

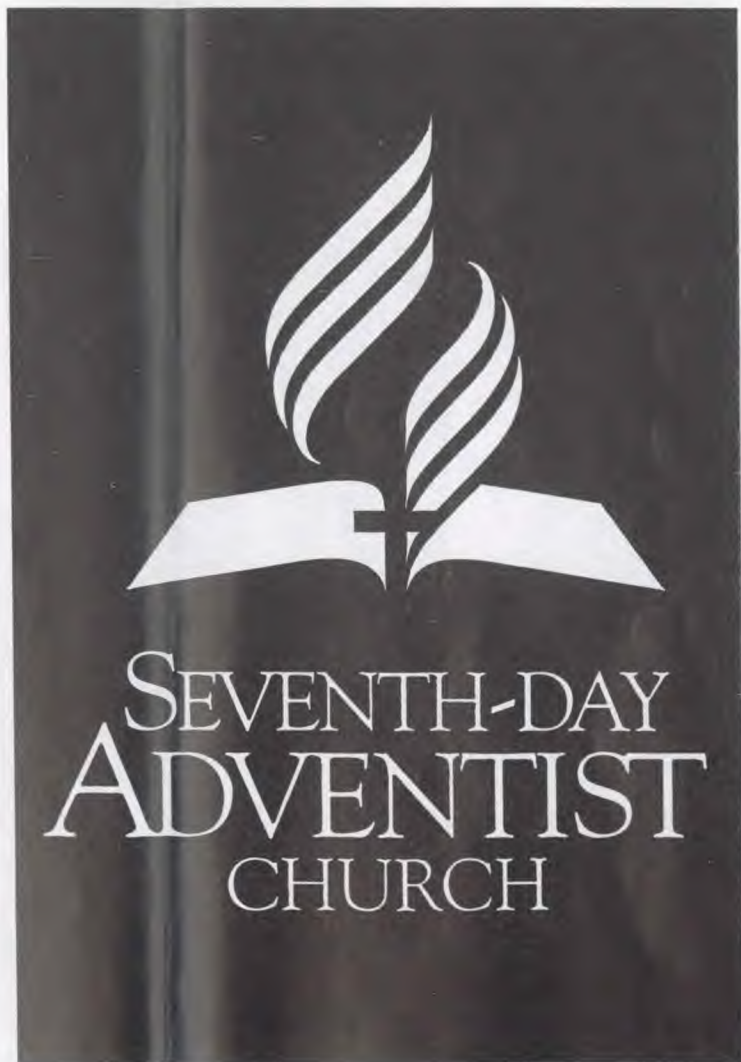
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The New Seventh-day Adventist Logo

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has recently released a new logo, signature, and corporate image for its world-wide Church. Members and non-members of the Church, who have seen it, express specific interest in the new visual representation and have been asking for explanation of meaning to the various symbols incorporated in the logo. This is a good sign of the positive attention-drawing quality that it has, and some credit must go to Bryan Gray, the logo designer.

The purpose of the Seventh-day Adventist Church logo is to provide a signature that will be easily identifiable and quickly become familiar to anyone who comes in contact with the various entities of the Church. Great care must be taken to ensure that the design, colour, typeface (typography), and configurations (layout) be used in a consistent, uniform manner.

THE OPEN BIBLE--The Bible forms the base of the design and represents the Biblical foundation of the beliefs of the Adventist Church. It is portrayed in a fully opened position suggesting a full acceptance of God's Word.

THE FLAME and THE SPHERE--This shape is formed by three lines encircling an implied sphere. The lines represent the three angels of Revelation 14 circling the

globe and the commission to the Church to take the gospel to the entire world. The overall shape forms a flame symbolic of the Holy Spirit.

THE CROSS--The symbol of the cross, representing the gospel of salvation, is positioned in the centre of the design to emphasize Christ's sacrifice which is the central theme of the Church's (our) faith. (It is also significant that the Bible--representing the law, and the flame--representing the Spirit, come together at the cross).

The lines at the top of the design suggest a continued upward momentum, symbolizing the resurrection and ascension to heaven at Christ's second coming, the ultimate focus of the Church's (our) faith.

The symbol is the most easily recognizable part of the signature that, with consistent use, will soon become synonymous with the name Seventh-day Adventist. As a whole, it is designed to reflect the spirit and energy of our dynamic and growing Church. However, the individual elements that are

the basis of the design were carefully selected to represent the beliefs and the mission of the Church.☞

(Church leaders and individuals should not make use of the logo without first getting advice and instructions from the local Mission communication director, who is equipped with the necessary guidelines on this matter).

A new way to say "Adventist" in any language



Edmund Siagian Education/
Communication Director
SAUM

News In Brief...

around the world

Jacobsen to Head AWR

Donald Jacobsen, an assistant to the president of the North American Division, was recently appointed president of Adventist World Radio. He has served as president of the Oregon Conference, professor of evangelism and pastoral nurture at the Adventist Theological Seminary, ministerial director in Southeast Asia, and pastor. He also holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Howard University in Washington, DC.

