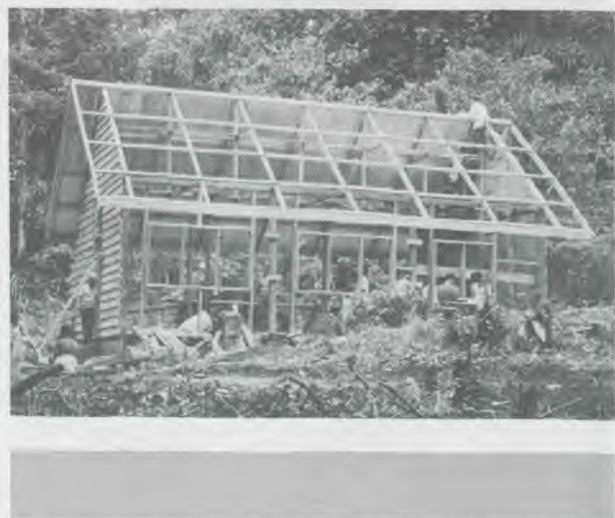


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Singapore Lightbearers return to Sarawak.

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George Thomson Volunteers in Education Department

A newcomer to the SAUM staff is Dr. George Thomson. He arrived with his wife Evelyn on January 12 to spend six months in the Education Department filling in for Dr. David Wong who is on leave until after General Conference session in July.

Dr. Thomson, 73, comes from Keene, Texas, where he has enjoyed retirement since 1984. For four years prior to retirement, he served as the Academic Dean and history teacher at Universitas Advent Indonesia.



In his 36 years of denominational service, Dr. Thomson taught for two years at Campion Academy (Colorado, USA), served for 14 years at Southwestern Junior College (now Southwestern Adventist College), and spent 16 years at Union College as Chairman of the History Department. While at Union College, he was also in charge of the touring program, in which students gain college credits in history through educational tours of Europe.

The Thomsons have two children and four grandchildren. Their son John is a dentist in Idaho (USA), and daughter Mary Jo is a nurse working as a health educator in Wisconsin (USA).

During his stay in Singapore, Dr. Thomson will be conducting evaluations of several of the primary and secondary schools in the Southeast Asia Union Mission in addition to the routine Education Department responsibilities. He will also assist in the Sabbath School Department.

— Marilyn Johnson

Obituary



Pastor Tan Kia Ou was born on March 21, 1895 in a Baptist family at Shang Shu village, Yew Ping district, Kwantung, China. He passed away peacefully during his sleep on October 11, 1989 at his residence in Singapore.

He came into contact with the Seventh-day Adventist Church during his late teens through his uncle, Tan Khai Seng, who was among the first to accept the SDA teachings in Swatow. With the financial help and encouragement of the Swatow Mission President, Tan Kia Ou attended Fukien Senior Academy at Kulangsu, Amoy, and was baptized in 1914.

The following summer vacation, he earned a full scholarship selling SDA literature. This was the beginning of his long years of literature evangelism work, which took him to Burma, India, the Philippines, Sumatra, and many other areas in the Southeast Asia Union Mission. In the 1920's he topped the sales for all of the Far Eastern Division.

In 1920 he made the first of several canvassing trips to Vietnam, then known as French Indochina. In 1924 he served as Publishing Secretary for the Swatow Mission. The following year he was Publishing and Lay Activities Secretary of the South China Union Mission. On March 14, 1929, K. O. Tan was ordained at Canton during the South China Union Mission Session.

In 1937, Pastor Tan came to Malaya to canvass. The next year he was asked to serve as associate to Pastor R. M. Milne, the Publishing and Home Missionary Secretary of the Malayan Union Mission (now the SAUM). Three weeks before Singapore fell to the Japanese in 1942, Pastor Tan was appointed acting president of the Malayan Union Mission. After the war, he helped to raise funds for various medical and educational institutions and churches in the SAUM.

Pastor K. O. Tan is survived by his wife, three sons, four daughters, eleven grandchildren, and eight great-granddaughters.

— C. Y. Wu, Secretary, SAUM

Harvest 90 Final Challenge

God in His love is giving Harvest 90 a harvest of souls beyond all expectations. The South American and Inter-American Divisions have reached their total Harvest 90 goals, along with approximately 40 Unions and local fields.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church worldwide has now surpassed the six million church membership mark. In 1880 there were only 11 Seventh-day Adventists per one million population worldwide, but in 1985 there were 975 Adventists per one million of the world population.

Now is the final stretch of the Harvest 90 race. Now is the time to accelerate efforts to the maximum. The October 1989 General Conference Annual Council voted the following plan of action:

1. To produce, in the last six months of Harvest 90, a powerful movement of evangelism and soul-winning activity involving all the forces of the church, and
 2. To involve the 16,284 pastors around the world in aggressive evangelism, transforming each of the 29,000 churches into evangelistic centers and mobilizing and training 1.5 million church members as soul winners to reach 2.5 million baptisms by the end of Harvest 90.
- All of the world Divisions accepted this challenge and

are making plans to create a big evangelistic thrust to culminate Harvest 90.

"In view of the times and our Lord's call to reap the fields that already are white to harvest, we appeal to all church members to dedicate themselves to preaching the gospel, thus culminating Harvest 90 with a mighty offering of precious men and women to present to God at the General Conference Session."

