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*Graduates from
Mission College, Muak Lek*

Department of University Affairs Recognizes Mission College Degrees

July 10, 1994 will stand as a red-letter day in the history of Mission College--Muak Lek. Fifteen seniors received official graduation diplomas, fully recognized by the Thai Department of University Affairs. Her Royal Highness, Princess Somsuwalée, was present at the graduation ceremony conducted on the Bangkok campus. In all, over 60 students from the two campuses received their diplomas from the hand of the Princess.

Muak Lek students eagerly anticipated this day, but it was by no means a foregone conclusion that these first graduates would receive this honor. In December 1993 a government inspection team visited Muak Lek to make final recommendations. The college had been operating for four years and had made great strides but a number of areas still needed improvement. The school looked forward to the inspection trusting it would bring the recognition everyone so much wanted.

Dr. John Mathews, Vice-President of the college, reports that on the day of the inspection "as we sat at the lunch table, we heard some of the nicest things that the administrators of a Christian college could wish to hear: 'Your college is so different. The students are so well-behaved and respectful; Keep up the good work!' The verbal report of the evaluation, though it included some major recommendations, was so positive that we thought we had made the grade. And then we waited...!"



Phayom Sriharat with President Salinee Navamaratna.

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Days became weeks, and weeks became months, and everyone became more and more concerned. Was it possible that recognition had not been granted? Had the negatives so out-weighted the positives that the school

would have to wait another year to have the chance of offering approved degrees? Eventually, unofficial reports began to make their way back. Members of government-appointed committees sent their congratulations. Finally it came: official approval for Mission College--Muak Lek to offer degrees in English and Business--degrees recognized by the Thai Government. However, the approval document is not all pleasant reading. The library facilities must be improved and faculty academic qualifications must be upgraded in order to maintain recognition. But the first hurdle has been crossed!

Dr. Mathews continues, "There is a lovely red roof on the new cafeteria--though the walls are not finished. We have just moved into our new library--though we are short of all the books we need. The new auditorium is almost ready--except for seating and a good PA system. We have a new internal telephone system--but are not yet able to install it. Our enrollment is up from the initial 30 students to 160 this year--but that is still not enough to make us financially secure. All in all, life is not yet a bed of roses. But all of our struggles paled into insignificance as we watched our students, the first fruits of Mission College--Muak Lek, stand before the Princess. Recognized by the denomination in our graduation ceremonies in March, these students may now display diplomas that will allow them full recognition in the educational system of their own country.

"We know that one even greater than the Princess has led the graduates to this important milestone in their lives. We know this because most graduates have chosen to serve God in denominational work."

John Mathews, Vice-President, Mission College,
Muak Lek Campus

Penang Adventist Hospital Building Plans

On December 12, 1994, Penang Adventist Hospital will be 70 years old. From the time it was first opened as a small clinic in Muntri Street, with Dr. Earl Gardner in charge, many new developments have taken place. Some of the present buildings opened in 1931. The Japanese occupation troops added a wing during World War II, and in the 1970's Dr. Sam Ketting directed other renovation and the addition of new buildings.

For many years people have talked--but only talked--of building a new facility in Penang.

This year the hospital plans to put the talk into action. The first phase of a nine-storey hospital complex will include the construction of four floors attached to the newest part of the present structure. This new building will house reception, some of

the paramedical facilities (x-ray, etc) and space for 85 new obstetrics and surgical patient beds. There will also be new operating theaters, ICU and support facilities.

This building is now necessary because of increasing demand for private rooms, better patient facilities, and government requirements. High technology medicine also requires more room. More and more patients are demanding such high technology, treatment and diagnosis. Every last corner in the present facility is in use with no room for expansion into areas that are required today to reach and maintain medical excellence.

The initial phase will cost RM 10-12 million, and work is expected to begin within the next three months.

Penang Adventist Hospital School of Nursing

The shortage of nurses in Malaysia in general, and in Penang in particular, necessitated the opening of a School of Nursing at Penang Adventist Hospital (PAH) in July 1993. There were 20 students in the first class.

The course in nursing is prescribed and approved by the Malaysian Nursing Council for the training of RNs. This is a full, 3-year diploma course. Since it is government approved, graduates are permitted to take the Malaysian Nursing Board examination and become registered nurses throughout the country.

The first class is now nearing the successful completion of its first year. In July 1994, another 20 students joined the program.

They are currently housed and educated in "Adventist Court", a block of flats owned by the hospital. This is not at all satisfactory or adequate. For this reason, the construction of a new facility is planned to begin concurrently with a new hospital building on the hospital compound. This will

provide dormitory, classrooms, cafeteria and assembly facilities as well as a Dean's apartment. The estimated cost is approximately RM4,000,000.