Jacobsen replaces Gordon Retzer, president of AWR since 1995, who will become president of the Florida Conference.



Don Jacobsen

Adventist World Radio, currently broadcasting from 18 transmitters around the world in 47 languages more than 1,000 hours every week, has more hours in the air than any other Christian broadcaster, according to a report prepared by the British Broadcasting

Corporation. With headquarters at the General Conference, AWR also has offices and owned or leased transmission sites in Armenia, Costa Rica, Germany, Guam, Guatemala, Italy and Slovakia.

*Andrea Steele, Public Relations Director
Adventist World Radio*

Adventist Philanthropist Chan Shun Passes Away

Chan Shun, 80, a world renowned Adventist businessman, philanthropist, and friend of the church, passed away on May 25 in Vancouver, British Columbia. Born in China, Chan Shun overcame a disadvantaged background to establish Crocodile Garments Limited, an international publicly traded clothing manufacturing and retail enterprise based in Hong Kong. He served as president and chair until his retirement in the 1970s, when his children took over the business. Chan Shun has often been described as "a steward of the Lord." The Chan Shun Foundation and Chan Foundation of

Canada has funded more than 100 projects worldwide. The foundation has also contributed to hospitals and health centres worldwide.

He is survived by his wife, Eugenia; five children, Tom, Caleb, Helen, Esther, and Jacqueline; and 17 grandchildren.

Adventist Review

APD Divides into NSD and SSD



Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD)

East Asia Association, (Mainland China and Mongolia)
Japan Union Conference
Korean Union Conference
South China Island Union Mission



Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD)

Bangladesh Union Mission
MAP, Central Philippine Union Conference, East Indonesia Union Mission, Guam-Micronesia Mission, Myanmar Union Mission, North Philippine Union Mission, South Philippine Union Conference, Southeast Asia Union Mission, Seventh-day Adventist Church in Sri Lanka, West Indonesia Union Mission

The Challenge of a New Division

Elder V F Bocala, president of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD), reports the challenge of reaching the 350 million Muslims and 200 million Buddhists in the territory. As of September 30, 1996, the former APD had a membership of 1.1 million. When it divided early this year, 148,543 members will be under the care of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division while 956,286 members under the SSD.

The SSD has an average of 43,000 baptisms yearly. It is expected that by the end of 1997, SSD will have one million church members.

The March 1997 OUTLOOK was the last issue of the Asia-Pacific Division. Dr Tadaomi Shimmyo, former editor of APD OUTLOOK, reported that after the realignment of the two divisions, the Southern Asia-Pacific Division will produce its own English magazine and will continue using the name OUTLOOK. The Northern Asia-Pacific Division will be sharing news through a different channel - under a "News and Views" section in each of their Union paper.

Cambodian Pastors' Training

Twenty Cambodian pastors attended a two week pastors' training program held at the Mission office, Phnom Penh, from January 12 to 24, 1997. The instructors were Dr Bruce L Bauer, from Andrews University who taught a course on Missiology, and Pastor Lawrence Banyie, who taught on Music and Worship, and Youth Ministry Leadership course. The Pastors' training is conducted once or twice yearly as a much needed on-going education program for the pastors. The training includes such practical things as learning how to sing hymns correctly--an activity we take for granted; but a hard task to these pastors who are accustomed to chanting music rather than singing tunes. ☞



Cambodian pastors learning to sing the right way

Seventh-day Adventist School in Phnom Penh

The SDA School in Phnom Penh has around 90 students attending Kindergarten to Primary 6 classes. The school has boarding facilities where almost all the pastors' children are attending. There are 5 teachers. Mrs Sharon Rogers heads the school. Her husband, Gary Rogers, works as Construction Director for Cambodia District. ☞



The children just love to sing at morning worship

"Hands Across the World"

The Takhmao Church Company in Cambodia had already received notice that they were to vacate their temporary rented quarters but had not been able to find a suitable place to worship. They had raised enough money to purchase a plot of land and put in a foundation but did not have enough money to build their much-needed church building.

When the Cambodia Mission received notice that it was going to be receiving \$6,000 from the "Hands Across the World" offering which was taken at the General Conference time, they immediately remembered the urgent need at the Takhmao Church and channeled the funds for that project. They also scheduled the mission building team to come as quickly as possible and on March 30, 1997, the new building was ready for an official opening.

To celebrate the opening of the church, church members from all the surrounding area as well as civil leaders from the Ministry of Religion and the civil government, and the Mission officers, Pastor Daniel Walter, Mission President, and Pastor Nhem Vanthorn, Mission Secretary, participated in the opening ceremony of the Takhmao Church. Even their former landlord, who had served notice for them to vacate the rented quarters on that same day, was on hand to celebrate their opening of the new church.

