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# Victory

## In Harvest 90's 1st Year



**NEWSBREAK**

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# **BAPTISMAL** **REPORT**

World Field	<b>Goal:</b> 280,000
	<b>Reached:</b> 374,000
Far Eastern Division	<b>Goal:</b> 35,000
	<b>Reached:</b> 39,719
Southeast Asia Union	<b>Goal:</b> 2,142
	<b>Reached:</b> 1,702

## **WORLD LEADER EXPECTS**

### *“Worldwide evangelist revival”*

“We thank the Lord that HARVEST '90 is having a great impact on the world field. All world divisions have outlined excellent plans, and we envision a worldwide evangelistic revival developing that is already producing an abundant harvest of precious souls. During the first year of HARVEST '90, 374,559 souls were won to the church. In the first place, we thank God for these fine results, and our thanks go also to the loyal workers and lay persons who have worked tirelessly for others.”

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Excerpt taken from **Ministerial Association Bulletin** Editorial, by Neal C. Wilson, General Conference President.

\*(This does not include the Thailand Refugee Camps. Total for the year in the camps was 2,963)

## A NEW GENERATION TO SOUTHEAST ASIA

### AWR-Asia Dedication

#### A DREAM FULFILLED

Despite torrential rains and other major setbacks experienced throughout the last year, Adventist World Radio-Asia is finally commencing broadcasts to Asia. The final countdown began with the official dedication on the 18th of January, 1987. "A long cherished dream is fulfilled, and many fervent prayers answered," said Neal Wilson, President of the General Conference, as the station, KSDA, was dedicated.

Seventh-day Adventists from the four corners of the earth have contributed countless prayers and over four million dollars to make this dream a reality. Some 300 local Adventists, as well as representatives from the General Conference, assembled on the 16 hectare site in southwestern Guam to witness the ribbon-cutting ceremony that signaled the opening of one of the most powerful Christian radio stations—capable of reaching half the world's population.



Flags from all the countries to which AWR-Asia will be directing broadcasts were flown at the dedication ceremonies on January 18, 1987.

Among the most prominent participants in the dedication were Adventist representatives from Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Singapore, and Sweden, along with General Conference leaders: Neal C. Wilson, President, Wallace O. Coe, Vice President, C.B. Rock, Vice President, G.R. Thompson, secretary, Samuel C. Young, Field secretary, and Tulio Haylock, associate director of communications. Guamanian officials included Governor Joseph F. Ada and Agat commissioner Antonio C. Babauta.

The Governor praised SDA's for their accomplishments in Guam, especially in matters dealing with health and

#### MOST RECENTLY....

*AWR-Asia staff members shouted with joy, hugged each other, and cried tears of happiness when test broadcasts began at 2:35 p.m. Guam time, on March 5.*



The highlight of the dedication services on January 18 was the cutting of the ribbon officially opening the facilities of AWR-Asia. Presiding were Neal C. Wilson, General Conference president, right, and the governor of Guam (not shown). Looking on are Tulio Haylock, left, associate director of the G.C. communication department, and Antonio Babauta, commissioner of the village of Agat where AWR-Asia is located on Guam.

human life. He further wished AWR-Asia success in its "mission in being a message of hope—a promise of a better tomorrow—to millions of people yearning to be free."

#### BROADCASTS TO TWENTY-TWO COUNTRIES

President Wilson, in his speech, further explained that the message "will bring peace and hope" in the major languages in the Asian regions from the Bering Straits to the Persian Gulf. The beginning program schedule includes broadcasts in Burmese, Chinese, Indonesia, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Tamil, Russian, Malayan, Marathi, Telugu, Hindi, Tagalog, Cebuano, and English. A wide variety of programs will be aired on family life, health, education, entertainment, and religion.

BY DANIEL MARK

## ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL...

The station will open with one 100 kilowatt transmitter as soon as the first antenna and testing are complete. Eventually four transmitters will be operating 24 hours a day, making KSDA one of the most powerful and far-reaching radio stations in the world.



*Put Batto, new program director for AWR-Asia, is shown in front of the AWR-Asia sign on the front of the building. Mr. Batto arrived on Guam in time for the dedication ceremony on January 18, 1987.*

## A CELEBRATION OF BLESSINGS

Unfortunately, strong wind and drenching rains have made progress slow. However, the staff's faith and enthusiasm remain high. AWR-Asia manager, Allen Steele said, "every day seems to reveal another blessing: floors were laid, ceiling placed, an antenna tower raised, the electricity turned on, and the blacktop for the road poured." He added, "Many of these things are taken for granted, but when putting together a complex project, full of complicated electronic equipment, each accomplishment is a major celebration, especially when there have been complications."