March 15, 1994 was a high day for the School of Nursing when, at 7p.m. the students marched down the aisle of the Penang Adventist Church to receive their caps. All twenty were capped by RNs from PAH and introduced to the audience by Madam Chan Soon Kew, the Director of the School of Nursing. All are to be congratulated on passing the first milestone on their way to becoming nurses.

Because one of the pre-requisites for a nursing training program in the private sector in Malaysia is a hospital capacity of 250 beds, hospital expansion has become necessary. We hope that the Penang Adventist Hospital can reach this target by the end of 1996.

Ron Brody, Medical Director

■ CAMBODIA ■

New-Update-Cambodia

Phnom Penh Company - First Baptism

Phnom Penh Company has grown steadily during the last two years and now has a regular Sabbath attendance of more than 80. Pastor Lim Pheng has conducted a baptismal class for the last several months, the first fruits of which resulted in the baptism of 30



Baptismal candidates from the Phnom Penh Company, July 9, 1994. Pastor Walter far left.

candidates on July 9. These included the mission security guard, the ADRA assistant, his wife, and others who have come in contact with the mission through friendship and work. A new baptismal class is now under way.

Kompong Cham Province - First Baptism

Mrs Pong Davy, a widowed lady with two small boys, has worked diligently as a lay person for almost one year to develop interest in the Kompong Cham Province. On July 16 she saw the first fruits of her work in the baptism of nine people. In addition to the group



Baptismal candidates in Kompong Cham with Mrs. Pong Davy (third from right) and Pastor Walter far right.

meeting in her humble home she has two other groups that she is nurturing-- each of them approximately 10 kilometers in distance and in opposite directions from her village.

Kompong Thom Province - Youth Baptism

In the month of April, Min Savuth requested baptism when he came for the Lay Pastors Training Program. When the mission director went to baptize him, he found 15 other people with whom Savuth had shared his faith-- all of them prepared for baptism too.



Youth Baptism, Kompong Thom July 17, 1994.

By July 17, when the mission director was again called to conduct a baptism in Kompong Thom, Min Savuth had 29 more candidates ready-- most of them young people from school. Now the parents of these young people are also having Bible studies.

Svay Rieng - First Baptism

Ing Nang, a former refugee, returned from Thailand to his home province near the Vietnamese border. He soon found a number of interests with whom to study the Bible. On July 23 the first baptism took place with nine people, including Ing Nang's mother. With help from the Adventist Frontier Missions, the group has constructed a small, temporary chapel and look forward to having a permanent place of worship in the near future.

The Minister of Religion has expressed his great delight that Seventh-day Adventists are coming into his province as the first Christian organization to work there. He is very anxious that Adventists build churches with big signs in front, where they are visible from highway, so that everyone will know that Christianity has come to his province. We hope not to disappoint him.



First Baptism, Svay Rieng Province, Cambodia, July 23, 1994

Ing Nang is nurturing two other groups, as well as making friends in the provincial city.

New Health Director Joins Cambodia Mission/ADRA

Colin Radford and his sweet wife Kim arrived in early June to work as health directors for Cambodia and ADRA health projects.

The Cambodian Government has appealed at length for assistance in health education areas, but neither the church nor ADRA has had a qualified person in this area. Now the Redfords have come!

Colin has moved into the ADRA project of training 25 physicians from around the country in their Masters of Public Health degree. Plans are for Kim to assume



Colin Radford and wife, Kim, just joined Cambodia District and ADRA staff as Medical Director for projects.

major responsibilities for directing the up-coming health education project to be funded from the 1994 Ingathering Fund. The Radfords are from Australia.

Lay Training Continues Despite...

Despite horrible travel conditions, many armed robbers along the road, heavy rain throughout the country, the threats of civil war, and many other dangers to life, dedicated laymen are leaving behind their farms, their families and their jobs to attend week-long training sessions to help them become more effective lay workers. These classes are conducted in different locations with

a total attendance of about 50. They are funded by Adventist Frontier Missions and Global Mission.

In a fast-growing church it is imperative that laymen assume more and more of the leadership responsibilities. The training is extensive as all the students come from a non-Christian background. For them just to become a Christian was a great step.

Floods in Cambodia

For some time, money-hungry war lords and business men have stripped the timber off the mountains of Cambodia. On August 5 & 6 heavy rains fell on the mountain side, and local residents reported seeing fifteen-foot high walls of water raging down the canyons and into flatlands below ruining their recently planted rice fields.

In the Kompong Speu Province, 50 kilometers southwest of Phnom Penh, tens of thousands of people fled from their homes at midnight as raging floods, more than 20 feet above their normal level in the main rivers, pushed on towards the already swollen Mekong River.