The Takhmao Church company has about 30 members and is hoping to be an organized church. District pastor, Pen Chenda, is currently pastoring the church. ☞

Pen Narith, District Pastor

Everything is Possible with God

"My neighbours hate me, my children hate me, my wife hates me," moaned the drunkard for the hundredth time that night. "Everybody hates me and I know why," he cried to himself. Fifty-four year old Khav Phin had been an alcoholic all of his adult life and even though he had made three sincere attempts to stop drinking, he just could not find it within himself to give it up.

"If you don't stop drinking, I will divorce you forever," his wife finally threatened one day after he had come

home drunk again. But even this did not succeed in keeping her husband sober for very long. So she took the children and left him. Now he was all alone.

One day Khav Phin met Pastor Pen Narith coming into Kakas Village to teach the people about God. Suddenly the man had an idea. Since his wife had deserted him because she had become a Christian, or so he thought, then it was actually the pastor's fault that he was all alone!

"I will kill him!" Khav Phin snarled to himself. "If it weren't for him, my wife wouldn't have deserted me and I would still have someone to cook and clean and wash my clothes for me. I will kill him!"

In order to have the opportunity to meet the pastor alone, however, Khav Phin had to listen to Pen Narith's sermon. And the good news of salvation touched his heart that day. The poor drunkard went to the pastor and told him, "If God can help me to stop drinking after all these years and make my wife forgive me and come to live with me again, then I will believe in God."

Pen Narith prayed for Khav Phin and the Holy Spirit came upon the broken man. He changed this man's habits, saving him from alcohol and softening his wife's heart so that she had compassion on him. She forgave her husband and allowed him to live with the family again. Now Khav Phin is a Christian together with his wife, believing that God is the true God because He has the power to change lives.✠



Khav Phin, "Everything is Possible...."

Honoring God With Tithe

Reno Ng, CAM Treasurer

Set aside a tithe—a Tenth of all that your fields produce each year. Then go to the one place where the Lord your God has chosen to be worshipped...Do this so that you may learn to honor the Lord your God always." (Deuteronomy 14:22, 23)

This is exactly what the members of Takeo Church did on 18 May 1997. Collectively, they brought a total of 870kg. (nearly a metric ton) of rice to the church to honor God with their tithe.

During this harvest festival service, they sang, prayed, and studied the Word of God as we usually do during our worship services. Afterwards, they shared a meal and close fellowship.

Members from both Takeo and Kendal churches participated in the harvest festival. At the end of the service the farmers presented their seeds to be blessed for the following year. Even the district leader, Pastor Hy Vannarith, who does not have a farm of his own, contributed a portion of tithe rice to be an example to his church members. Some readers may recall the story of Mr. Ee and how God saved his rice fields from the cut worms because he faithfully tithes his crops; at the harvest festival, Mr. Ee presented 200kg of tithe rice from his fields.



Members of Takeo and Kendal churches return their tithe in kind

It was my first opportunity to witness the harvest ceremony, and I found it very encouraging to learn that our members take seriously what God commanded in Leviticus 27; that is, they wholeheartedly believe that one-tenth of all the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, belongs to the Lord. In doing so, they have recognized God's universal sovereignty and ownership. They have also witnessed to the fact that God is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.✠

Literature Evangelists Win Souls

Two precious souls were recently baptised in Singapore. These were the fruits on the labour of Jaime Bolipata. He worked with them, prayed with them, studied with them and befriended them. They were finally baptized on February 28, 1997 by Elder V. F. Bocala (SSD President) and Dr. M. S. Abdulmajid (SSD Ministerial Secretary).

We welcome Sister Nora and Brother Ramalingan into God's family.



Elder Bocala baptising Nurse Nora

"By the canvassing work the truth is presented to thousands who otherwise would never hear it."--E. G. White.

"This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time."--E. G. White



Dr Abdulmajid and Brother Ramalingan

Meet SAUM Literature Evangelists

There are seventy-five Literature Evangelists in the Southeast Asia Union. Below is a picture of the group when they met for a convention earlier this year. The first five months of 1997 were good months for this dedicated team of workers. Just look at the following report:

Free Literature given away	14,133
VOP Enrollments	3,249
Bible Studies conducted	5,223
Baptisms from Contacts	112



SAUM Literature Evangelists

Meet SAUM Publishing Leaders

Do you want to be a Literature Evangelist too? Contact one of the leaders below and you will be taught how to be a happy, successful soul winner for God.



L to R (sitting): Jaibie Ogou, Johnny Rueh, Howard Faigao, Braam Oberholster, Peter Wong, Mok Siew Chan.

Guest Lecturers

It is a rare treat for students at SAUC to have three guest lecturers from three different educational institutions during the Third Quarter this year. They are teaching a variety of courses ranging from management to biology and religion. We are very happy to have them on campus.

Dr Ronald Jolliffe from Walla Walla College is here to help us with courses in religion. He obtained his bachelor's degree from Walla Walla College and received three Master's degrees from three different institutions: Master of Divinity (Andrews University), Master of Public Health (Loma Linda University) and Master of Arts (Claremont Graduate School, California). He earned his Ph.D. degree in Religion from Claremont Graduate School. He has also studied in Germany at the University of Heidelberg while researching his dissertation. He and his wife, Glenda, have two children.