This ceremony marked the end of major construction, opening the doors for in-house production and broadcasting. The dedication concluded a weekend full of events, featuring the 35 member, Korean Voice of Prophecy Choir. The dedication ceremony itself began in Agana at the government house, the official residence of Governor and Mrs. Ada. A motorcade started here, taking the participants into Agat, the small village where KSDA is located.

At the building site, a brass quintet greeted the crowd led by the governor's limousine and a police escort. People were seated under a tent to shield them from the bright sun as they were welcomed by Pastor Frank Taitague, secretary of the Guam-Micronesia mission.

During the course of formal acknowledgements and recognitions two gifts were presented. The first, an honorary certificate of ambassador-at-large, was awarded to Neal C. Wilson by the governor. The second was a painting, entitled, "Message of God," given to Allen and Andrea Steele, co-directors of KSDA, from Carl Currie and associates of the Hong Kong East Asia committee.

Elder Wilson gave a short dedicatory address. "AWR-Asia has had its time of mourning.... But today should be great cause for rejoicing. As the message is beamed from these transmitters.... I trust that it will be a message that will carry peace and goodwill to the world, the message of health, a message of oneness and togetherness, a message of Christ, and an announcement

of His soon coming. It is for this task that we've committed ourselves. It is for this purpose that this station is dedicated."

Quickly and quietly the Korean Voice of Prophecy Choir was assembled to sing. When the last note was played, a dozen or so official photographers were called into the scene to capture the historic ribbon cutting. President Neal Wilson and Governor Joseph Ada simultaneously cut into the ribbon strung between the two posts to the building's entryway.

Words of congratulations could be heard and gestures of friendship seen amidst the cheers and applause. Afterward everyone was invited to partake in the Guamanian fiesta where a wide assortment of vegetarian foods were available along with a door-size cake.

The dedication marked the end of major construction, but it also signaled the beginning of the new phase in Adventist outreach. As the crowd departed, 22 flags, representing the countries receiving the initial broadcasts, waved colorfully in the evening sky. That crowd's support along with Adventist Christians worldwide had made a five million dollar dream a reality.

*Daniel Mark is Assistant Public Relations Director for AWR-Asia.*



*Joseph Ada, Governor of Guam, welcomed AWR-Asia to Guam during his remarks at the dedication ceremony on January 18, 1987. He also gave General Conference President Neal Wilson a certificate making him an "Ambassador at Large" of Guam.*



*The Korean Voice of Prophecy Choir sang for the dedication ceremony as well as weekend services, at the home of the Governor of Guam, and at the First Presbyterian Church of Guam during their five-day stay here.*



*An island-style fiesta concluded the dedication activities on January 18. Planned and carried out by two local Adventist women, Mariquita Taitague and Candi Santos, the meal featured vegetarian Chamorro (Guamanian) foods, and a giant cake prepared by a local bakery.*

# SINGAPORE/MALAYSIA

## NATIONAL SMOKING CONTROL CAMPAIGN

Mr. Ken Reimche, President of Youngberg Adventist Hospital, received a plaque of appreciation from Dr. Kwa Soon Bee, Permanent Secretary (Health) and Director of Medical Services on March 11, 1987 at the Plaque Presentation Ceremony of the National Smoking Control Programme organized by the Ministry of Health.

With the theme: TOWARDS A NATION OF NON-SMOKERS, the government together with some 42 organizations launched the national campaign in late 1986. YAH Public Relations Director Jonathan Ng represented the hospital as a member of the group during the launching ceremony.

The hospital was called upon to share its expertise and experience in prevention education and smoking cessation. Both Dr. Clarence Ing and Pastor Jonathan Ng were invited to speak, by the Singapore Armed Forces, schools and service organizations during the campaign. 5-Day Plans were held monthly during the early part of the year to accommodate the large number of participants coming from the government ministries. Both television, radio and local newspapers gave excellent coverage to the hospital's participation in this national campaign. This has helped to create a better public image of the hospital in the community. Praise the Lord for outreach opportunities through the health ministry.

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**Jonathan Ng, Public  
Relations Director, Youngberg  
Adventist Hospital**



*Mr. Ken Reimche.*

## KL 5-DAY PLAN A SUCCESS

A 5-Day Plan to Stop Smoking was held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia co-sponsored by the Adventist Health Education Service and Malaysian Medical Association from February 22 to 26, 1987. Dr. Russel Standish, President of Penang Adventist Hospital and Pastor Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director of Youngberg Adventist Hospital served as lecturers of the program. Incidentally, Pastor Ng helped to conduct the first 5-Day Plan

in Kuala Lumpur when he served as mission temperance director in 1974.