Before us is a great opportunity to conclude Harvest 90 with a memorable victory. The challenge is to go forward with even more zeal.

Elder Neal Wilson, General Conference President, exhorts each member, "Harvest 90 has been a great blessing in focusing the priority of the Church where it should always be—completing the great commission to evangelize the world. Let us unite in culminating this program by an inspiring festival of evangelism, which will produce the most wonderful harvest of souls in the history of the Adventist Church—All to the honor and glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!"

— Carlos E. Aeschlimann, Harvest 90 Coordinator

■ PENINSULAR MALAYSIA ■

Literature Ministry Progress

It is always an exciting time to look back at the past year and make plans for the new year. On January 21, the 14 literature evangelists in the Kuala Lumpur area met for their goal setting. Mr. Peter Chong had canvassed for the first eight months of 1988, selling over M\$80,000 before being appointed as the Assistant Publishing Director for the K. L. area. The Far Eastern Division chose him to receive the Top 10 award for 1989.

In Ipoh, the 13 L.E.s met on January 22 for their goal setting. Under the leadership of Low Kam Key, Assistant Publishing Director, the Ipoh area literature evangelists had a 20% increase in sales over 1988.

The Tamil workers have a new health book, and are excited about that. This is the L.E.s' first new health book in many years. To produce the book, Mr. Sam Govindasamy, the PEM Publishing Director, compiled articles from the Oriental Watchman magazine, published in India.

At present, the PEM has 10 Tamil literature evangelists.



Tamil L.E.s in Ipoh with their newly-published health book.

Ms. Reetha Asser is the first Indian lady to receive L.E. credentials in the SAUM. There are now five credentialed L.E.s in the PEM, with several more expected by the end of 1990.

— Rayburn Smith, Publishing Director, SAUM

Penang Adventist Hospital Celebrates 65th Anniversary

December 12 marked the 65th year of continued medical missionary work at Penang Adventist Hospital. From a humble beginning in 1924 as a one-doctor clinic at Muntri Street, PAH has grown to its present 130-bed capacity.

Today PAH has 19 full-time in-house doctors, of whom 16 are active and dedicated Seventh-day Adventists. There are also 11 consultant doctors associated with PAH. Medical services of the hospital have continued to increase and now include open heart surgery, microvascular surgery, urology and renal dialysis, plastic and reconstructive surgery, dentistry and orthodontics. The Health Education Department is also conducting various wellness programs.



Dr. Russell Standish and Dr. Bruce Robbie cut the 65th Anniversary cake.

For the anniversary, more than 650 PAH staff members, friends, and business associates met at the Shangri-La Hotel in Penang for a dinner and special program. It was a time to celebrate the successes and accomplishments of PAH during the past 65 years, a time to set new goals for attaining new heights. Most of all, it was a time of thanksgiving for God's blessings and guidance, and a time of renewing the staff's covenant with the Lord.

Speakers for the occasion were Dr. Bruce Robbie, President of PAH, and Dr. Russell Standish, Director of Adventist Health Services SAUM and former President of PAH.

In conjunction with the celebration, the organizing committee launched a fund-raising campaign to help pay for the new M\$1,800,000 cardiac catheterization laboratory. Abex Medical Systems gave a slide presentation on the cardiac catheterization laboratory, and then a musical group presented the song "The Giving Heart," especially composed for the occasion by members of the hospital family. The target of this first

fund-raising project was M\$10,000, but the committee was pleasantly surprised to receive a total of M\$40,000.

After the cutting of the anniversary cake, there was a special presentation of PAH service awards.

In his written message in the anniversary dinner printed programme, Dr. Standish congratulated Penang Adventist Hospital on its achievements and its plans for the future. But his closing words express the hope and the prayer of each member of the PAH staff: "I pray that God will continue to pour out His blessing upon every patient who attends the hospital and upon each worker who provides the dedicated and expert care which is the right of every patient entering the hospital."

— Albert Phua, Director of Development & Public Relations, PAH

Pontian Church Conducts Fifth Voice of Youth Camp

The Voice of Youth Camp has become an annual event for the Pontian SDA Church, and has regularly proved a success in drawing young people into the church.

On November 14-17, the fifth annual camp met at St. John's Island in Singapore with a total of 42 campers. Of these 19 were church members and 23 were interests. The theme for this year's camp was "What Has Jesus to Do with Young People's Religion?"

Pontian Church youth presented the messages. As they spoke and fellowshiped with the non-SDA young people at the camp, friendship bloomed and interest in religion started to develop.

Many of the campers commented that they like this kind of camp, which helps them both spiritually and



socially. Sam, an interested youth attending the camp, told of his numerous failures in attempting to quit his smoking habit, but witnessed that he was able to overcome it with ease as he accepted Jesus into his heart.

The camp leader, Khor Soo Bee, almost gave up hope for the camp initially because of her inexperience in organizing such programs. She expressed her gratitude to the Lord for His kindness. "It is a great joy to see how the Lord has wonderfully led throughout the camp."

During the final call, nine youth responded positively. About 16 are now attending Sabbath School, AY and Pathfinders, and at the same time are taking Bible studies.

— *Elmo See, student, Southeast Asia Union College*

First Baptism in Penang Indian Company

On Sabbath December 2, there was great joy in the newly-formed Penang Indian Company when two precious souls were baptized. The two candidates had studied under Pastor P. Benjamin, the pastor of the group.