Dr Jae Kim, professor of management information system, received his bachelor's degree from Seoul National University, Korea. He obtained his Master of Business Administration from Andrews University and Doctor of Business Administration from Mississippi State University. He teaches as an associate professor at Samyook (Adventist) University in Korea. Prior to that, he worked at Pan American University and Walla Walla College, and also directed the World Trade Center in Texas. Dr Jae Kim is here this quarter to teach a course in management and internet. He and his wife, Chae, are blessed with three daughters.



Dr. John Perumal, professor of biology, obtained his bachelor's degree from Spicer College, and his Master's degree from Poona University, India. He received his Ph.D. degree in Biology from the University of Western Ontario, Canada. He devoted many years of his life teaching science in Malaysia, Thailand, Canada and the USA. He is currently working at Southern Adventist University, Tennessee. He teaches biology courses at SAUC during the third quarter.



Welcome to the Family

The most recent addition to SAUC staff is Simon Sim. He was invited to serve as Assistant Business Manager beginning June of this year. In September of this year, Matthew Hutabarat, the present Business Manager, will go into fulltime teaching in the Business Department



The Sim Family

and Simon will serve as Business Manager. He obtained his Bachelor of Business in accounting from Avondale College, Australia. He is also a certified practicing accountant (CPA) with the Australian Society of CPAs. From 1991-94, he was stationed in Southeast Asia Union Mission to work for the General Conference Auditing Service. In 1994, he was appointed Chief Accountant of the Asia-Pacific Division and the following year, he served as Financial Controller. Apart from enjoying numbers and figures, Simon also enjoys music. He received his LTCL (Licentiate Diploma) in Piano from Trinity College of London and has ten years of teaching experience in piano. He is the director of the Singing Men of SAUC church. Simon and his wife, Mui Siang, have a three-year-old son, Shannon Benjamin. Welcome to the family Simon, Mui Siang and Shannon!

*Ritha Maidom-Lampadan
Southeast Asia Union College*

Adventist Youth 2 Youth

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VENUE

SABAH ADVENTIST SECONDARY SCHOOL

Students Find Christ in San Yu Adventist School

Samuel Siew, Chaplain, San Yu Adventist School

Our schools has always been a means of evangelism other than providing good Christian education and the San Yu Adventist School (former Seventh-day Adventist School and San Yu High School) is no different. Three Secondary 4 Science students were baptised into the Thomson Chinese Church on February 22, 1997.



It was a joyous day for the candidates, friends and their teachers!

These three female students, Tsai Yen Min from Taiwan, Lee Ya Hui from Thailand and Lynn Tan from Singapore, have no Adventist influence till they came to our school. Through morning worships in their classes, chapel periods and the influence of Adventist school mates and teachers, they made a decision to become a part of the Adventist family. They are very active in the church, joining the Pathfinders and the school's Bible Club. Their influence towards their non-Christian friends in school is also evident.

It is our hope and prayer that the seeds which are sown in our school will yield more fruits to the glory of God.✠

Singapore-Wide Pathfinder Fair

A mission-wide Pathfinder Fair was held on March 2, 1997. This is the first time that such a Fair was held and to the Pathfinders, the day started with lots of excitement and anticipation. The Fair focuses on the three components of Demonstration, Exhibition and Competition.

Footdrill and semaphore demonstrations were held and crafts based on Pathfinder honours were exhibited. The

fun event for the day were the competitions. A total of five Pathfinder skills were tested in the competition and they are First Aid, Fire Building, Knots and Lashings, Tent Pitching and Compass Directors.

The ingenuity and cooperation of the Pathfinders also came into being when they had to build a sedan chair using knots and lashings. From only two poles supplied, a makeshift stretcher was expected from the teams. The highlight of the day was the Fire Building competition where the teams are to boil an egg with vanguard sheets in which to make a boiling pot. Most of the teams succeeded in having their eggs hard boiled.



It takes skill to start a fire!

Prizes were given to the eventual winners and for all the Pathfinders, it has been a day of fun, experience and good clean fellowship.

*Samuel Siew, Pathfinder Director
Singapore Mission*

Trim & Slim Cooking Class

On a Sunday afternoon, April 13, 1997, a group of over thirty men and women gathered at the Southeast Asia Union College Cafeteria for a special cooking class that featured only low-fat yet delicious dishes that were simple to prepare. This was a project of the Women's Ministry Department of the Singapore Mission.