A special feature of the program was a training workshop on smoking cessation conducted each morning for delegates from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, government hospitals and the Consumers Association. A group of 13 smokers participated in the 5-Day Plan and the number of cigarettes consumed by the group went from 385 on the first session to 48 on the second session and to zero on the final session. Mr. K. A. Tan, an observer of the program presented his personal testimony on the second session. He had successfully kicked the habit through a 5-Day Plan, which Pastor Ng conducted in Kuching, Sarawak in 1972. This came as a pleasant surprise, for nobody was aware of Mr. Tan's experience with a 5-Day Plan.

WMSM President David Leoh and Pastor John Lai co-ordinated the program with the assistance of literature evangelists and church members in Kuala Lumpur.

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**Jonathan Ng, Public  
Relations Director, Youngberg  
Adventist Hospital**

# Chinniah of Singapore



## The "Cat"...

Soon after this Chinniah moved to a rather primitive shed to fend for himself. He was now 16 years old. On many occasions an apparition disturbed his sleep. The family was delving in spirits. Some nights Chinniah felt a presence pressing down on his chest or head. If he resisted the pressure increased. He was frightened! A catlike form appeared. Some times it went under his bed. He could feel it pounding under the surface.

Chinniah secured several pictures of the family gods. He hung these about his room in the shed. He prayed asking for help to drive away the spirit.

The "cat" returned. The idol pictures and his prayers were powerless. One day he attempted to kick the spirit apparition. As he did so he could not move. Fear filled his heart.

## ... Became a "monkey"

Now the "cat" looked like a monkey. It took hold of Chinniah's leg, and then lifting a long finger gave a warning sign.

At that moment a cock crowed. The "creature" scrambled up the wall and disappeared.

## A Child of the gods

Chinniah was born into a non-Christian family in Singapore. While his father was a secular free thinker his mother was a strict worshipper. She faithfully took her children to the temple and conducted religious (Hindu) services for her large family.

Singapore is a country of many peoples and religions. Early in life Chinniah was interested in coming to know the truth about God. He wrestled with doubts about the existence of the countless gods of his mother's religion.

He enjoyed playing in the trees near his home. Neighbourhood children had carved names and figures in the trees month by month. He studied the scars left by these carvings. As years passed the telltale evidence of the carvings remained.

## A Carving...

One day, high in his favourite tree, Chinniah carved the name of a family god. He paused to study his lettering. Could this god be real? Did he live? Could he hear the prayers offered to him by the family members.

Chinniah prayed, "If you are a true god, this name of yours will remain as a scar on this tree trunk forever."

## ... Disappears

A few weeks later Chinniah climbed his tree. He remembered his prayer. He could not find the carving of the idol god. The familiar scars were all there except one! The place where his knife had pushed deep into the bark was smooth with new growth. He sat there amazed! He kept this experience to himself but the smooth bark strengthened his doubts.



BY J. H. ZACHARY

## Power found in Creator God

A very concerned teenager discussed the frightening experience with his friends. Both Christian and Muslim friends told him about the God who was so powerful that He had created the world and all it contains. He also learned that this great God would judge all people in the final judgment day.

Soon after this the spirit returned. Chinniah gave a challenge—"Why don't you repent of your evil deeds and maybe the Creator God will forgive you on the judgment day. Immediately the spirit left. It never returned to disturb Chinniah for many weeks.

Chinniah looked at the many pictures of the gods he had hung on the walls. Then he thought of his one prayer to his new creator God, and the immediate answer he had just received. He was impressed with the power of the name of the Almighty God who created all things.

Three years later the same spirit returned. Immediately Chinniah called upon the Creator God. At the mention of that name the spirit disappeared again.

All of these experiences gave Chinniah food for reflection. One day he was at the beach lying on the sand. It was a great day to be alive. As he looked up into the sky he wondered, "Who am I?" "Why am I here?" "Is there a God who created me?" "How did the earth and sky get there?"

Still lying on his back, he prayed, "O Creator God, if you really made me and the world, you must guide me to the truth. I will do all I can to know the truth. If you do not guide me to know the truth then you can't hold me responsible during the judgment day for not knowing the truth and not repenting.

## An accident brings quest for truth

Once again the months slipped by.

That prayer was forgotten. Chinniah was busy with his work and hobbies.

