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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

By H. W. Jewkes

THE OLD

It's finished. Talking, singing, and reading about it, planning and giving for it may be considered a closed account. Sufficient money to buy the boat to sail up and down the Tatau river is in hand. Soon we will hear the joyful news that the Sri Iban is carrying representatives of the King with the message from the golden Book. Boys and girls, men and women long neglected will rejoice to see the messengers. Sick bodies will regain health again as the medicine, brought along, reaps results. Darkened minds will brighten as the light of truth pierces through the blackness of heathenism.

Shall we rejoice too? Why not! Every Missionary Volunteer in the Malayan Union has done his part. We all have shares in the boat. It is ours. Let us stop, look, and listen for reports from the Tatau.

THE NEW

All eyes on the land of the north. Thailand is calling.

Missionary Volunteers, 1087 strong, we have been given a new opportunity, a change of vision from the south to the north, something different, something to accomplish in 1941.

What is it? Yes, a new project. We have all heard about the new school that is being built in Ubol, Thailand. The plan is to open it in May, this year. Thousands of dollars have been collected and given for this project. Soon it will be a reality.

From just a few students, several years ago, the student body has increased to over 450. They will be a happy family when school opens again in May. A new building, new classrooms, happier teachers, books, desks and (did I hear you say everything) no not quite everything, but almost.

It is planned that science will be one of the subjects taught, and I'm sure we all agree that in a scientific age such a plan is commendable. But try and teach science without equipment and you will say that such is not wise. So we, Volunteers, have been asked by

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Mar. 1—Home Missionary Day
- Mar. 8-15—Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer (Thailand May)
- Mar. 15—Missionary Volunteer Project Offering
- Mar. 29—13th Sabbath Offering Inter American Division

the Union Committee to take for our project, this year, the buying of equipment for the science department of the new mission school in Ubol, Thailand.

This is our task. Are you ready? If every Volunteer will give just twenty cents during the year there will be sufficient to reach the goal. Be scientific, put in your personal budget for 1941 a sizeable sum for the M. V. project. Let us one and all respond by doing our honest part.

AN INGATHERING EXPERIENCE

By Ku Hyuk Min

After greeting Mr. Poong "good-evening" the worker began his conversation, "I have come to visit you for two purposes, firstly, to lend you this good book 'Thoughts on Daniel,' secondly, to hand you our report of philanthropic work our society is doing throughout the world and particularly in war-torn China. The book has been of great help to many people and I know that if you read it in the right spirit it will do you good. If you care to help us in the good work we are doing I would be glad to have you do so."

Thank-you for your kind visit, but I will never give your mission anything," replied Mr. Poong, "You people condemn us as Babylon and as the people who worship the Beast and receive his mark" he continued in an angry tone. The worker quietly answered "no man has any right to condemn except the Lawgiver" and thus began a war between right and error that lasted for an hour. After an armistice Mr. Poong said that he would not do anything just

then for Harvest Ingathering but that he would read the book which the worker had earnestly recommended.

A few weeks later the worker met Mr. Poong's son who said that his father had some money ready for the mission and suggested that the worker go and collect it. To one of our church members whom he had happened to meet, Mr. Poong said that he had found "Thoughts on Daniel" a wonderful book. When the worker finally saw him he started the conversation with "here is a small gift of ten dollars for your mission Mr. Ku and will you please sell me your book, "Thoughts on Daniel."

BHUKET MISSION CLINIC

By R. M. Milne

Although there remained a great many things to be done and much of the paint was still wet the Bhuket Mission Clinic held its formal opening on December, 18.

The Governor and his wife, the Mayor, all leading Government Officials and many of the Chinese Towkays were present.

Mr. Tan Chin Hor, who has promoted the establishment of the Clinic so heartily, acted as chairman. Both the Governor and the Mayor, in short addresses told of the need of such a Clinic and warmly welcomed Dr. Geschke and staff to their work.