Dr. Russell Standish was present to baptize the two candidates. He has been closely associated with the formation of the new company.

— *Dr. Russell Standish, Adventist Health Services Director, SAUM*

■ SABAH ■

1989 Sees Progress in Sabah Mission

The year 1989 has been a good one in the Sabah Mission. It was also a busy year, as pastors, laymembers and youth conducted 30 evangelistic efforts and 105 satellite meetings including 30 child evangelism efforts.

In two major evangelistic series, the Damai effort resulted in the baptism of 35 persons, while the Goshen crusade concluded with the baptism of 287 people, most of whom were adults. During the entire year, 655 new members joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Sabah through baptism.

Tithes and offerings have continued to grow. The total tithe receipts for 1989 surpassed M\$1 million. The Sabah Mission also benefitted from over M\$2 million in donations from the State of Sabah.

The availability of funds has made the on-going building program possible. During the year, mission builders constructed 34 new church buildings, nine youth and children's halls, and 13 parsonages.

Construction of the new block of the Sabah Mission office is nearing completion. It is expected to be ready for use by the end of February. It will house two guest rooms, a mini-press, a recording studio, and facilities for the Voice of Prophecy.

— *Charles Gaban, President, Sabah Mission*

New Printing Press Purchased

Sabah Mission recently purchased equipment for the setting up of a small-scale printing press. The equipment consists of an offset machine, a plate maker, a cutter, a laser printer, a scanner, and some other small but necessary items.

This move was deemed essential for two main reasons. Firstly, it will reduce the cost of printing the Malay Sabbath School Quarterlies. Secondly, it will help to avoid undue delay of the distribution of Sabbath School Supplies. In recent months this has become a frequent problem due to the increasing difficulty of getting certain religious materials in the Malay language into the country.

The number of Sabbath School members in the Sabah Mission now stands at 17,900, but only a small percentage can afford Sabbath School lesson booklets. It is hoped that by printing these materials locally, the cost can be cut considerably, thereby making the quarterly lessons available and affordable for all members, especially those in the lower income bracket.

— *Connie Gaban, Coordinator, Shepherdess International, Sabah*

■ SARAWAK ■

Pathfinder Leadership Training Camp Held

The Sarawak Mission conducted a Pathfinder Leadership Training Camp November 17-22 at the Pasir Church compound and Simuja Pass in Serian, Sarawak. About 60 Pathfinders and Pathfinder directors from various clubs throughout the Serian and Kuching Districts attended the camp. The purpose of the camp was to train young people to lead out in Pathfinding activities during the coming year.

Present to declare the camp open was Y. B. Frederick Bayoi, Member of Parliament for Tarat District. He commended the Pathfinder Club directors for providing useful and practical activities for youth during the long school holiday. He also stressed the importance of youth's role in building the nation.

Master Guides from the Pasir Pathfinder Club helped with the daily program of the camp. Also attending the camp were Pastor Shupinar Koubong and Pastor Edmund Liah, Youth directors for the SAUM and the Sarawak Mission.

The camp provided lectures on leadership and



M.P. YB Fredrick Bayoi meets with Sarawak Pathfinder leaders.

pathfinding as well as seven AY honours. After completing the Edible Wild Plants honor, one Pathfinder joked, "I think I can survive a few days in the jungle without bringing food from home." Other honors included Fire Building and Camp Cookery, Christian Story Telling, Knot Tying and Lashing, Drill and Marching, Macrame, and Basic First Aid.

— Edmund Liah, Pathfinder Director, Sarawak Mission

Singapore Lightbearers Construct Second Church in Sarawak

After four long years, the Seventh-day Adventists at Nanga Tukap, a village off the Kanowit River in the Julau District of Sarawak, finally have their own church building.

Fond memories of the construction work have been etched not only in the hearts of the villagers but also in the hearts of a group from Singapore calling themselves the Lightbearers. This chapel building project at Nanga Tukap was the third for the Lightbearers. In December 1987 they built a chapel in another part of Sarawak, and in December 1988 they worked in northern Thailand.

The Lightbearers, led this year by Ms. Yap Shiow Hwa and Mr. Joseph Hwang, arrived at the longhouse late in the evening of December 17, 1989. Pastor Gilbert Tan, Stewardship Director of the Sarawak Mission, and Pastor Attie Gara, the district Pastor, along with Agusta Dian, accompanied the Lightbearers to the village.

Work had begun, however, many months before. While the Lightbearers worked in Singapore to raise funds for the building, the people of Nanga Tukap felled trees, trimmed them, cut planks, and carried timber to the construction site.

For 10 days in December, the 15 Lightbearers worked side by side with the villagers to see the fruition of months of planning. As is the custom in that area, other Adventist churches sent representatives to help construct the chapel.

In the evenings, everyone gathered in the longhouse, where the Lightbearers conducted a series of talks. The theme for the meetings was "How Christians Explain the Meaning of Life, and How to Live Life to the Fullest." The series also included a health message each night.

The Lightbearers are lay members from the Seventh-day Adventist Churches in Singapore who desire short-term missionary stints. The group began in 1987 as the result of a few who felt a desire to spend their vacations in a more meaningful way.

Plans are still in the early stages for this year's church building project by the Lightbearers.