The Cambodia Seventh-day Adventist Church and ADRA Cambodia combined their resources to provide



relief for as many of the flood victims as possible, including a number of our church members. Other organizations provided food for the victims while the Adventists contributed tarpaulins for temporary shelters, and mosquito nets to minimize the hazards of malaria, and pure drinking water.

The governor of Kompong Speu Province challenged the Adventists to provide relief for flood victims trapped in a remote part of the province which is infested with Khmer Rouge guerrillas. Our people accepted the challenge and prepared 75 "kits" for various families. The governor contributed food rations and sent security forces to protect the supply train.

The Cambodia Church and ADRA Cambodia are now urgently needing funds to supply rice seeds to the farmers so they can replant their fields before it gets too late in the season.

Daniel Walter, Director, Cambodia District

■ PENINSULAR MALAYSIA ■

Sungei Way Church Holds Evangelistic Meetings

From August 5 to 11, the Sungei Way Church conducted one week of intensive evangelistic meetings followed by a further two weeks of small group Bible studies coordinated by Pastor V. N. Joseph. Pastor Joseph holds an honorary title given by the King of Malaysia in recognition for his social work with drug addicts. Pastor Samuel Money, VOP Director for the Union, was the main speaker.

Nightly attendances overflowed on to the veranda outside the main church building. Eighteen souls requested baptism. Five of them were baptized by the end of August. The rest will continue to have Bible studies. Two members of one Hindu family were baptized on August 27.

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Seventh-day Adventist Pastor Honored

Pastor V. Thevarajulu, Penang Adventist Hospital's chaplain and pastor, was honored as a regional Tamil Christian writer during the Tamil Christian Editors' Conference. The conference took place in May in the Sentul Anglican Church Hall, Kuala Lumpur.

Pastor Thevarajulu's books on Christianity are

well received by the Tamil-speaking Christians in Malaysia and India. Pastor Thevarajulu, in addition to his responsibilities of pastor and chaplain, is the Associate Ministerial Director for the Peninsular Malaysia Mission. He is also the director of an independently run Old Peoples' Home in Penang.

Approximately 150 Tamil editors and writers from all over Peninsular Malaysia attended the one-day meeting. Tan Sri Savarimuthu, Bishop of the Anglican churches in Malaysia, is also the chairman of the editors' council. He gave a medal of recognition to Pastor Thevarajulu and other writers during a special ceremony.

The occasion was graced also by the presence of Mr. Rajadurai, the Sri Lankan Ambassador to Malaysia, and Mr. Datuk Sri S. Samy Vellu, President of the Malaysian Indian Congress, a political party in the Malaysian Coalition Government.

Samuel Money, Church Ministries Director, SAUM

Baptism at Kota Bahru

Two soldiers, Amy Ak Jugi and Joshua, both of them serving the Malaysian Land Force, were baptized on August 20 at the Retreat House of the Gospel Centre, Kota Bahru.

For many months these two men have been studying the Scriptures through the Voice of Prophecy lessons coordinated by church elder Mr. Teo Eh Jang. Mr. Teo personally delivered the lessons to them. He has more than 18 such students in Kota Bahru, all of whom received weekly visits by him and other members of the church.

Mr. Teo and Pastor Rodney Siew conducted weekly Bible studies in the house of Mr. Joshua. The house became a little church with many young people



The Anglican Bishop, Tan Sri Savarimuthu, pins a medal of recognition on Pastor Thevarajulu.



Amy being baptized.



Joshua being baptized.

in attendance, including soldiers and their wives, stationed in the camp at Desa Pahlawan.

A week before the baptism, Elder Teo organized a Voice of Prophecy rally in Mr. Joshua's house. Five students received their diplomas during the rally. Approximately 30 people attended the gathering.

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Daniel & Revelation Seminar in Kota Bahru

Pastor Samuel Money conducted a Daniel and Revelation Seminar August 12-20 in an Anglican church in Kota Bahru. Approximately 50 Christians, mostly



The Kota Bahru Church group before the baptism.

adults from other denominations attended the seminar. The program was organized by the Presbyterian, Anglican and Adventist churches.

Those who attended urged that such meetings be regularly conducted on an inter-denominational level. Many heard these prophetic messages for the first time. As Adventists, we need to do more such sharing of our teaching and beliefs.

Instrumental to the success of the meetings were Pastors Jacob John George of the Anglican Church, Rodney Siew of the Presbyterian Church, and elder Elder Yeo Eh Jang from the Adventist Church.

Messenger Correspondent

■ SARAWAK ■

Kuching Churches Conducted "World Outlook" Evangelistic Efforts

On June 11 seven people were baptized at the end of the "World Outlook" evangelistic effort by Pastor Wong Yew Seng, manager of Southeast Asia Publishing House, in the Sunny Hill College Auditorium, Kuching.