Four ladies, Esther Choo, Irene Duroe, Dorothy Massengill, and Yip Siew Eng shared their home tried and tested recipes that were a delight to the palate as the participants soon found out. A fascinating variety of eight dishes were shared ranging from a salad to mushroom vegetarian chicken. Those who demonstrated also gave tips on how to cut down on the fat content further if desired. In addition, Yen Ang threw in some health tips that emphasized eating right as well as exercising right. The atmosphere was warm and highly interactive as participants shared their thoughts and asked questions freely. As the proverb goes, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," so the highlight of the evening was in the form of a fellowship dinner where we not only had the pleasure of

tasting each of the dishes demonstrated, but more importantly, mingled and made friends with the non-Adventists among us. The Women's Ministries Committee has been making plans for two more cooking classes as part of their outreach endeavour for the rest of this year. ☺

*Sally Phoon, Women's Ministry
Coordinator, SAUC Church*



Two trim cooks - Sally Phoon (left) and Esther Choo - during the cooking demonstration

San Yu Adventist School

Prior to 1997 the Seventh-day Adventist Mission (Singapore) had two secondary schools operating in Singapore—the Seventh-day Adventist School and the Singapore San Yu High School. It was in early March 1996 that we heard about the plans of the Singapore Government to acquire certain properties along Upper Serangoon Road. It turned out that the land on which the Seventh-day Adventist School stands was one of those properties to be acquired.

Initially attempts were made to explore alternative sites to continue operating the school when the acquisition takes effect. Another alternative was to rent a commercial building to conduct the school. There was also a suggestion that we buy an existing school. Another option was to rent an empty school from the land Office. After further investigations it was found that the above options were not viable. A couple of questions were considered: Are our schools growing as they should? If not won't it be better to consolidate our resources by merging them?

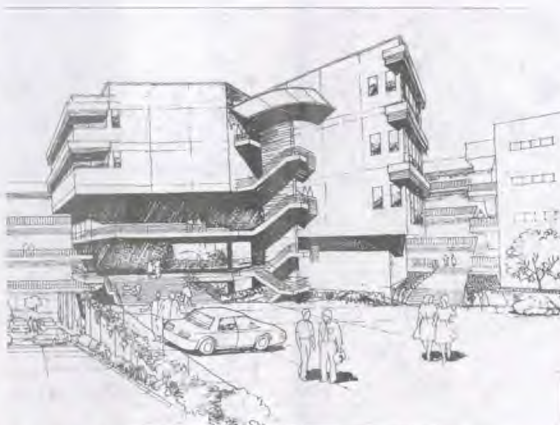
The idea of merging the two schools was not new. In the early 80s there was some talk about merging the two schools when the San Yu High School changed from a Chinese-medium to an English-medium school. The idea was, however, quickly dropped for lack of support from certain quarters.

By July 1996 both boards of management of the Seventh-day Adventist School and San Yu High School voted to merge. The Seventh-day Adventist Mission (Singapore) proceeded to appoint one board to manage the two schools. This board in turn appointed working committees to prepare for the merger. In October an official document was prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Education (Singapore). This document outlined the plans for the new school, San Yu Adventist School. One of the most significant plans the new school board decided on was to build a new science block at the campus of San Yu High School. While the new structure is in progress all students

from San Yu High School would move to the SDA School Campus. Estimated date to complete the new building is October 1998. Present plans call for the new school to start operating at Thomson Road in January 1999.

Full merger took place January 2, 1997, the first day of school. The merger achieved the following: bringing together two sets of administrative officers, teachers and students. Six months have passed and the new school--San Yu Adventist School--

seemed to be working quite well. Under the blessing of the Lord we believe this new school will continue to operate and fulfill its mission--to bring Seventh-day Adventist Education to all. ☺



The New San Yu Adventist School date of completion is estimated to be at the end of 1998.

ATI Builds Classrooms in Chiang Mai

ATI, a Japanese volunteer group, chose to build classrooms in Chiang Mai Adventist Education Center (CAEC) as their project in Thailand for the year 1997. Because of the influx of students in CAEC since last year, Thailand Mission looked for financial support abroad to solve the problem. In His grace, God sent ATI from Japan this year.

ATI stands for the Japanese "Asia Tomoni Ikirukai" which means "We live with Asians."

This CAEC project was conducted from March 5 to 24 by 20 ATI members who came from Japan Missionary College (JMC) and 2 high school students. They spent about two weeks in constructing two classrooms for the adult school, and one more classroom donated for the academy. They also visited former project sites on weekends. Furthermore they brought many used clothes from Japan for the International Child Care (I.C.C.) and visited the poor children to distribute the clothes and fellowshiped with them.

During the last week they took part in the morning and evening worship services including vespers with the CAEC students.

On Sabbath morning, March 22, even though two classrooms were not completed yet, a ceremony was held to bless the classrooms and the students. Then donning Japanese and Thai costumes, ATI and two hilltribe groups rendered beautiful special music, after which Pastor Senzo Wagatsuma, JMC Theology Department head, delivered the sermon.