— Bharatha Moorthy, Lightbearer to Sarawak 1987, 1989

■ SINGAPORE ■

This Is Life

The pastoral team of the SDA Mission of Singapore combined efforts to conduct an island-wide evangelistic series from December 1 to 15. The program entitled "This Is Life" was held at the newly-renovated Balestier Road SDA Church.

Voice of Prophecy students and friends in the neighborhood received invitations to the meetings. Nightly attendance ranged from 115 to 250, with 75 visitors coming to the meetings.



During the first week, Pastor V. F. Bocala presented the gospel messages. Pastor Gordon Balharrie gave the spiritual emphasis during the second week. Dr. Ng Eng Lim and Dr. Clarence Ing presented the health features.

Various musical groups, including the youth group Reflections and some instrumentalists, took part in the meetings. The Voice of Prophecy quartet from Brazil, the King's Heralds, sang for almost every meeting. They were brought to Singapore especially for the evangelistic effort by a Seventh-day Adventist layman.

The Singapore churches are assisting in the follow-up work. At the close of the evangelistic series, Pastor Michael Ho began a Revelation Seminar at Dunman Road Church, and Pastor Gordon Balharrie started a Daniel Seminar at Balestier Road Church. Other churches are following up by conducting youth camps and small group meetings.

— *Sim Chor Kiat, Coordinator, Inter-Church Crusade, SAM*

Church Ministries Leadership Development Seminar in SAM

"I always learn something new when I attend these workshops," stated Mrs. Chee Poh Geok of the Dunman Road SDA Church. On two Sabbaths, January 13 and 20, the Church Ministries leaders from the Singapore churches received training in various areas of leadership.

Instruction included the areas of Sabbath School, Branch Sabbath School, youth, stewardship, music, Vacation Bible School, and community services. The workshops included lectures, demonstrations and group discussions.

Coordinator for the program was Pastor Danson Ng, Church Ministries Director of the Singapore Mission. He, along with Pastor Shupinar Koubong and Mrs. Evelyn Griffin, both from SAUM Church Ministries Department, conducted the workshops. Other speakers for the programs were Pastor Sim Chor Kiat, SAM President; Pastor Peter Wong, SAM Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. John Neumann, Music Ministries Director; and Pr. Alfred Low, Small Group Ministries Coordinator.

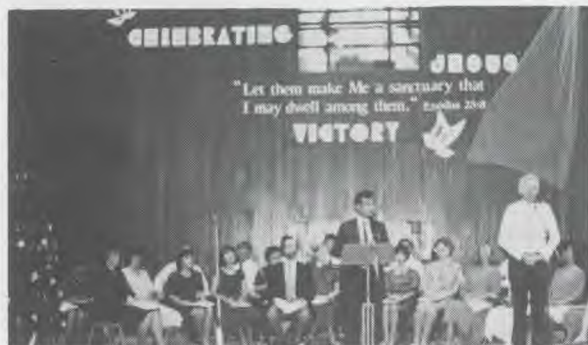
Participants on both Sabbaths seemed eager to learn and put into practice the knowledge they had gained.



Participants in Church Ministries workshop engage in discussion.

— *Evelyn Griffin, Associate Church Ministries Director, SAUM*

Singapore SDA Churches Celebrate the First Advent



On December 23, the SDA Mission of Singapore conducted a combined-worship service at the Jurong SDA Church to celebrate the first advent of Christ. The theme for the occasion was "Celebrating Christ's Victory."

The program was a combination of Christmas carols and responsive readings from the Scriptures. The SAM President, Pastor Sim Chor Kiat, gave a message on Christ's victory, encouraging all members to develop a strong faith to overcome the world (1 John 4:1-4).

Pastor Peter Wong, SAM Treasurer, gave a report on the Jurong Church Building Fund. He thanked all the churches for their support in working toward the S\$3.5 million goal, which now has a balance of S\$78,425 to be raised. Members gave an offering of over S\$1,300 at the Christmas celebration.

To celebrate Christmas with praise to God for His blessings and His goodness, Mr. John Neumann led the congregation and also the combined-churches' choir in singing hymns about Christ's first advent, the angels' proclamation, and Christ's second coming. The Balestier Road SDA Church children's choir, led by Mrs. May Teo, also sang for the occasion.

The Christmas celebration ended with a fellowship dinner on the Jurong Church compound.



— Sim Chor Kiat, Coordinator

Gospel Camp of Jurong English Church

"Focus in Living" was the theme of the Jurong English Church gospel camp at Port Dickson, December 15-18. The object of the camp was to share the Adventist lifestyle with non-Seventh-day Adventists. A total of 74 campers were present. Of these, 14 were non-SDAs, including friends of church members and non-Adventist teachers at the Jurong Adventist Child Development Center (ACDC).

Pastor Danson Ng, Church Ministries director of the Singapore Mission and recently-appointed supervisory pastor of the Jurong English Church, was the main speaker for the camp. Mr. Samuel Siew, Publishing Director of the Singapore Mission and AY leader of the Jurong English Church, led out in the major social activities. Campers seemed to appreciate both the spiritual and the physical recreation.



The highlight of the gospel camp was a baptism on Sabbath afternoon. Candidate Sally Choy's first visit to a Seventh-day Adventist Church was the result of the Jurong ACDC, where her daughter Wei Lin, age 6, and son Peng Kong, age 4, are enrolled. She is the first mother to respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Danson Ng conducted the baptism, which was witnessed by her husband, Mr. Choy, and all the other campers. It is the hope and the prayer of Jurong Church members that other mothers of the ACDC children who are attending Sabbath School will one day follow Sally Choy's footsteps.