Between June 4 and 12 he gave a series of eight lectures covering the daily happenings in today's world: war, famine, unrest, disaster, immorality, drug abuse, and marital and juvenile problems, etc.

Pastor Wong spoke in Mandarin, with translation into English by Pastor Wung Wei Kong, Kuching Chinese Church pastor. Each night an average of 150

people attended, the majority of whom were Chinese.

A heavy downpour during the afternoon and evening prior to the opening meeting greatly disturbed



Elder Wong and the newly baptized members.

the organizing committee members. However, it did not deter people from coming. All seats were filled. Heavy rain also came on the closing night but, again, it did not dampen the spirit of the people and attendance was very good.

Mr. & Mrs Michael Poh, in charge of publicity, advertized the series throughout the week through the local radio and the city's major newspapers. An interview between local radio broadcaster Anna Wee and Pastor Wong was aired during the evening news time. A news release appeared in the papers the following day. This kind of publicity attracted many.

Each night talented musicians and singers from the Kuching churches presented special musical programs that added attraction to the meetings.

This was the first evangelistic series for the Chinese of the city for almost three decades, and it opened up great opportunities for evangelism. A total of 190 people indicated their desire to learn more. Church pastors, leaders, and members will work together for an effective follow-up work.

Chai Mien Seng, Pastor, Kuching SDA Church

Kuching - Here We come!

A number of "firsts" were set for the record when the Southeast Asia Union Mission (SAUM) committee members met from May 15 - 19 in the Santubong room of the Kuching Holiday Inn for the 1994 Mid-Year meetings.

For the first time in a number of years the mid-

year executive committee meeting was held outside the city of Singapore. It was held in Kuching, the mystical and exotic capital of Sarawak, land of the hornbills. The Union administration took advantage of the greatly reduced group air-fares and hotel charges offered during "Visit Malaysia Year 1994".

During his opening address at the session, Pastor R. D. Riches, Union President and Committee Chairman, explained that this gathering was meant to do more than the regular and routine business of the church; it was also intended as a retreat for the spiritual and social enrichment of all.

There were more in attendance than usual since the mission secretaries and treasurers were also invited. Some committee members even brought their spouses along with them.

Dr. David Newman, editor of "Ministry" magazine, led out in the morning and evening devotional periods, the Bible study hour, and the discussion time. The topics studied were enlightening and inspirational, but at times some concepts were also mind-boggling.

Lee Peng Cheong, a layman, and administrator at the Gleneagles Hospital, Singapore, injected fun into his presentations on organizational strategic planning. His introductions were usually amusing and the content of his teaching was always practical.

The greatest benefit from these meetings was probably the stronger and closer fellowship and understanding that members of the Union Committee forged with the leadership, workers and members of the church in Sarawak.

Edmund Siagian, SAUM

■ SINGAPORE ■

Serving the Community Physicians

Since the beginning of 1994, a medical lecture-cum-vegetarian lunch, sponsored by Johnson & Johnson, has become a regular feature of the Youngberg Hospital program. Physicians in the neighborhood have given positive feedback and expressed their appreciation.

This is a part of the networking strategy the hospital has set up with community physicians located in the north-eastern section of Singapore where the hospital is located.



Local physicians attending program.

These programs have received an excellent response. One continuing medical education (CME) unit is credited by the Singapore Medical Association to each physician for every session attended.

We give God thanks for this wonderful opportunity to serve the physicians in the local community.

Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, YAH

A Changing of the Guard at Singapore Mission

Dr. Phoon Chek Yat returns to Southeast-Asia Union College (SAUC) to take up the post of college president. He will be taking over from Dr. Koh Kang Song, who has accepted a call as an associate in the Education Department in the Far Eastern Division.

Dr. Phoon served two years as President of the Singapore Mission (SAM). His tenure as president was a fruitful one. He led his pastoral team into a feeling of closeness and directed the restructuring of the mission's operations. It is with sadness that we must bid farewell to Dr. Phoon.



Dr. Phoon Chek Yat and his wife, Sally.



Pastor Yuen and family.

The new mission president is Pastor Matthew Yuen, who officially took office on September 1.

Pastor Yuen is married to Noni Tan and has two children. He completed his secondary 4 education at San Yu High School, and was baptized in the Singapore Chinese Church in 1968, after which he left for Hong Kong. Pastor Yuen completed forms 5 and 6 at the Hong Kong Adventist High School and then joined the theological training offered by the Hong Kong Adventist College. He completed his bachelors' programme in 1974.

Pastor Yuen returned to Singapore and began his service in October, 1974. He pastored the Queenstown Chinese Company, was the chaplain of San Yu High School, and also pastored the Kluang Church in Malaysia. In 1981 he was appointed pastor of the Singapore Chinese Church. In 1983 he went to the Philippines to complete a Master's degree in Church Ministry. After completing his study he returned to Singapore to continue his service at the Chinese Church. In 1990 he went to Andrews University to study for the Master of Divinity degree. Pastor Yuen and his family returned to Singapore in 1993.