To culminate the whole program, a farewell party for ATI was thrown by CAEC during lunch time. And finally ATI donated to CAEC a used keyboard, guitar, two new radio-cassette recorders, ballpens, etc. ATI appreciates the effort of Thailand Mission President Pastor Rungsit, his wife, several carpenters, and church pastors and members in helping them accomplish this project.✠

Katsuki Matsuura
Church Building Coordinator

The Lord Guides and Blesses

On March 1, after more than eight years at the current location, the Thailand Language School located in Bangkok moved to a new building - only two blocks from the current one. The new school will have an additional five classrooms which will allow expansion of the curriculum to include Business English.



*The site that God chose for the
Language School*

The Language School staff is grateful to the Lord for His leading in locating this building which had actually been standing empty for more than a year. "I saw this building last year and couldn't understand why it was empty since it is a beautiful building. Everytime I asked someone about it, no one knew what building I was talking about - it seemed that no one else even saw it," said Cindi Mejia, Language School Country Director. "Last year we were in no position to afford this

move. I know the Lord was hiding it for us because I have seen other companies and even a few schools expressed interest in it. As soon as I spoke to the owner, and walked inside, I felt confident that the Lord had kept it for us. We have been praying and looking for a new location for this school since my arrival in Thailand almost two years ago. But we had to learn 'to wait on the Lord' - and when the time was right, He made it possible for us even though there were a few hurdles to overcome."

In August 1996 and January 1997, two new schools were also opened in Ubol and Muak Lek, respectively. Both have been received with much enthusiasm by the local people as well as the county officials. Enrollments have been good at all schools.

The Language Schools do more than just teach conversational English, but are also instrumental in preparing students for acceptance to international schools and introducing the gospel of Jesus Christ through daily Bible studies and worship programs.✠

Mission College--Missionaries

Mission College will send out its first task force missionary this summer. Mr. Anusorn Thiphanaphan was part of a missionary team sent to a Hmong village during the last school break. Jerearnsap is a village full of former Communists. It is four kilometres from the Myanmar boarder.

The Communists tried to eliminate their spirit worship but left a void. When the Mission College teachers and students had meetings, over three hundred villagers came out every night to hear them. The village chief, a former Communist officer was so impressed that he has offered land for a church to be built.

Mission College has opened another Thai English Language School this last quarter. Muak Lek now has an active school with three students missionaries and fifty-four students, with new students coming daily. ☺

*John Duroe, Communication Director
Southern Asia-Pacific Division*

Field School Of Evangelism

On January 6-25, 1997 a field school of evangelism was held at Ubon Ratchatane in the Northeast of Thailand. Thirty-seven pastors from Thailand, six pastors from Cambodia and two church leaders from Laos attended the field school. The teachers were Pr David Parks, (NSD Ministerial Secretary and Global Mission Director) who taught on how to preach effectively in public evangelistic meetings; Dr John Duroe, (SSD Ministerial Secretary and Global Mission)



Eighty-seven people were baptised as a result of the evangelism

who spoke on how to do effective visitation; and Dr Clif Maberly, (Director of Religious Study Centre) who taught how to approach people who believe in other religions. All the pastors who attended these meetings benefited immensely from these speakers. As a result, on Sabbath 25 January, eighty-seven people were baptized.

TAM Officers highly appreciated the effort of the pastors. We thank the Lord for those precious souls. ☺

*Boonrat Moolkeo, Communication Director
Thailand Adventist Mission*

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**Crossroads 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
(Contemporary Music)**

**Sabbath - Instrumental, Hymns,
Praise & Worship**

ADRA Laos Receives National Medal of Friendship

The National Medal of Friendship by the Lao Peoples' Democratic Republic was presented to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Laos office at an awards ceremony on February 28, 1997, in recognition for its outstanding support and assistance to the programs and services of the Ministry of Public Health.

Presidential Decree No.114 declared that the medal be awarded to ADRA Laos and was presented to Todd Bruce, director of ADRA Laos, by Dr.Ponmek Dalaloy, Minister of Public Health at the ceremony held in the capital, Vientiane. The Presidential Decree and an accompanying certificate, both signed by His Excellency Nouhak Phounsavanh, president of the Lao Peoples' Democratic Republic, were also presented.

ADRA has operated in Laos since 1991. During this time ADRA Laos has worked with the Ministry of Public Health to implement seven rural water supply and sanitation projects, supported a national cholera prevention project, and conducted English training courses for health personnel.

Through support from ADRA Australia, ADRA Canada, ADRA Sweden, ADRA Germany, ADRA Regional and Central offices and private donors, ADRA Laos has been able to contribute to the development of Laos.✎

The Gospel in the Jungle

In the remote jungle mountains of north-western Thailand is the village of Muangpaam. Muangpaam village is a traditional mountain Karen village of nearly 450 people, isolated enough to not have electricity but advanced enough to have a four teacher elementary school and the desire to improve their lives. Their income and livelihood is derived from growing rice, garlic, bananas and mangoes. Some villagers breed water buffalo and are able to derive some income that way. However, the village had a major water shortage problem. The women had to walk half a mile to get water from a dirty river that was also used by their buffaloes and other creatures. Previous attempts to install a water system had never been completed due to lack of funds. Their

ADRA southeast asia news

plan was to pipe water from a clean section of the river about 2.5 miles upstream to the village. They already had a number of concrete tanks that had been built with earlier funds from where the water would be distributed to the houses in the village.

