30 years.

Pastors, church leaders, and their wives from West Malaysia, Singapore, Sabah, Sarawak, and Thailand came to Sentosa Island just off the coast of Singapore. The Scripture Union Camp, situated on a hill overlooking a beautiful lagoon, provided a spectacular backdrop for the SAUC choir to set the atmosphere Friday evening with sacred songs.

As a preliminary to the Bible Conference, the Ministerial Association, Stewardship Department, and Home and Family Services conducted seminars. Elder Don Crane from the General Conference shared new insights on a life of stewardship. Dr. Bresee studied principles of Adventist preaching with the pastors, while Mrs. Bresee met with the ladies concerning their role as ministers' wives in the church and home.

One of the highlights of these meetings was Dr. Ruth Murdoch, a



Dr. Ruth Murdoch, widely-acclaimed Child Psychologist and Educator.

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retired professor from Andrews University. Dr. Murdoch is recognized as one of the church's foremost experts in character development. Still young at seventy she shared a wealth of stories from many years of experience. A number of people have requested tapes of her lectures. — Steve Bassham, Secretary of the SAUM Ministerial Association.



Ministers and workers at Bible Conference.



Dr. Herbert Kiesler, Biblical Research Institute.



Dr. George Reid, Director General Conference Biblical Research Institute.

## BIBLE CONFERENCE DRAWS TOP TEACHERS

The 1985 Southeast Asia Union Bible Conference was privileged to have some of the most sought after Bible lecturers within the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Dr. George Reid, from the General Conference Biblical Research Institute, gave insights into Revelations 13 and 14 and Conditional Prophecy. Dr. Gerhardt Hasel, a professor of Old Testament theology, shared thoughts on the Structure and Theology of Revelation, Fulfillments of Prophecy, and Daniel 8. Dr. William Shea, also an Old Testament scholar from Andrews University, lectured concerning the Year-Day Principle, Daniel 7, and Daniel 9. Dr. Herbert Kiesler, from the Biblical Research Institute, strengthened our understanding of Hebrews 8-10, and made some very poignant observations concerning Hastening the Coming. Dr. Jerard Damsteedt, who came to us from the Korean Evangelism Institute, spent time each evening making practical applications on that day's lectures. He showed us how the material might be organized to use in Bible studies or evangelistic campaigns using overhead, projector, and transparencies.

At this time when we are not only interested in Eschatology but realize the fulfillment of prophecy on a day to-day basis, it was encouraging to restudy again these great truths with our leaders and scholars from various parts of the world.

The Ministerial Association of the Southeast Asia Union has now taken an action to request another Bible Conference within the present Quadrennium and perhaps hold it in Sabah at the foot of Mount Kinabalu. The pastors were of one voice in their approval of the need for more such spirit-filled conferences.

— Dr. Steve Bassham, Ministerial Secretary, SAUM.



Dr. William Shea, Old Testament Theology professor, Andrews University.



Dr. Jerard Damsteedt, Korean Evangelism Institute.



Dr. Gerhardt Hasel, Old Testament Theology Professor, Dean of Seminary, Andrews University.



## MOMENTS IN PORT DICKSON, MALAYSIA

### WMSM LITERATURE EVANGELIST INSTITUTE, FEBRUARY 24-28, 1985

The Literature Evangelist's annual institute was action-packed with challenging topics for the Literature Evangelists and their wives. Dr. Nancy Bassham coordinated craft activities for the children and inspired the wives and mothers to strive for the highest personal development. Dr. Steve Bassham encouraged the Literature Evangelists to reach confidently upward to meet the fullest human potential possible in God. Pastor Randy Horning shared new and stimulating techniques on good salesmanship. Loralyn Horning, RN, demonstrated and spoke on the use of water treatments in the home setting to relieve various common illnesses.

Much lively discussion was generated among the 27 Literature Evangelists and their families during these presentations. They expressed appreciation for the material shared. Many enjoyed a change of pace following the daily meetings playing volleyball, swimming, and sunning on the beautiful Golden Sands beach. God truly blessed the encampment with a good week to remember. — *Loralyn Horning, Managing Editor, Messenger.*



Pastor Randy Horning awarding J. E. George, Top Soul Winner of WMSM Literature Evangelists.



West Malaysia-Singapore Literature Evangelists at Port Dickson, Malaysia.



Literature Evangelist wives with Dr. Nancy Bassham.



Peter Chong, Top Salesman for West Malaysia-Singapore.

### WMSM WORKER'S MEETINGS MARCH 5 AND 6, 1985

Drs. Steve and Nancy Bassham and Pastor Ng Gan Theow met with the pastors of the WMSM Worker's Meetings. Dr. Nancy discussed the use of the materials provided for each pastor preparing young couples for marriage. In harmony with the West Malaysia/Singapore Mission's recent policy any Seventh-day Adventist minister conducting an Adventist wedding must engage in Preparing in Marriage Session with the perspective bride and groom. The pastors expressed their appreciation for the material.