Then one day he found himself in an ambulance. He had been riding his motorcycle. There had been a terrible accident. His helmet was cracked, his machine destroyed. On the way to the hospital he remembered his prayer. He had not kept his part of the promise. He had not done his part in the search for truth.

Where could he find truth? He remembered the Koran and the Bible books. They spoke of the judgment day and the Creator God. He purchased a Bible for \$3. The Koran was too expensive for his meager budget. So he borrowed a Koran. He started to keep his promise. Each day he read a portion of both books.

As he read a strong conviction came that he should read the Bible.

He noticed a strange coincidence. His Bible reading time was early morning. At times he slept in. When he took time to read the Bible even when he was late the factory bus was also late. When he skipped his Bible

reading he always missed the bus and was then late for work.

Chinniah had a growing conviction that there was a living God who had heard his cry for truth and was guiding him to the Bible. This is his testimony.

"I started having faith in the Creator God. God became a real person to me. He answered many of my prayers. I prayed to God every day because I knew that He was listening to me."

"I started keeping God's commandments and I prayed to God asking Him to help me keep them. My character and behaviour started to change. My friends noticed the change."

Resistance came from Chinniah's family as he stopped worshipping before the family idols. His mother begged him to return to the family circle of worship.

About this time Chinniah's father died. As the eldest son it was his responsibility to lead out in the worship of the father's departed spirit. When the family promised him that the priest would lead out, he

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Chinniah and Pastor Jim Zachary viewing one of the gods Chinniah chose to give up.

## HOMESICK

*Oh Lord, as I wander in this land, may I never forget that I am just wandering, that it is not my home.*

*I'm a foreigner in a strange land, help me to be open minded about new customs and traditions, but to keep my identity as Your child.*

*Help me to live everyday as if I were preparing to go home.*

*And instead of facing it with fear and trembling to wait with joy, knowing that it won't matter how hard it is to wait, how strange I must sometimes seem, because soon I'll be going home.*

*Please remind me that even though I'm a pauper here, in reality I'm going home to my inheritance. Sometimes I get so contented here, so unwilling to let go of familiar things that I forget about going home.*

*Lord, I know I'm here for a reason, You brought me here.*

*Use me for Your purpose.*

*Please remind me that when I am homesick for my family and friends how my soul is really homesick for You and Heaven and that You are heartsick for me too.*

*Lord I know that You love me so much that if I don't ever come home to You that You will always be heartsick for me.*

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*Written by Cheryl Anderson, a student missionary from Wisconsin, USA presently living in Singapore and helping in the Literature Ministries department under Pastor Randy Horning.*



*Cheryl Anderson (second from R) with student missionary friends, (l. to R) Mark, Sharon, and Brenda teaching English in Thailand.*

# THAILAND

## NEW PASTOR AT BAH CHURCH

Recent visitors to the Far Eastern Division and Southeast Asia Union offices included Elder and Mrs. Orley Berg who arrived in Bangkok from their retirement home in California on November 16 to begin a one year SOS assignment as pastor of the Bangkok Adventist Hospital Church.

Before retirement in 1981, Elder Berg had served for fourteen years in the Ministerial Association of the General Conference as an editor of **Ministry** magazine and director of the Minister's Tape of the Month Club, along with other duties.

His previous ministry included pastorates in California, Florida, and Tennessee. From here he was called to be the Ministerial Secretary of the Potomac Conference, he being the first minister to serve in that office at the local conference level.

"It's good to be back in the pastoral ministry," says Elder Berg. "My wife, Olive, and I are excited about the work in Bangkok and the many wonderful people we are privileged to work with. We thank the Lord for making it possible."

Elder Berg is also author of several books, including **The Work of The Pastor** which has helped many young ministers to become more effective in their pastoral roles.

The Bergs' visit to Singapore was via Penang where they spent a couple of days at the Penang Adventist Hospital while getting their visas extended.

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**Pastor Orley Berg, BAH Church, Thailand**



*Elder and Mrs. Orley Berg.*

## THE WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD TO BE PRESENTED IN BANGKOK

On Tuesday night, March 10, an illustrated lecture series entitled "The Wonders of the Ancient World" will begin in the Asia Hotel. As a special attraction, the Egyptian Embassy will have on hand a large display of Egyptian artifacts. Admission price will be 80 Baht, with the lectures planned especially for the business and professional residents of Bangkok. Posters in the universities, libraries, and public places and 10,000 handbills will be used to advertise the program.

Pastor Berg will feature on slide such scenes as the pyramids, temples, and tombs of Egypt, the fantastic discoveries of Assyrian palaces in ancient Mesopotamia and Babylon, along with the rich finds in the Holy Land and other lands of the Bible.