As president of the Singapore Mission Pastor Yuen has a special burden concerning church growth. He believes that members grow spiritually as they have a burden for church growth and are active in ministry.

The Singapore Mission welcomes their new leader and wish him God's richest blessings.

Wann M. Fanwar, Ministries Coordinator, SAM

In Memoriam **David Seng-Chee Wu**

Seng-Chee Wu, also known as David Wu, was born in Kulangshu, China, on March 21, 1933. He passed away peacefully on May 8, 1994, after a prolonged illness. He is survived by his wife June, and five brothers.

Seng-Chee went to the United States for his college education in 1957 and graduated with a B.S. degree with Business and Education majors. He continued his graduate studies at the University of Nebraska where he obtained a Master's degree in Business Organization and Management in 1963.

His goal was always to serve God. Soon after his graduation he returned to Singapore as a teacher and administrative assistant to the president of the Southeast Asia Union College (SAUC). During that time he helped

a call to work in the Hong Kong Adventist College. June commented that he had never worked so hard in his life, nor enjoyed his work so much as he did for the six years he was there. He returned to SAUC in 1985 and worked there until his death.

His students, colleagues and friends have many memories of him as friend, teacher, mentor, benefactor, and conscience. His varied and successful experience in private enterprise gave him a background of information and knowledge he was able to draw from for his class teaching. Students at times rated him as "teacher of the year". Seng-Chee will be greatly missed and long remembered.

John Lu, Pastor, Los Angeles Chinese Church

Ministry Editor Conducts **PREACH Seminar**

Dr. J. David Newman, editor of *Ministry* magazine, conducted a PREACH Seminar in Singapore on May 12. PREACH is an acronym (Project Reaching Every Active Clergyman at Home) identifying the Church's outreach to pastors of other denominations.

This project was originally initiated by the Ministerial Association of the General Conference and is carried on by the Seventh-day Adventist Mission of Singapore. PREACH includes giving free subscriptions of *Ministry* (a professional journal for pastors) to pastors of other faiths and conducting a yearly seminar so that SDA ministers and these pastors can interact.

Dr. David Newman, a popular seminar speaker, presented the topic "How to Handle Crises in the Local Church" to 50 pastors and lay leaders, many of whom were from other denominations. Pastors and church workers from the Church of Christ, Methodist, Baptist, Anglican, Independent and Assembly of God churches were appreciative of the practical seminar and the close rapport with their Adventist counterparts.

The seminar concluded with a simple reception for the participants. Judging from the enthusiastic response, future PREACH seminars may need to be conducted in a larger meeting place than the traditional Southeast Asia Union Mission Conference Room.

Ng Kah Seng, Former SAM Ministerial Secretary



David Seng-Chee Wu.

to develop a modern business curriculum that laid the academic foundation for the Business Department.

After four years of service he went back to the United States. Between 1969 and 1979 Seng-Chee held high positions in well-known California corporations.

He married June Chan in 1971. In 1979 he received

Community Recognizes Hospital's Contribution

Youngberg Adventist Hospital was featured in a recent Singapore National Day special edition of the Potong Pasir "Pinnacle", a 176-page magazine published by the local constituency where the hospital is located.

The article highlighted a recent tie-up between grassroots organizations in Potong Pasir and the hospital, aiming to provide health screening and health promotion programs to enhance the residents' lifestyle.