Dr. Steve Bassham discussed the role of the Holy Spirit in equipping the church members to finish the work of God. The study reviewed the manifestations of the Holy Spirit's gifts during the early Christian era and compared their much greater function during the finishing of God's work. The discussions centered on how one may discover and use his spiritual gift for the proclamation of the Three Angels' messages.

Based on Charles Betz's book "Teaching Technique", Pastors G. T. Ng and Joshua Mok taught the pastors ways of effective Sabbath School teaching. The new 10-year curriculum of the lesson quarterly beginning on January 1985 has generated a lot of enthusiasm. Our pastors were most anxious to help their members catch a glimpse of the joy of in-depth Bible study through the Sabbath School lessons. — *Steve Bassham, Ministerial Secretary, SAUM.*



Dr. Steve Bassham with Pastor Joshua Mok.



Prayerful meditation during L.E. Institute.



Dr. Nancy Bassham, Director of Child Evangelism giving lecture.



Child Evangelism Coordinators workshop attendees.

### West Malaysia-Singapore Mission Bifurcation Plans

One hundred and fifty delegates from West Malaysia and Singapore attended the 16th Triennial Session of WMSM on March 3 and 4, at the Golden Sands Baptist Center in Port Dickson, West Malaysia.

One major decision provides for the separation of the Mission into two parts during the next three years, West Malaysia and Singapore. The final implementation will hopefully go into effect at the next Triennial Session.

More of the Singaporean pastors will now serve also as Associate Directors of various departments in Singapore. The whole election report is as follows:

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Associate (Malaysia)  
Sabbath School  
Associate (Singapore)  
Associate - Child Evangelism  
Youth  
Associate (Singapore)  
Lay Activities  
Associate (Singapore)  
Associate - Community Services (S)  
Associate - Community Services (M)  
Stewardship  
Associate (S)  
Assistants (M)      Northern Region  
   Central Region  
   Southern Region  
Communication  
Temperance/Health  
Home and Family Service  
Associate (S)  
Trust Services  
Education  
Consultant (Singapore)  
Consultant (Malaysia)  
Publishing  
Assistants

Sim Chor Kiat  
Lian Ah Onn  
Samuel Money  
Ng Kah Seng  
Christina Mok  
Simon Siew  
Daniel Lim  
Samuel Money  
Alfred Low  
John Lim  
David Leoh  
Joshua Mok  
Danson Ng  
Lee Peng Cheong  
Thomas Chin  
George John  
Samuel Money  
David Leoh  
Joshua Mok  
Michael Ho  
Robert Lee  
Geoffrey Pauner  
Teo Seng Kee  
Hulman Sinaga  
Peter Ching  
Samuel Siew  
Loh Kam Kee  
Sam Govindasamy  
William Seng

### CHILD EVANGELISM COORDINATOR'S WORKSHOP

On January 28-29 at Tamparuli, Sabah, Jupitah Lim, Sabah Mission Child Evangelism Director, held the first Child Evangelism Coordinator workshop in Southeast Asia Union Mission. Sabbath School leaders and teachers of the children's divisions from 11 districts, which include 61 churches and companies, came together to receive spiritual strength and instruction concerning the vital objectives in reaching children for Christ.

The topics in this workshop included: The leadership role of the Child Evangelism Coordinator, Duties of the Child Evangelism Coordinator, Duties of Sabbath School Leaders and Teachers, Children's Evangelistic Meetings, Child Preachers, Branch Sabbath School Programs, Vacation Bible School Programs, and Visual Aids.

Dr. Nancy Bassham, Child Evangelism Director of Southeast Asia Union Mission, together with Jupitah Lim, gave lectures and demonstrations throughout the two days of meetings.

Dr. Bassham reports, "The response was overwhelming. We strongly urge that other missions plan to hold similar meetings in 1985. Many thanks to the Sabah mission leaders who have been a real support to the Child Evangelism programs." — *Dr. Nancy Bassham, Child Evangelism Director.*



## CAPTIONS ON SABAH AND SARAWAK

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Pastor Jaulin Galung conducted one Vacation Bible School in the Simanggang District, then another. The results were so good that he held a third one during 1984! His report to the Mission at the close of the year read, "I really have seen that the work of Vacation Bible Schools is very effective . . . Let us give more emphasis to the V.B.S. program so that we will win more children to Jesus."

Since the government offers free education most parents send their children to government schools. Thus the children receive no religious training at school and often very little at home. This makes effective Sabbath Schools and Vacation Bible Schools even more important for teaching the children of Jesus' love.

Child evangelism workshops have really caught on recently and many pastors and lay members have requested more. There were over 15 workshops in Sarawak during 1984.

— Dan Walter, Ministerial Secretary, Sarawak.