— Joocy Lam, Communication Secretary, Jurong English Church

YAH Introduces New Staff

Dr. Fred Lam recently arrived in Singapore to serve as a specialist-physician at Youngberg Adventist Hospital. Dr. Lam graduated from Loma Linda University (USA) in 1975, and did his residency in internal medicine at the medical center there. In 1979 he received his fellowship in nephrology from the University of Washington, and was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Lam has been in private medical practice in the Loma Linda area for the past nine years.

Dr. Lam's wife, Shirley, is a registered nurse, and is a native of Singapore. The Lams have four children: Erika, 15; Jeffrey, 13; Andy, 9; and Teresa, 7.

The new Executive Director of the Youngberg Wellness Center is Dr. Gerard McLane, who graduated from Loma Linda University with a Master of Public Health degree in 1975 and a Doctor of Health Science degree in 1977.

Since then, Dr. McLane has served as executive director of the Center for Health Promotion and the Paulson Center for Rehabilitation at Hinsdale Hospital in Chicago. In 1988, he became a Certified Health Education Specialist. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor of Health Education of Elmhurst College in Chicago.

Mrs. Kathy McLane is a registered nurse. The McLanes have two children, Melissa, 8, and Stephen, 4.

Dr. McLane has expressed his excitement over the



Dr. & Mrs. Gerald McLane and family join YAH.

great potential that Youngberg has to offer the community in Singapore in the area of health promotion and education, especially after the completion of the Wellness Center.

YAH welcomes the Lams and the McLanes to Singapore, and trusts that the Lord will richly bless them in their ministry.

— Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, YAH

■ THAILAND ■

Thanksgiving Services

To remember the goodness of God and to thank Him for His tremendous blessings in 1989, Phuket Adventist Hospital conducted two Thanksgiving Services during the regular morning worships on December 21 and 22. Dr. Russell R. Standish, Director of Adventist Health Services/SAUM, spoke for both services.

Dr. Standish reminded the staff that the hospital's success during 1989 was due to God's blessings as they worked together and placed their trust in Him. The hospital staff can look ahead in 1990 with great confidence when they let God lead His hospital and as they work according to His great master plan.

Patcharee Tongtan and Dr. Arturo Weiss, a relief physician from Bangkok Adventist Hospital, presented special music for the two services.

In conjunction with the Thanksgiving Services, the Hospital Administration voted a 5,000 baht donation toward the Voice of Prophecy radio network of the Thailand Mission.



Dr. Russell Standish speaks for PKAH Thanksgiving.

— Ronald Koh, President, PKAH

Mission College Nursing Students Honor King



Dr. Brody, along with BAH Mission College officials and choir, presents birthday greetings to His Majesty, the King of Thailand.

Bangkok Adventist Hospital and Mission College officials and choir wished Thailand's King Phumipol Adulyadej a happy birthday over national television on December 4.

On the event of his 62nd birthday, the television station sound rooms were opened to groups in the community who wished to extend their greetings and best wishes to the king.

Dr. Ronald Brody, President of BAH, presented a brief message: "On the occasion of His Majesty's birthday again this year, I, Dr. Ronald Brody and the Administration of Bangkok Adventist Hospital, would request royal

permission to wish you a Happy Birthday. May God bless you with a prosperous and long life. May no harm befall you and may your famous reign be known world-wide. May all your wishes be granted, may you continue to be on the throne and be our monarch and protector forever."

The 48-voice BAH Church choir, under the direction of Dr. Helen Sprengel and including many Mission College students, sang "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," and "Happy Birthday To You."

— Dr. Helen Sprengel, Public Relations Director, BAH

Letter from a Grateful Patient

During the month of December, a young lady from Sweden was admitted to Phuket Adventist Hospital on the brink of death. Hospital personnel gave the necessary care, and as she began to recover, they reminded her that it was God who saved her life.

The following is her letter of appreciation to PKAH staff: "My name is Agneta Sandkvist. I am 20 years old and I come from the northern part of Sweden.

"After spending seven wonderful weeks in Thailand with two other friends, I was taken sick in Phuket. Without knowing what sickness I had, I went to different hospitals in Phuket but they did not help me. Later I found out that I had typhoid and pneumonia. I was too sick to decide what to do, and in the last minute a man advised my friends and me to go to Phuket Mission Hospital because

they have professional doctors and nurses.

"I was admitted into the intensive care unit and put on the respirator for a few days. Everyone was so good to me and their care and thoughtfulness helped me in this most difficult and awful time of my life.

"They did their work with so much love, knowledge and wisdom. I cannot express in words what they did for me. I will with all my heart recommend this wonderful hospital with their good people.

"My mother is so glad that I am better, and am going home to Sweden with her. She is going to tell everyone coming to Thailand, if they are sick to come to Phuket Mission Hospital."

— Ronald Koh, Administrator, PKAH

Students, ADRA Rally to Aid Typhoon Victims



On November 4, Typhoon Gay struck the upper south region of Thailand. One of the worst typhoons ever to hit Thailand, it centered its blow in the province of Chumphon, leaving the district towns of Tae Sae (population 40,000) and Pa Tiew looking as if they had been bombed.

The destruction left thousands homeless, and its eradication of coconut, pineapple and rubber plantations left many without a means of making a livelihood.