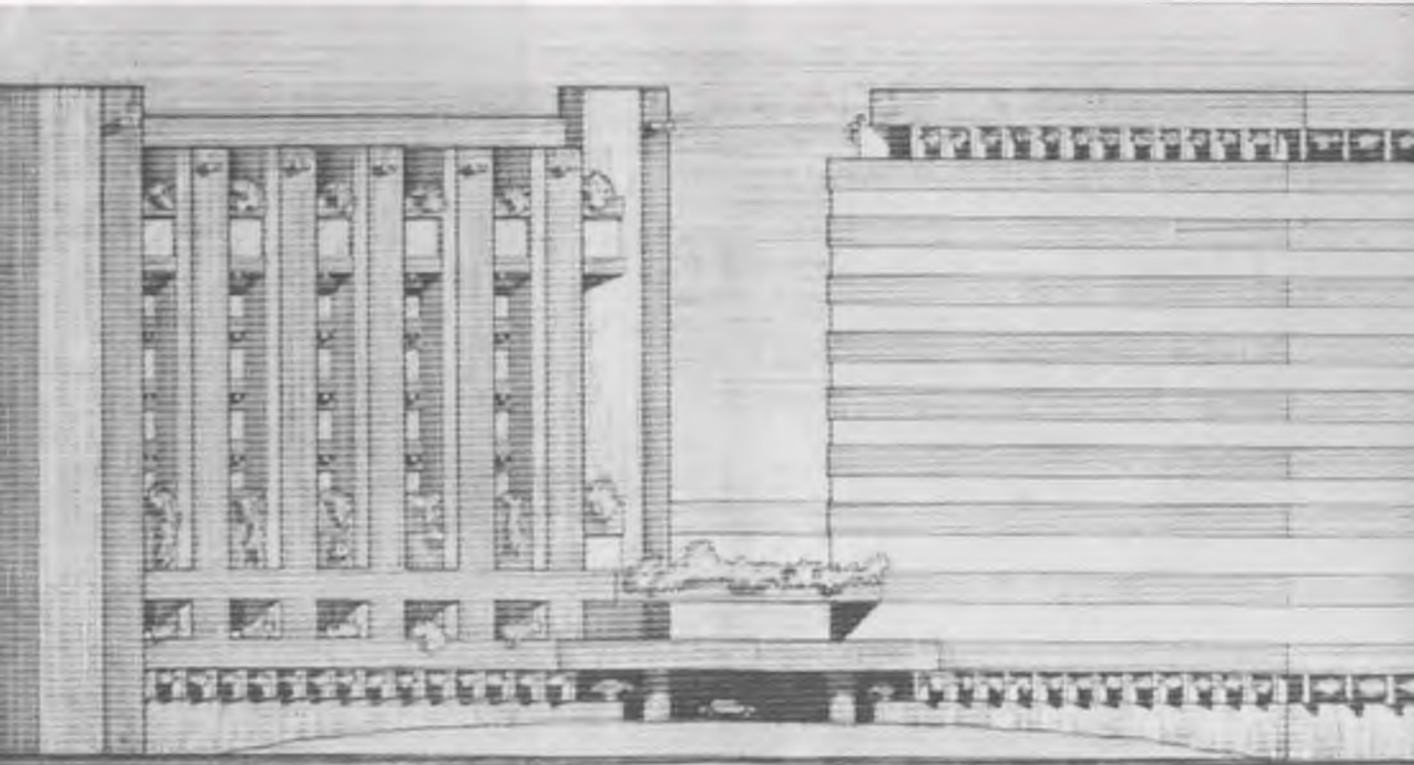
According to Hospital Administrator Joshua Goh, the hospital wants to make a meaningful contribution to the community as a healthcare provider. It will promote a healthy lifestyle among residents, with the aim of helping them perform better in their work places, and hence increase their

productivity. It also wants to play a part in addressing the growing concern over rising health care costs in Singapore.

Responding with appreciation, Mr. Andy Gan, advisor to grassroots organizations in Potong Pasir, said that this is a most opportune time as the residents are generally getting more health-conscious and keeping fit is uppermost on their minds. Good relationships with the hospital will certainly help to enhance the life of the community at large.

Youngberg Adventist Hospital celebrates its 46th year of service to the community, and is presently embarking on a development plan to expand its facilities to a 200-bed hospital by 1996.

Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, YAH



Artist sketch of the proposed 200-bed Youngberg Hospital and medical suites.

Health Promotion in the 1990s

The Wellness Center of Youngberg Adventist Hospital has been very busy during the last few years because of the emphasis by the Singapore Government and private industry on a healthy lifestyle. The Lord, in His guidance and providence, has blessed in many different ways making contacts and contracts possible.

This is the 10th Anniversary year for the NEWSTART program. Celebrations will be held in

schedule an average of 10 Newstarts a year, with Junior Newstarts scheduled during the school holidays.

We have worked with private corporations, holding health-risk assessment programs for them, and then following up with lectures and demonstrations for the employees at high risk of various lifestyle diseases. The companies we have worked with include KPMG, Peat Marwich, Motorola, and Thomson Consumer Electronics.

The interest in Corporate Wellness programs for industry is increasing. After a talk given to the Singapore Institute of Human Resource Management, various companies have made inquiries as to how a Corporate Wellness Program can help save money and increase the productivity of employees. We continue to pray that the Lord will make it possible for us to work with these companies and to find people there who are looking for spiritual health as well as physical health.

In all that is done, God is our constant leader, guide and provider. Without the influence of the Holy Spirit on the minds of those who call us, and the prompting of the Holy Spirit as we work with them, very little would happen. At the close of each NEWSTART program we give guests an invitation to come and visit our home on Sabbath afternoons for lunch and fellowship with former guests who have been to Newstart and who now visit our home regularly.

Through the years the Lord has blessed with baptisms. We are grateful for this. Others continue to come and study. We know there will be additional souls for the kingdom.