Sutut Detchonchai and his family had been living in Muangpaam village for nearly a year. He had been invited to begin new work in this village as part of Thailand's Global Mission evangelism program for unentered areas. As a layman for three years before deciding to study at Mission college Seminary, north of Bangkok, Sutut had graduated from the theology course just a year before and this was his first assignment.



Soon after his arrival, Sutut recognized that water was a major need and he wrote to ADRA requesting help. With funding from ADRA/Australia, Aus AID, ADRA/Thailand was able to assist this village. Sutut also knew that the mainly Buddhist and animist villagers had a major need for spiritual water. Like Jesus at the well in Samaria, Sutut has attempted to show Christianity in action and provide water from which they will thirst no more.

Supplies needed for this project had been trucked in earlier by ADRA's project officer, Kriengsak Kitisub. The village water committee was responsible for installing the pipe line and connecting it to the tanks. Digging by hand through rock and dirt, and connecting over two miles of PVC pipe was some feat. The villagers had worked hard and well together. It was an activity that would bring benefits to the whole village and they were mobilised for the sake of their major need--water! Now every house has its own water tap.✎

Roy Richardson, Director, ADRA Thailand

SAUM

Youth Congress 1997

"Now Is The Time"

Venue

**Kubah National Park
Kuching, Sarawak**

Date

December 3-6, 1997

Attendees

All Youth (Ages 13-30) of SAUM Territory

**For your registration form, and for
further information, please contact your
local Mission Youth Director
immediately.**

See You At The Congress!

ASI Sabah Chapter Plays Active Role

The Adventist-Layman's Services and Industries (ASI) Sabah Chapter with its theme "Sharing Christ in the Marketplace" will play an active role in complementing the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the finishing of the gospel.

In his address during a brainstorming session cum dinner held at Shangri-la Hotel, Kota Kinabalu on February 23, ASI Sabah Chapter President, Mr. Patrick Choo, emphasized that without the support of laymen, it would be impossible to finish the work of God.

"Although among the objectives of ASI is to encourage and promote the development and operation of businesses, institutions, and professional offices owned by Seventh-day Adventist laity in Sabah, more importantly it would enable members to contribute their efforts in furthering the gospel through various projects and activities undertaken by the Chapter," he stressed.

The ASI Sabah Chapter was formed on November 16, 1996 with the election of Executive Committee members during its first Business Session.

Elected members are President Mr. Patrick Choo, Vice-President I, Mr. Maijol Mahap, Vice-President II, Mr. Stephen Loo, Treasurer, Mr. Tan Kok, and Committee Members Dr. Stanley Chong, Noriah Palalun-Bewsher, and ASI coordinator appointed by the Sabah Mission who is automatically the ASI Executive Secretary, Mr. Lim See Him. Another three Committee Members will be elected by the Executive Committee at a later date. ☐

Mr. Patrick Choo, President, ASI Sabah Chapter



Members of ASI Sabah Chapter posing with Executive Committee members (seated) during the brainstorming session

Quotes

When God wanted sponges and oysters, He made them, and put one on a rock, and the other in the mud. When He made man, He did not make him to be a sponge, or an oyster; He made him with feet and hands, and head, and heart, and vital blood, and a place to use them, and said to him, 'Go work'.

Henry Ward Beecher

Kee your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow.

Helen Keller

The constant burden of your hearts should be, What can I do to save souls for whom Christ died?

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Union Membership Statistical Report - 1996

At the close of 1996, the total membership of the Southeast Asia Union Mission stands at 57,272 a growth rate of 3.1 percent over 1995. A total of 2,239 people joined the church through baptism and professions of faith while 363 names were dropped.

SAUM MEMBERSHIP AS OF 1996

Peninsular Malaysia Mission	3,863
Sabah Mission	20,841
Sarawak Mission	12,588
Singapore Mission	2,252
Thailand Mission	10,431
Vietnam Mission	5,447
Cambodia Attached District	1,774
Laos	76

For Your Good Health

Cold-free Diet

Diets rich in dark-green and deep-yellow vegetables and tomatoes - foods rich in beta-carotene and related carotenoids - can help you fight off colds and flu as well as cancer. For three weeks volunteers lunched daily on kale, sweet potatoes, and tomato juice - consuming ten times more than average carotenoid intakes. They had a 33 percent increase in their bodies' immune response.



US Department of Agriculture

Take a Hike!



When you're faced with emotional or stressful situations, don't eat - walk. Brisk exercise can help minimize stress and other feelings that leave you feeling depressed.

John Hopkins Health After 50

Please, Mama, Less Juice

While fruit juice is the beverage of choice for toddlers, a new study finds that preschool children who drink more than 12 ounces of juice daily are more likely to be shorter and fatter than children who drink less.