The lectures will gradually unveil the thrilling story of how the archaeological finds illuminate and confirm the historical accuracy of the Bible; also, how the rise and fall of the ancient empires were foretold in the Hebrew Scriptures. Prayer is requested for the success of the program.

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**Pastor Orley Berg, BAH Church News**

## EXCITEMENT IN PATTAYA AND SATAHIP

### God Opened A Church

God miraculously opened His own church this last year in Thailand. The story began when Mr. and Mrs. Khun Bunchuay, members from the newly established church in Korat went on a business venture to Pattaya, 100 kilometers south of Bangkok. Mr. Bunchuay's business consisted of selling native sweets from his old pick-up car along the beach frequented by tourists. When business was slow, he made friends and talked to them about his new found faith.

One day he met Mr. Khun Jomkat, a barber by profession and a Sunday church member. Before long the discussion centered on the Sabbath topic. Mr. Khun Jomkat became convinced and offered his barber shop as meeting place for Sabbath worship. Together they began keeping the Sabbath. As they had opportunity they shared with others the precious message they loved.

After eight weeks Mr. Khun Bunchuay took leave and travelled back to Bangkok. Stepping into the chaplain's office at BAH he announced, "You helped me to learn about the true Sabbath, now I have shared this message with others and there is a group now worshipping God on Sabbath in Pattaya. Please come help me explain more to them." To their happy surprise the chaplains found 14 people gathering to worship God on Sabbath.

### Two Months Later

Two months later on Sabbath the chaplains returned to find three pastors from the local Presbyterian church trying to woo the 14 members back to their original church. Courteously, however, the pastors allowed the BAH chaplains time to study with the people. A very interesting discussion ensued resulting in the senior pastor, Pastor Chamnian, inviting the chaplains to visit his church in Satahip.

Upon arrival at Satahip, the chaplains learned that Pastor Chamnian had scheduled an all night prayer meeting with his church members to ask the Lord for special guidance in this discussion with the chaplains that the truth concerning the Sabbath might be revealed. The meeting proceeded until 2 a.m. in a friendly manner of sharing, studying, and seeking after truth.

Later, Pastor Chamnian privately told the chaplains that when he had studied religion at Payap University some years before he had been convicted about the Sabbath at that time. Many times he had asked his professors about it, but they had put him off saying it was just a nonsense question. He was told not to make a nuisance of himself. Now from this study he was convinced that



*BAH church members visit new church in Satahip.*



*Twelve new believers pose with Pastors N. M. Penaflorida (L) and Orley Berg (R).*

his former queries for truth had been finally answered.

The next day the chaplains, Pastor Penaflorida and Miss Urai, went back to the first group of 14 in Pattaya. The believers there were so hungry for the truth that they kept asking for more. Despite the long hours of the night before, the chaplains preached and shared for three hours Sabbath afternoon and again Sunday morning until 1 p.m. They were thrilled to find a group of people so anxious to hear the truth.

Upon returning to Bangkok, Pastor Penaflorida sent literature and letters to the groups in Pattaya and Satahip, encouraging them to study more of God's word. Miss Urai made many more visits to both groups to help guide their study.

## **A Church Is Born, But a Pastor Loses Credentials**

A Bible Conference sponsored by BAH was held at the Baptist Camp during November 7-11, 1986. Both groups were invited to come; and 19, including Pastor Chamnian attended. During the conference four of them joined the baptismal class and were baptized.

When Pastor Chamnian's former church headquarters learned of the baptism, they were very unhappy. He was asked to surrender his credentials and was not allowed to use his pulpit anymore. He was driven from his home which was owned by the church. Some of his church members who had been impressed with his honesty, faithfulness, and sacrifice for them sympathized with their forsaken pastor. They decided to join him in his convictions about the Sabbath. On November 22, Pastor Chamnian was baptized. On December 13, twelve of his members followed him in baptism.

One of the newly baptized members donated an area of land in Satahip and requested that a church building be built. The Thailand Mission pledged 40,000 Baht towards the construction. ADRA offered to dig a well, and the BAH family and friends gave approximately 20,000 Baht. The church members themselves donated the labour.



*Pastor Chamnian Rasami (2nd from L) poses with Pr. N. M. Penaflorida (R).*

## **To Date:**

To date, the church is still under construction on the property adjoining Pastor Chamnian's home. Pastor Chamnian lost his salary, but not his hope. He rejoices that 17 persons are now baptized and sharing with him the blessed Sabbath truth.