ADRA Thailand immediately set about gathering funds and supplies to aid the disaster victims. A total of over US\$28,000 came in from ADRA funds and from various Adventist institutions in Thailand, as well as from private donations.

Under the direction of Mr. Boonyong Thipeng, assistant director of ADRA Thailand, and Ms. Busarin Wareesangthip, ADRA Thailand accountant, over 75 students and teachers from Ekamai school and the Bangkok Overseas Church School, as well as Thailand Mission workers volunteered many hours to the relief operation.

Some measured and cut 5-meter lengths of plastic sheeting, for use in protecting families and their goods from the rains and winds that continued for many days. Others sorted and packed the canned foods, noodles, rice, cooking pots, plates, cups, spoons, T-shirts, and blankets for distribution. They loaded the completed bundles onto large trucks for transport to the south.

ADRA staff and volunteers arrived in the afflicted area on November 11. The ADRA leaders consulted with local government authorities to select a rural area for distribution where no aid had yet gone. Over 2,000 families received the emergency relief packs. Tears of mixed gratitude and grief streamed down many faces, as victims' food supplies had already run out and no other

help had come.

Approximately US\$2,500 of the ADRA funds remain, and will go to purchase zinc roofing for permanent housing for the villagers.

— *Lila Tidwell, ADRA Thailand correspondent*

Tidwells Appointed to ADRA Positions

For the past few months, Dennis Tidwell has been serving as the Director of ADRA Indochina, a newly formed position. As such, he has the responsibility of establishing and monitoring ADRA projects in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. Based in Bangkok for the present, he has already begun to travel and work on ADRA projects in those countries.

Mrs. Lila Tidwell has recently been appointed to serve as the Associate Director of ADRA Thailand. One of her first assignments was to attend a workshop in Kenya, Africa, on small enterprise development.

Prior to their ADRA appointments, the Tidwells had been serving among the Karen people of Northern and Western Thailand until August 1988. Then they moved to Bangkok in order to study for M. P. H. degrees at the local Mahidol University. They graduated in July 1989 after completing their class work and their theses.

Whereas many people go to Western countries for their higher degrees, the Tidwells were eager to study in Thailand where they had been serving. The Tidwells "felt more than amply rewarded for our efforts" when, according to royal tradition for Thailand's universities, they received their degrees directly from the hand of Thailand's King Phumipol.



Dennis and Lila Tidwell graduate from Thailand's Mahidol University.

— *Marilyn Johnson*

■ SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE ■

Faculty Retreat in Malacca

On December 26-29, all the faculty and staff of SAUC were in Malacca, Peninsular Malaysia, with their families for a retreat at the Air Keroh Country Resort.

Morning and evening worship services brought the group together for spiritual refreshing. After worship, the remainder of each morning and part of each evening was spent in meetings and presentations. Some of the topics covered included Tests and Measurements, College Planning, and the Integration of Faith and Learning.

A swimming pool at the resort occupied the mornings for children and other family members who were not involved in the meetings. During the afternoons, families had recreation time together. One afternoon, the group went on a sightseeing and shopping tour of historical Malacca, the oldest city in Peninsular Malaysia.

The whole-hearted response by the faculty and staff to this retreat was, "Let's do it again." This was the first college retreat in about seven years. The group unanimously voiced, "Why wait so long next time?" Truly it was a time of relaxation and fellowship combined with professional growth.

— *Ralph Jones, Academic Dean, SAUC*

New Faculty

Four new teachers have joined SAUC this quarter, and Pastor Gordon Balharrie has also returned to teach one class. On campus this quarter from Walla Walla College are Dr. and Mrs. Robert Gardner.

Dr. Robert Gardner is the Registrar at WWC, but also serves as Director of Institutional Research, Associate Dean for Academic Administration, and Director of the SAUC/WWC affiliation program. While he is at SAUC, he is teaching one class and working the remainder of the time with the Registrar and Academic Dean of SAUC to smooth out some affiliation details.

Accompanying Dr. Gardner are his wife Susan and their 4-year-old son Montgomery. Dr. Susan Gardner is teaching in the English and Communications areas.

Another newcomer is Mrs. Anne Caviness, on campus to fill in for Dr. Mary Wong, who is on Sabbatical leave. Mrs. Caviness has taught for many years in the English Department at Pacific Union College in California (USA). Her husband, Dr. Harold Caviness, a retired psychiatrist,

is with her in Singapore.

Miss Stella Chong has joined SAUC this quarter on a part-time basis. With a degree in art, she is able to teach "Introduction to Art," which has not been taught at the college for several years because no teacher was available.

SAUC greatly appreciates these four teachers who have come to give at least temporary service to the college.

— *Ralph Jones, Academic Dean, SAUC*

Student Enrollment

Projecting future enrollment for SAUC is very much guesswork. In April 1989, the Board of Regents Self-Evaluation Report suggested an average enrollment for 1989 would be 165. The average was, in fact, 162.

The projected enrollment for 1990 was 168. However, the last quarter of 1989 saw 180 students enrolled at SAUC. This quarter the enrollment is 194. (Quite a number are part-time students, but the full-time equivalency is over 180.)

With the Walla Walla College affiliation program functioning, SAUC administrators expect a steady rise in enrollment. If this trend continues, SAUC will soon need more facilities.