Pediatrics

Remember to be at

SAUC's Last Alumni Weekend

273 Upper Serangoon Road, Singapore
1997

August 7, Thursday, 7:30 pm
Basketball at the Quadrangle



August 8, Friday, 7:30 pm
Vespers in the Lecture Hall



August 9, Sabbath (also Singapore's 32th National Day)

9:15 am, Sabbath School in the Lecture Hall
11 am, Divine service in the Auditorium
12:30 pm, Alumni potluck lunch
1:45 pm, Forum (*latest SAUC news*) in the Lecture Hall
8 pm, International Multicultural Show in the Auditorium



August 10, Sunday, 11 am - 3 pm
International Food Fair at the Quadrangle
Delicious, authentic ethnic cuisine



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You and Your Church?

by Mark Ford

Here, in simplified form, is the structure of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. How do you see your role within the church? And how do you see your church?

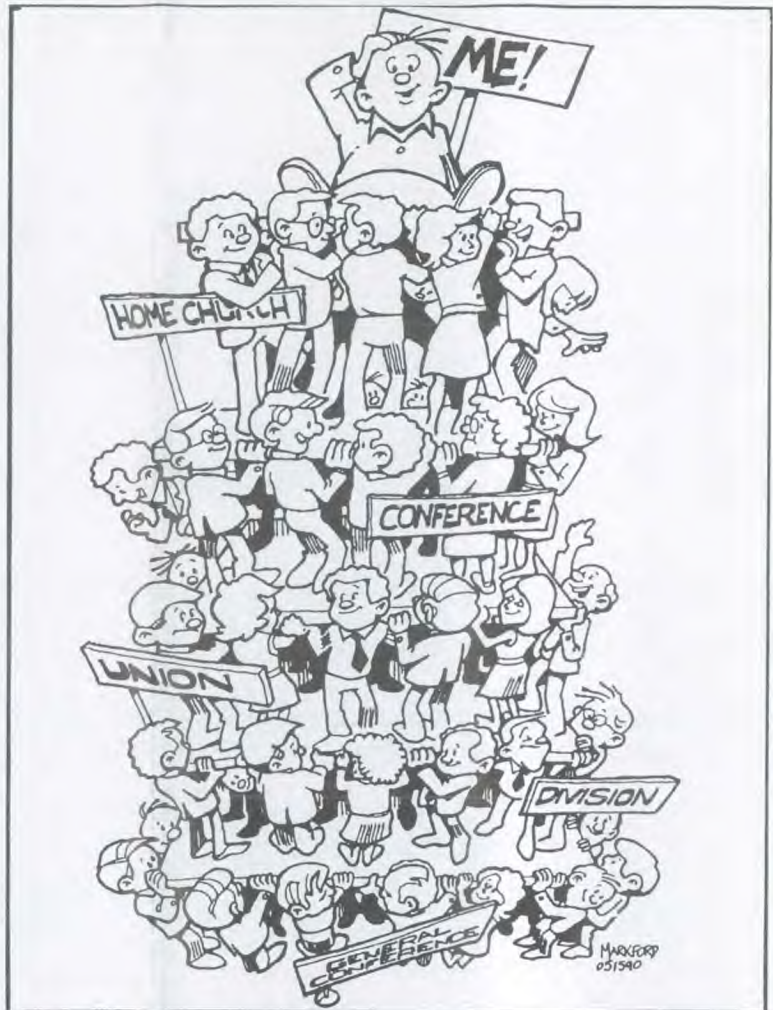
1. **Me:** I've got the most important job in the world. It's my business to tell others about Jesus, one-on-one. And I've got an army to back me up.

2. **Home Church:** The fellow members of my home church offer spiritual nurture and support in my day-to-day life. They're right out there in the trenches, slugging it out with me, no matter what.

3. **Local Mission:** Other churches in my area join together to do big things individual churches couldn't afford alone. These include church schools, kindergartens, health clinics, health promotion centre and youth camps.

4. **Union Mission:** In Southeast Asia, the six missions and one attached district have joined to form the Southeast Asia Union Mission. From the Union there are several institutions: three hospitals - Bangkok Adventist Hospital, Penang Adventist Hospital, Phuket Adventist Hospital; two colleges - Southeast Asia Union College and Mission College; two publishing houses - Southeast Asia Publishing House and Thailand Publishing House; and a health food company.

5. **Division:** Each of the unions are a part of a larger organisation called a division. The Southern Asia-Pacific Division headquarters will be located in Manila, Philippines by the end of this year. Presently the Division office is located in Singapore. But the main role of the division is to help my mission and my



union pull in the same direction as all the other unions and conferences and missions - whether they be in Bangladesh or Irian Jaya.

6. **General Conference:** And the General conference (based in Washington, DC) ties all the divisions together into one big team. A team with one goal and strategy: to help me tell someone else about Jesus. That's a lot of people working to help me get my task done!

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