Pastor Penaflorida and the BAH Chaplains are planning a series of evangelistic meetings in Satahip to be conducted on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights through the months of March and April. This will do much to help establish our new members in the faith and also be the means of adding others to their number.

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accompanied his family to the temple.

However during the service the priest paused and called upon the eldest son to step forward. Everyone turned to look at Chinniah. He was on the spot. He was determined to remain faithful to the Creator God. He got up, left the temple and headed for home. He decided he would pack his things and leave home.

He met his family at the door on his way to find a new place to live. Instead of harsh words they comforted him and assured him that all would be forgotten.

Chinniah's younger brother was a spirit medium. During a trance, a spirit of a family god would enter his body. Then family and friends could consult the spirit.

Often the spirit would require the family members to perform neglected religious rites. One day as Chinniah entered his home the spirit was counselling a small group through his brother.

Chinniah was afraid the spirit would require him to take part in the service. He breathed an earnest prayer to the Creator God he had come to trust.

Instantly the medium's behaviour

became erratic. The spirit spoke, but in a strange language. One of the women present interpreted the message. All the family were ordered to appear at the temple immediately. Another answered prayer! Chinniah was spared again.

"I was strengthened in my belief in God and I found comfort in reading my Bible during my ups and downs in life. There are many other incidents in my life which non-believers would call coincidences, but I treasure them and believe that they are the work of God Almighty."

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## BAH BREATHE FREE PROGRAM

During the month of December 1986, the Health Education Department conducted for the first time an 8 day Breathe Free plan to stop smoking. Two staff physicians joined the hospital chaplain, the church pastor, and the department nursing staff to form the Breathe Free Team. In addition, Public Health nursing students rotated through the program each night.

The first night, 44 people attended as family members and friends came to encourage and support smokers in their decision to be free from the cigarette habit. Twenty-five men registered to participate in the program, and 22 ultimately received diplomas declaring them members of the non-smoking majority.

One observer, working on a masters degree thesis from a local university, expressed amazement that the program was able to maintain regular attendance on a nightly basis in a culture that normally spends their evenings at home. Perhaps an even greater challenge for the staff was the

many adaptations that had to be made to conduct the program for Thais. All lecture material, slide presentations, handouts, and films had to be translated into the Thai language. Some modifications had to be made in the program itself to make it more effective for the particular culture. Yet comments from the satisfied participants, who became like family to one another during the 8 days, made all the work worthwhile for the staff. The chief of the tourist police, in expressing his appreciation, requested we notify him of all education programs so his wife could attend also. Another said, 'if you can't stop smoking on this program. I don't think you could stop anywhere.'

BAH praises the Lord for the victories won over addiction and for the new friends we have introduced to the enabling power of the God of heaven.

**Cari Hammonds, BAH Health Education Department**



The participants pose with the Breathe Free Team. Mrs. Cari Hammonds (standing L), front seat L to R are: Nid Poomsuwan, Head of Health Education Dept., Dr. Ronald Brody, BAH President, Thai Monk, participant, Pr. N. M. Penaflores, BAH Chaplain, Mrs. Jongkolnee Charoenthavavee, director of Nursing Service Dept.



Big hands to the participants on receiving diplomas.

## **THE EXPERIENCE IN OUTREACH PROGRAMME**

Last June, during our Outreach programme, we visited BAH's baby church. I call this church "BAH's baby church" because it is barely two years since BAH founded a small church of 15 members in Korat. This church has multiplied fourfold. We now have about 60 baptized members. We are very happy for Pastor Keaw's work there, he has now completed one year of caring for his church and all indications show that the church is prospering. Another group of worshippers, not far from there, are having regular Bible studies with him.

June 21, 1986, just a little over two months ago a group of 12 brethren from BAH church, including myself, were traveling to visit the Korat church. We were practising our song for the special number at the church service, when we were interrupted by the sound of a big explosion. Suddenly we could not see anything in front of us. Bruce Thompson, Head of our Physiotherapy department, had to swerve to the shoulder of the road and stop. We were motionless with shock, except for Bruce who seemed unaffected and could manage to smile. That smile enabled us to calm our fear, especially when he said, "Ani pen Ruong Tamada". "This is an ordinary thing!" It has happened to me many times.

What had happened was that we were following a truck when a small pebble skidded from under the wheel and hit our windscreen and broke it into very small pieces. We spent another 30 minutes removing all the broken glass and tidying up.