Dr. Clarence S.F. Ing, Eye Surgeon, YAH



Dr. Clarence Ing and his wife May.

February, 1995. More than 1100 guests have taken the program, including numerous students and young people. Our youngest participant was a two-year-old child of one of the guests! He attended many of the lectures with his parents and especially enjoyed meal times. Our oldest participants have been in their 80's, with the average being in the late 40's.

Throughout 1993, work with the Ministry of Education gave us an opportunity to give talks and hold seminars in many schools in Singapore. We held mini-NEWSTART seminars for the staff of Yio Chu Kang Secondary School, and a live-out Junior Newstart for the girls of Katong Convent Secondary School. We

■ THAILAND ■

The Lighted Darkness

In the early 1980's, a boy named Klu Kaw Gay and his family lived in the jungle of Burma. As animists, he and his father and two older brothers often sacrificed pigs and ducks to the spirits to make them happy. And if they ever got sick, the witch doctors told them to sacrifice to the devils or else they would not get better.

When Klu Kaw Gay was 12 years old, enemy

soldiers came and attacked his village, burning it to the ground and shooting at the villagers. Everyone fled, and Klu Kaw Gay was separated from his family. He was filled with hate for his enemies.

However, after some time he decided to go back to school. In the village there were Christians of whom he had never heard before. He studied the Bible and learned to sing songs about Jesus. Soon he stopped sacrificing to the spirits, gave his heart to Jesus, and

was baptized at 17. A church member offered to sponsor him to go to a Christian jungle school called Karen Adventist Academy to further his education. During the three years he studied there, Satan worked hard on Klu Kaw Gay. Because he was always sick he was tempted to forsake Christianity and go to the witch doctor since no one could help. But he prayed that God would work out a way for him to be healed without the witch doctor. The next morning he received a message saying someone would send him to a hospital and pay all the bills. His recovery was slow, but God did heal him. Klu Kaw Gay then promised God that he would go and work in his father's village.

There were approximately 2,000 people in their village, and all followed the witch doctor. However, after the witch doctor was caught in the act of adultery, he was put in jail where he hanged himself.

Klu Kaw Gay then offered to start a jungle mission school for the village children. With a little help he built a bamboo hut with a thatch roof. Although he was opposed by some, on opening day he had 40 students. He taught Bible, maths, English and language. He also had morning and evening worships with the children and taught them many Christian songs.

An entire year went by and no one accepted Jesus. Then came one of the happiest days of his life. Two of his female students (one he later married and the other was her mother) accepted Jesus and were baptized with the entire village watching. Later his father accepted Jesus and was baptized. Every year he had more students and more baptisms. Today there are over 30 church members, 147 students and eight teachers worshipping each week in the small bamboo school.

Thee Ler Kee Adventist Grammar school is an outreach to the villages. Yet it remains located at the end of the earth. There are no roads, stores, or mail service. It is in a dense dark jungle, which Satan has controlled for centuries. However, now we have the light shining through it.

Rungsit Saejang, President, TAM

Mobile Medical Outreach

Thailand Adventist Mission has a group of members who are faithful in medical outreach witnessing. It is led by Dr. Supachai Wongpichegchai, Mr. Udom Srikureja, and Mr. Sutijet Chanpisut, who raises funds for their activity expenses.



Pastor Anucha with 20 baptismal candidates in a river near Ban Natrao

The latest activity was July 22-24 when they went to Ban Natrao, Sisaket Province, where the Mission has a Global Mission project. Six months earlier they had gone there just to sow seed. The local pastor followed up on the interest created. Now the medical team went back and found 20 candidates ready for baptism. They held a clinic and conducted spiritual meetings. Dr. Supachai and his colleagues treated approximately 600 patients. Pastor Anucha and Mr Sutijet led out in the



Mr. Udom and others giving out milk and clothing to the needy at Ban Natrao, Northeast Thailand.

spiritual program. Their helpers taught the children Christian songs while Mr. Udom gave out clothes, sandals and milk to the needy.

We need more laymen who will get involved in such outreach programs and bring more souls to Christ.

Rungsit Saejang, President, TAM

New Aids Project for Thailand

Australia has recently approved a project to provide AIDS education in 880 schools in Sisaket Province. The program will target all 26,000 sixth-grade children in the province. These children are at the age when sexual activity often begins. The project is being operated jointly with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education, and will involve AIDS issues as a part of the schools' social studies curriculum.

Each school will produce a drama or song which will be judged at district and provincial level. The winners of this competition will be sponsored to visit Australia to learn how AIDS education is conducted there. They will also visit Australian high schools and demonstrate their drama form as an educational tool.

Sixth grade is the final compulsory year of schooling in Thailand, after which most young people will leave for the major urban areas, seeking better employment opportunities. Sadly, many young women, expecting to find work as housemaids or in factories, will be lured into the sex industry, where they will almost certainly become HIV positive.