— *Ralph Jones, Academic Dean, SAUC*

1990 SAUC Homecoming

The 1990 SAUC Alumni Homecoming will be held on August 4-5, 1990. This year is also the 25th anniversary of Singapore as an independent nation.

The SAUC Alumni Association invites you to participate in this double celebration in Singapore.

Pastor and Mrs. Daniel Tan, former college president and registrar, will be honored during this occasion.

So, if you are an alumnus of SAUC, plan now to attend the special Homecoming weekend this August.

— *Jonathan Ng, President, SAUC Alumni Association, 1989-1990*

SAUC Update

The last decade of the 20th century started off on a good note for SAUC. The college welcomed 35 new students at registration—enrollment had passed the 180 mark. To date, a total of 194 students have enrolled.

The year 1990 also saw SAUC's Religion Department offering a night class—Introduction to Biblical Languages (Greek). This class is held every Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 by Pastor Phoon. About half of the students in the class are lay members who are taking advantage of the special timing to improve themselves with skills to serve God and the Church.

More night classes have been planned for this year, especially for adult church leaders, professionals, and those who are interested in getting a theology degree or diploma without attending college full-time. Next quarter, two night classes are scheduled: Biblical Preaching and Introduction to Biblical Languages (Hebrew). For more information regarding these courses, please contact Pastor Phoon Chek Yat at 284-7281 Ext. 163.

The Computer Science Department of SAUC also drew in students from the Far Eastern Division of SDA, Youngberg Adventist Hospital, and Southeast Asia Union Mission. According to Pastor Pham Kow Seng, the computer science teacher, SAUC has added 10 AT computers to the lab and will continue to upgrade equipment and software to keep abreast of technology.



Some students have commented that the computer instruction at SAUC is far superior to what is available in other schools.

Presently, some of the computer courses offered are Personal Computing, Computer Principles, File-Oriented Programming, Intermediate Cobol, Pascal, and Word Processing. For more information, please contact Pastor Pham at 284-7281 Ext. 163.

— Christine Hwang, Student, SAUC

■ SIGNS OF THE END ■

Maintenance of Religious Harmony in Singapore

On November 22, the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore met with about 50 religious leaders in Singapore to discuss the maintenance of religious harmony in the nation. Dr. Koh Kang Song, President of Southeast Asia Union College, represented the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the meeting.

Church leaders who attended the meeting received a copy of the government White Paper and a report from the Internal Security Department. The White Paper contains proposals for legislation to maintain religious harmony and to establish a Presidential Council for religious harmony in Singapore.

The Internal Security Report is a compilation of recorded incidents in Singapore during the past 15 years which were considered by the government to have the potential of causing friction and misunderstanding, and of disrupting religious and racial harmony in the country.

Such incidents included aggressive proselytization, fervor and assertiveness among various religious groups.

The Singapore constitution has provisions for safeguarding religious freedom. Article 15 states, "Every person has the right to profess and practise his religion and to propagate it." The same Article of the Constitution also draws out the parameters in the exercising of that freedom, stating that it "does not authorize any act contrary to any general law relating to public order, public health or morality."

Another government concern is the mixing of religion and politics. In the next issue of *Messenger* will appear the Seventh-day Adventist Church stand on the relationship of the church to government and to other religions.

— Koh Kang Song, President, Southeast Asia Union College

■ HEALTH ■

Stress and the Road Map

My second week in Singapore I was able to purchase a car. The need was obvious to help in settling in our new home as well as meeting my community and corporate contacts for the Youngberg Wellness Center. It was now time for me to find my way around.* I had an island and city map of Singapore. I had a detailed book with the street index guide, and I had completed 20 years of formal education.* I had my passport with the temporary employment pass inside.* I was ready and prepared.* However, I soon realized I had forgotten to bring the guide for my upcoming sightseeing trip.

It was now time to obtain my Singapore driving license. I received directions from the hospital to the police station downtown. Happily I noticed my route would take me by Merlion Park. I looked forward to parking there for a quick look.*

Walking to my car, I first decided to visit the Far Eastern Division office to cash some travellers cheques. The Division office was easy to find, since it was close by and I had taken a bus there previously.

Leaving the Division, I thought I would simply travel south and connect with one of the streets written on my first set of directions.* Little did I realize travelling in a southerly direction often meant utilizing all 360 degrees of the compass. My previous orientation for the past 39 years had streets laid out on a square. And south meant a straight line south. I quickly realized that Singapore as an island was laid out in a circle, due to space constraints. As I began, I found the streets changing names quickly. As I referenced the streets, I was usually through the intersection or in the wrong lane to turn. My southerly direction soon became west, south (good!), east and then west again. It was impossible for me to keep track of where I was on the map and drive at the same time. No problem, I thought, I will just pull over and refer to the map.* However, there was no place to pull over. By the time I could pull over, I was almost in Jurong on the west side of Singapore. Many inches on the map were traversed in seconds on the street. One and a half hours after leaving the Division, I was finally downtown looking for Maxwell Road. Seeing Maxwell Road, I said, "I'm here."*

Soon, however, I found myself passing Maxwell Road and on the ramp to the East Coast Parkway going east. My frustration quickly turned to happiness when I realized I would now pass Merlion Park after all.

As I approached the Merlion Park looking for a parking space, I remarked, "It will be good to relax for a few moments."* But, there is no parking at the park!