What was interesting is how some of us look at an unfortunate experience like this. Some of us, including myself, worried how we would go on from there with this unfortunate incident. Bruce had a very good outlook on the experience. He said, "Now we can have all the fresh air in Thailand." But I said, "What if it rains?" "Then God will take care of it", Bruce answered. On our way home, after stopping for a while at our property at Muak Lek to visit Sopha and to see how he and his family were doing spiritually, we saw dark clouds over us. It was already raining ahead of us. I turned to Bruce and said, "And now, what?" He answered unhesitatingly, "We are God's water proofs," and recalled the Red Sea experience.

Then to comfort myself, I told the group of an experience when I was a district pastor visiting a remote church. I was hiking for 5 hours in the heat of the day, when suddenly the clouds darkened and began to rain. There was no house or shelter in sight so I just prayed

to God that I would not catch pneumonia. There was rain ahead of me, behind me and beside me close by, but I arrived at my destination dry. No rain touched me. After telling this story, we were all encouraged to go ahead.

Sure enough, when we reached the place where there had been rain, we found it had stopped and the rain was behind us. All reached the compound praising God.

This experience and others similar are enriching to our faith. Other experiences may not be as spectacular as this one, but we know miracles like this happen to us every time we work for Him. We experience God's protection and care. Many times when we speak to our brethren the Holy Spirit just prompts us with the words to speak. Even the songs of our students and workers were unmistakably inspired by God. That is the reason why our young people are all happy after coming from the Outreach programme. I do not have to ask them to come a second time, I just tell them the date of the next outreach and if we do not say "no" to some we would not be able to get them all in two vans.

Indeed, I feel that our outreach is a must in our institution, and not necessarily just for the brethren that we visit.

**N.M. Penaflores, BAH Chaplain**

## **CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS AT BAH**

Under the able supervision of Merritt R. Crawford the construction of what he has termed "Faith Wing" is moving along at good speed. This new section will house the obstetrics and pediatrics departments, as well as the bakery, kitchen, cafeteria, and store. Two basements will provide much-needed parking space.

By the end of January all the structural work was completed. The parking garages were ready for use in February. By the end of March the interior of the first floor is to be completed so that the kitchen and bakery equipment can be installed.

With Mr. and Mrs. Crawford's return to their retirement home in Galdstone, Oregon, in November, 1986, the construction operation passed into the capable hands of Mr. Steve Dickerson, also from Oregon, USA. Mr. Dickerson comments that "our medical work is the 'right arm' of the gospel, so we hope the hospital will continue to prosper and be a blessing to the community.

**Public Relations Department, BAH**

# SABAH

## NEW LITERATURE MINISTRIES

### DIRECTOR IN SABAH

Pastor Martin Ya'ang took up his responsibilities as director of the publishing work in Sabah just recently. He comes with a wide variety of background in church work having served the church for the past 32 years. At 18 years of age Pastor Ya'ang began his work as a church school teacher and continued in that for 20 years. He then pastored a district for eight years and for the past four years has served in the Sabbath School and Lay Activities departments.

Following his ordination to the gospel ministry in 1974 he went to the Goshen area. He soon noticed that there was no school or church there. He opened the school on his own and before long was able to start a church with the Lord's blessing.

When asked why he chose to accept the call to the literature ministry, Pastor Ya'ang replied, "I believe the Lord works through committees. When I was asked to take up this work, I took it as a direct call of the Lord. Though I've had no experience in this area I will certainly give myself to the work and do the best I can."

Pastor Ya'ang feels the literature work is an entering wedge to places where a minister cannot go. At Mendahan and at Beaufort, churches were begun by literature evangelists. His goals consist of learning to be a good literature evangelist himself and then work to promote the "entering wedge ministry" by entering new territories (of which Sabah has many) with his team of workers.

**Randy Horning, Literature Ministries  
Director, SAUM**



The group of colporteurs who went to Sipitang last month. The group who had the above-mentioned experience were: Kuili Kubud (squatting on the L), Angelwing Gutot (squatting on the R), Jaibi Ogou (standing, 2nd from L), and Rosnah Ogou (standing, far R).

## THOUSANDS OF ANGELS

In *Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 129 we read:

"In working for perishing souls you have the companionship of angels. Thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand angels are waiting to co-operate with members of our churches in communicating the light that God has generously given, that a people may be prepared for the coming of Christ."

Out of these thousands upon thousands of angels one was seen accompanying a group of our colporteurs led by Jaibi Ogou, Assistant Publishing director, while working in Sipitang last month. Sipitang is a remote place situated about 194 kilometer south of Kota Kinabalu, and there is not one Seventh-day Adventist church there yet.