It is now estimated that 1,000 Thai men are infected daily by prostitutes. These men, if married, infect their wives. Thus education is a vital component in the fight against AIDS.

Rungsit Saejang, President, TAM



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Southeast Asia Union College

Leadership Changes

Recently, Dr. Koh Kang Song and Dr. Linda Koh accepted calls to work with the Far Eastern Division of Seventh-day Adventists. Dr. Koh Kang Song will serve as the Associate Educational Director, and Dr. Linda Koh as the Associate Director of Church Ministries caring for Family Life, Children and Women's Ministries.

Dr. Koh's responsibilities will be to care for the 15 higher educational institutions in the Asia Pacific region, including Southeast Asia Union College. He began work at his new post on September 15. Dr. Linda Koh will continue on a half-time basis at Southeast Asia Union College chairing the Education Department and teaching classes until November 30.

The Kohs have each served more than 20 years at Southeast Asia Union College. They leave behind a large family of students, staff and faculty with

whom they have worked over these years. They have been part of SAUC during a time of transition and change. Dr. Koh has served as president for 12 consecutive years, the longest term for any president in the history of the college. During his presidency, the following important events took place:

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| February | 1983 | Initiation of affiliation with Walla Walla College |
| January | 1984 | Initial full accreditation by the General Conference Board of Regents. |
| March | 1984 | Affiliation between Walla Walla College and Southeast Asia Union College approved by the General Conference Board of Education |

- October**
- 1984** Accreditation of religious programs by Association of Theological Education of Southeast Asia
 - 1986** Initial accreditation of the affiliation by the Northwest Association of schools and colleges.
 - 1988** Full accreditation by the Association of Theological Education of Southeast Asia
 - 1989** Full accreditation by the General Conference Board of Regents
 - 1992** Full accreditation by the Northwest Association of schools and colleges, 10-year term.

Dr. Linda Koh, who has served in several positions at SAUC, including head librarian and education and psychology department chair, has been a key individual in raising funds for the continued development of SAUC.



Dr Koh Kang Song and his wife, Dr Linda Koh.

Presently she has assisted in soliciting donations of over \$100,000. A major portion of the funds have been used for the expansion and improvement of the computer facilities, of the campus including the establishment of a computer lab in the library. Her encouragement and efforts have resulted in the computerization of all library functions. She is also an active member of the Alumni Association.

During the 12-year tenure of the Kohs, SAUC enrollment has continued to increase. Because of their years of service and their new responsibilities, they will continue to be an important part of the SAUC family.

The SAUC College Board recently appointed Dr. Phoon Check Yat as the new president. He assumed his responsibilities on September 1.

Gary Brendel, Academic Dean, SAUC

Adventist Colleges Abroad

Southeast Asia Union College has become a member of the Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA). This consortium of Adventist schools includes 13 Adventist colleges and universities in North America, and four affiliated international Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) schools. The international campuses, located in Austria, France, Spain and Singapore, attract students from the North American colleges. This program provides North American students with an international educational experience. The ACA program is supported by the North American SDA colleges and universities and is approved by the General Conference Board of Higher Education. The ACA program began in the 60's and Southeast Asia Union College is the most recent addition to the list of approved foreign colleges.

While the mission of Southeast Asia Union College (SAUC) has focused on providing an education for Seventh-day Adventist youth in Southeast Asia and in preparing workers for the Seventh-day Adventist church, the movement to become an international campus has broadened this mission. Now SAUC provides a solid comprehensive professional education for students from all over the world, and with the addition of the ACA affiliation, it allows SDA students from North America to gain exposure to the international work of the Seventh-day Adventist church and hopefully, stimulate interest in foreign service.

The curriculum designed for the ACA program includes coursework in international business

and Asian languages, Asian culture, and Asian religions. These courses are open to all students attending SAUC but have a special focus for students from North America.

In the month of June, two students from North America joined the student body of Southeast Asia Union College through the ACA program. Kenneth



Kenneth and Triphon.

Wright is a business administration major from Southern College, and Triphon Phumiwasana, a business administration major from La Sierra University. Their assessment of the program is positive and they have made the following observations about the campus:

"People here are very friendly. It's a community in which everyone knows each other," commented Triphon. Kenneth Wright indicated that the academic program at SAUC is equal to, or in some cases, more challenging than the coursework at Southern College. They both said that they will recommend the program to others.

It is expected that the number of students from North America coming to SAUC will continue to increase, and the international composition of the campus will grow. If you are aware of individuals who would enjoy and benefit from the educational experience at SAUC, please contact: *The Registrar, Southeast Asia Union College.*

Gary Brendel, Academic Dean, SAUC

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