Oh, well! Maxwell Road was up ahead. I approached Maxwell Road, and passed by it once again, since I was in the left lane and could not turn right. I simply said I would go around the block since I now knew where I was.*

After two more circles, I finally made it into Maxwell Road, found the police station, and parked around the corner.* Halfway to the police station, I remembered I needed some parking coupons. Twenty minutes later, that was also solved.

Reading the signs while standing in line at the police station, I eventually realized I was in the wrong line. A kind officer at another desk directed me to the hallway, to the first left and into Room 6. Entering Room 6, the gentleman there presented me with the form which I filled in completely and entered the line for processing. As the kind lady reviewed my form and my passport, she informed me I could not receive a driver's license until my permanent employment pass was received.

After retreating to the street, I began laughing. Had I wasted my time? No! A great burden had suddenly been lifted from me. A sense of relief overcame me as I realized the whole episode had been another test. And I had passed! For I did not become irrationally upset. I understood I was not well prepared. I felt wonderful. My good colleagues at Youngberg Adventist Hospital and I all had a good laugh over my first driving experience.

How you cope with stress is much more important than eliminating all stress. Negative stress, or distress, can be reduced to a great extent with proper planning and a positive mental attitude. No matter if you are late—leave earlier next time. No matter if a driver is angry at you—return a smile and drive better next time. No matter if you forgot some facts or a Bible text—study more diligently.

We live in a stressful world. Should we change it? We can adapt to it. Coping to reduce the distress is how we adapt. When there are stressors or pressures which need to be coped with, we can turn to exercise, prayer, and meditation. A combination of exercises to relieve tension and improve body tone, prayer to ask for help, and meditation to receive the guidance of God will help us achieve balance as we cope with these pressures and stressors we receive each day.

** Eleven false assumptions contributing to my stress.*

— Gerard D. McLane, DHS, MPH, Youngberg Wellness Center

Chek Yat grew up in Penang in a Buddhist family. At school one day, a friend handed him a "Light of the World" Bible correspondence course card. Thinking it would help him in his religious knowledge exam, he enrolled. This first course led him to take more advanced courses and then into a study of Daniel and Revelation.

Whenever the Voice of Prophecy asked for a donation, 15-year-old Chek Yat would send something so that he could get the magazine or small book that the VOP promised to mail. He read and treasured everything that came. Then he attended an evangelistic meeting and accepted Christ. On November 16, 1963, Chek Yat was baptized in the Penang Adventist Church.

Today, Chek Yat is a Christian educator. You may know him—Dr Phoon Chek Yat, Chairman of the Religion Department at Southeast Asia Union College. Without the quiet witness of the Voice of Prophecy, he would not likely be a Seventh-day Adventist Christian today.



Support the Voice of Prophecy. Pray for the VOP ministry, give regularly, enroll new students, and add your personal witness. Chek Yat and hundreds of other Voice of Prophecy students thank you. And failing a personal thanks now, they will express their gratitude during eternity.

■ DEVOTIONAL ■

Rescue Now

"Help! Someone has drowned!" The distress call interrupted the morning devotional as the pastors from Singapore and Peninsular Malaysia were having their last combined workers' meeting at Port Dickson four years ago.

The cry to rescue the perishing, the plea for help, rang in our ears. Everyone dashed to the beach and formed a chain of human bodies to comb through the water where Eric had gone down.

Workers from a fast food restaurant in Kuala Lumpur had hired a boat for five, but crowded all seven of their group aboard. Loaded beyond its capacity, the boat began to sink. Eric, the leader of the group, left the boat, thinking that he could swim to shore. But he didn't make it.

Searchers shouted, "The body is here!" or "The body is there!" but no one could really locate him. More than half an hour later, fishermen who joined the search found Eric's body. Several rushed to the place, but he was dead.

It was too late—there was no life left! Pastor Samuel Money conducted a short memorial service with the grieving colleagues and the Adventist pastors. Though Eric was a stranger to our pastors, we grieved with the friends.

"Lord," I prayed silently, "Help me to seek and to save sinners on time. Inspire me to have a greater sense of urgency for souls." A little too late can mean another life lost, in the physical life or in our spiritual warfare.

A few weeks ago I was again at Port Dickson, this time for a church Bible Camp. On the same beach, it was my privilege to baptize two young men who had received Bible studies from Chan Shee Wai, the student pastor of Balestier Road SDA Church. These two also went under the water, but they came out alive—with the hope of eternal life. And there was great joy among those present. What a contrast. In the first instance, it was too late to rescue the perishing; in the second, sinners were led to repentance in time because someone cared—and shared the truth.

What are the essential qualities of a rescuer? First, we must be fully committed to Christ, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit. We must daily experience total cleansing by the Blood of the Lamb (John 13:9).

We must also be totally dedicated. To serve effectively, we must "lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." (Heb. 12:1)

"Christ calls upon us to labour patiently and perseveringly for the thousands perishing in their sins, scattered in all lands, like wrecks on a desert shore. Those who share in Christ's glory must share also in His ministry, helping the weak, the wretched, and the despondent." (*Testimonies* vol. 9, p. 31)

In a massive rescue operation, God sent His Son 2000 years ago to save sinners. Let us follow in Christ's steps, with God as our source of strength. Let us work with earnest dedication and commitment to rescue the perishing—NOW.

— Sim Chor Kiat, President, Singapore Adventist Mission

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