One day Jaibi Ogou, Assistant Publishing director of Sabah Mission, divided her group of colporteurs into two groups. She herself went with one of the groups of which there were four. Jaibi led her three friends to work at a place where they had to go by public transportation. They waited for transportation by the side of the road. As soon as there was a taxi they took a ride to the place they intended to go. When they alighted from the transportation Jaibi handed to the driver a ten-dollar note. She expected to receive six dollars change, as the fare for each person was one dollar. But the man returned to her only five dollars, at the same time explaining that each person's fare is one dollar.

The colporteurs looked at one another in surprise. Jaibi then turned to the driver and reminded him that there were only four of them who rode in his transportation. "Oh, but there were five of you!" the driver exclaimed. He counted them, and looked to the right and left, thinking perhaps that the fifth person was hiding somewhere, but he could not find the fifth person he saw earlier. He gave another dollar to Jaibi with a questioning look on his face. He could not figure out why there were five of them when they rode his car, but now there were only four of them.

I believe that the fifth person the driver saw was real and I cannot doubt that it was one of the thousands upon thousands of angels who are always waiting to accompany our colporteurs each day as they do this sacred duty.

**Martin Ya'ang, Literature Ministries Director,  
Sabah Mission**

# SARAWAK

## AYER MANIS SCHOOL AS I RECALL IT



Mrs. C. E. Pauner.

My husband and I went to Ayer Manis and started a school in 1934. The government gave 10 acres of land on the opposite side of the road for a school. After four years of operation the health department of the government discovered that there was malaria at the spring below the school. Thus the order was given that the school should move a half mile in the opposite direction. The present site of the school started in 1938.

We were asked to move to Tatau district toward the end of 1938, but my husband was prone to pneumonia so we declined the offer. As a result, my husband had to resign from mission work. We went to Simbo and started a primary school. Before going to Simbo we were unemployed for almost a year. Many students came to our school in Simbo. Those who could not pay their fees in cash paid in kind. We stayed and developed Simbo school for 10 years. We started a church too, along with the school.

In 1945-50 the mission and union brethren had serious thoughts about closing Ayer Manis School. Fewer students came and it seemed a waste of time to try to keep it going. At one stage there were only 17 students attending school. The mission invited my husband to help restore the school. In 1950 we came and worked hard for three months. If we couldn't improve it we were told that we would not be held responsible. With the Lord's help we had 80 students at the end of the trial period of three months. Ayer Manis School was saved and we went on with God's help to complete a total of nine years of service to Ayer Manis School. God richly blessed despite all the difficulties.

In those days we had no telephone, no paved roads. It took many hours to get to the city of Kuching from AMS. Supplies, if any, took weeks. There were shortages of books, supplies, and just about everything. The problem faced by AMS today are different from those we faced in the 1930's and 1940's; however, the purpose of AMS is the same - to be a "light on the hill".

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At this time Chinniah experienced some difficulty in keeping the "Sabbath." He was determined to be faithful to his promise to the Creator God about following the truth. Unaware that the 7th day is the Sabbath he was attempting to keep Sunday holy. In answer to his prayers he was able to find a solution to his "Sabbath" keeping problems.

As Chinniah followed the truths he learned from the Bible God richly blessed him. His work changed to a 5-day week, and he was promoted to a higher position.

He testifies, "I was totally convinced in the teachings of the Bible. I felt that I should attend a church. I had accepted Jesus as my Saviour, but was not attending any church. I offered a prayer. 'God, the Creator, maybe You could guide me to the church of Your choice through a friend, because I do not know which way to go.'"

The prayer was answered during the next week!

A new employee joined his company. One day Chinniah was early for work. He saw the new office secretary walking toward the office. He heard a voice within him say, "This woman will become your friend who will show you the true way."

This new secretary was a Seventh-day Adventist. Soon Chinniah was attending the Balestier SDA Church.

"After a full year of Sabbath School I realized that I had learned more about the Bible than during the four years of my own study."

Shortly after this Chinniah was tested about Sabbath keeping. "I was determined to observe the Sabbath at the risk of my job." Once again the Lord intervened. Chinniah was baptized on December 14, 1985.

His testimony today is, "Praise the Lord for the grace He has given me. I only whole heartedly wish that everyone in this world would come to know God and be saved. This is His wish, but many are not willing to let Him work with them so He can't. Today I am ever ready to conform to His biddings. I am willing to do anything that He wants me to do. Praise the Lord."

— Mrs. C. E. Pauner,  
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Pastor Jim Zachary is Ministerial Director for the Far Eastern Division.

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