*"Never Lose Your Sense of Urgency." 2 Tim. 4: 12.*

*Phillips Translation*

The apostle Paul believed God could create opportunities for effective gospel witnessing. Here is what he wrote in his letter to the Colossians: "And Pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains" (Colossians 4:3, NIV).



Pastor Andy Ng, Kuching, Sarawak.

### ACTING HEAD OF STATE VISITS MISSION PRESIDENT ON CHRISTMAS DAY

The acting Head of State for Sarawak, Datuk Tan Sri Marzuki Nor, paid courtesy calls in the homes of Christian leaders as well as Christian State ministers on Christmas Day, 1984.

Sarawak Mission president, Choo Wee Fong, welcomed the acting Head of State to his home at 214 Jalan Stampin.

The acting Head of State was very knowledgeable of the Seventh-day Adventist work of the past 50 years. He knows about Ayer Manis and Sunny Hill Schools, and about the educational and welfare services for the people of Sarawak provided by the church. — E. Liah, S. S. & Stewardship Director.

At the time Paul wrote this letter, he was in prison. But he asked his Christian friends at Colossae to pray that God would open a door for him and those who were working with him in the gospel outreach. He knew God could still open doors and bring about opportunities for proclaiming the gospel.

We can learn a lesson. We too can ask God to create opportunities for us to speak of Jesus. — H. M. S. Richards, Jr.

### SARAWAK TEMPERANCE RALLIES

Simanggang, Sarawak, Temperance Rallies and Stop Smoking classes were conducted in two government schools with over 50 students successfully kicking the tobacco habit. Over 2,000 students heard Pastor Andy Ng and Pastor Jaulin Galung speak on Drug Abuse and the evils of tobacco. Everyday, films were shown in rooms crowded with students.

The principal of Melugu Secondary School was astonished with the number of students who decided to quit smoking. He said that this program was the most effective, persuasive method he had ever witnessed.

Over half of the Form 5 male students smoke and 1 in 10 female students try smoking in Sarawak. The temperance work faces a great challenge to save youth from the dangers of nicotine.

Over one thousand students and teachers from the Kuching Number One Chinese Middle School attended a temperance rally last year. Pastors Andy Ng and Chai Nyuk Fah gave short speeches followed by the film, "Countdown." The principal, Mr. Hsu, strongly supported the rally and gave a follow-up speech. A few days later in another Chinese School the 300 students were given lectures by Pastor Andy Ng and Dr. Chong, again followed by the film, "Countdown." About 20 smoking magazines were sold, profits going to the temperance fund. — Andy Ng, Pastor of Kuching English Church.





## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED . . .

### ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO

For a number of years the General Conference has planned to provide facilities for radio stations which can cover the globe with the gospel. This year a giant radio station has been planned for Guam. This station will have the capability of covering all of the Far East including China and it will fully cover the Southeast Asia Union. Already, some of our communication leaders are beginning to plan for programs which can be beamed into the ASEAN countries to spread the gospel.

This year, 1985, is a special year for all Seventh-day Adventists. During this year we again select our world leadership, this time in New Orleans. The interest of all church members is now focused especially on plans for the completion of God's work on earth. Just prior to the session, we are going to collect two special offerings to finance the ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO station on Guam which is already being constructed.

The goal of our world church in the ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO offering is US\$5,000,000. The goal for the Far Eastern Division is US\$300,000. I trust that each member in this union will strive to make our offering a significant part of the Division goal.

I pray with you for the soon coming of Jesus, Before that event, every tribe and kindred and nation must be told the good news of God's plan for them. We cannot even enter several of the countries in our union, but radio crosses national boundaries and can spread the gospel in city apartments, offices, factories, and remote villages. Please further God's work by your generous support of the ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO offering. — *George Johnson, President, SAUM.*

### WRITER SEEKS SABBATH STORIES

Not long after a young married couple began keeping the Seventh-day Sabbath and were baptized, they told the Adventist friends who had given them Bible studies, "We were convinced of the truth of Sabbath keeping when we studied the Bible with you, but we could never have kept it ourselves if we had not seen how you keep it and what it means to you."

Because she believes people's personal experiences give understanding and encouragement to both new and long-time Adventists, writer Jane Thayer is collecting stories about the Sabbath to include in a book on the meaning of Sabbath keeping.

The book Mrs. Thayer is currently writing will consist of more than 50 short readings, each designed to be read at the beginning of Sabbath. "Each reading will focus a person's thoughts on one aspect of the meaning of Sabbath," says Mrs. Thayer.

Many of the readings will use personal experiences to illustrate the significance of the Sabbath.

She needs stories on every aspect of the Sabbath experience: how it affects career, personal relationships, belief in God, service to others, lifestyle, priorities and so on.

Please send your Sabbath story to: Sabbath Experiences, Heritage Room, James White Library, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104 USA. All submissions will become part of the permanent collection of the Heritage Room. Although she prefers to have names and addresses included, anonymous contributions will be welcomed. — *Mrs. Jane Thayer, Writer.*

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