The general welcome expressed in words and actions by the public of Bhuket has been a great encouragement to Dr. and Mrs. Geschke.

Surely the Lord has led us in the establishing of this new centre of Medical work.

A NEW SABBATH SCHOOL

By L. I. Bowers

At ten o'clock sharp on the morning of October 26 a new Sabbath school of 28 members arose into being at the Sabah Training School at Telebong, B. N. Borneo.

For a number of years men have worked hard and prayed long; committees have given study and counsel; while others have given of their means to make possible a school where our future Dusun workers can be trained for service.

Brother Siagian, the Mission Sabbath School secretary took charge, and as we were singing the opening song "O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light... A day of sweet reflections, thou art a day of love," it brought a train of thoughts with it—thoughts of reflections and I wished that Brother and Sister Youngberg might have been there to share its joy.

The youngest member was a babe in arms of less than two months while the oldest was forty-seven. And thus a new Sabbath School with great possibilities was registered in heaven.

COLPORTEUR EXPERIENCES

By C. A. Davidson

"Today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every to-morrow a vision of hope. Look well therefore to this day! Such is the salutation of the dawn."

This is my fifth year in the colporteur work. During my travels I have come across many souls who are longing for salvation.

Although the year 1940, was a severe and trying one, yet I did much better than in the previous bright years. The reason was that I surrendered myself humbly for God's work. I did not labour for dollars and cents, but prayed earnestly for God to use me to win souls. I always carry my Bible and plenty of tracts, and when I fail to get an order, I give out tracts.

"THE GOAL OF ALL GOALS IS SOUL WINNING." The literature ministry is our medium in saving souls. We need many more colporteurs. Brothers and sisters, enter the colporteur army



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and Friends*



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Sunbeams*



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and Friends*

and search for souls. They have more privileges than the minister. They are the only ones who have the chance to go into every nook and corner.

The reason why many colporteurs fail is that they work as rowboat and sailboat colporteurs. But if we work as steamboat colporteurs, we will always have success. We should be steamboat colporteurs, going ahead in spite of difficulties.

During my five years I have interested many souls, given away many hundreds of tracts, and sent many missionary letters. More than 70 persons have shown their interest in our truth.

I conversed with a certain European lady of reputation while I was in Penang. This lady was very pleased when I gave her some tracts and prayed with her. After prayer to my surprise I noticed tears of joys flooding her face. This lady who was in sorrow and in the darkness of sin found peace in the Saviour through my help. She promised to attend our church in Penang and got very interested in our Truth. That God will bring her in the truth one day is my prayer for her.

FAITHFULNESS PAYS

By V. L. Kon

One of our members, who is a professional man, was not faithful for a number of years. Since he opened his practice up till the middle part of last year, he hardly made enough to cover his expenses. Owing to depression, he wanted for several times to give up his business. But somehow, or rather he didn't do so.

Some six months ago, he caught a vision that, in order to get God's



New Seminary Master Comrades

MALAYAN UNION MISSION — YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1940 and 1941
REPORT OF TITHE AND SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS

(All items in Local Currency)

| Mission | TITHE | | Gain | Percentage of Gain | SABBATH SCHOOL | | Loss or Gain | Percentage of Loss or Gain |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------------------|----------------|----------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | 1939 | 1940 | | | 1939 | 1940 | | |
| B. N. Borneo | 2,141.32 | 2,167.00 | 25.68 | 1% | 608.36 | 593.10 | 15.26L | 2½L |
| F. I. China | 2,056.70 | 4,895.62 | 2,838.92 | 138% | 422.61 | 398.61 | 24.00L | 5½L |
| Malay States | 13,696.07 | 15,211.06 | 1,514.99 | 11% | 4,774.76 | 5,293.11 | 518.35G | 11%G |
| Sarawak | 1,040.02 | 1,519.82 | 479.80 | 46% | 500.22 | 690.70 | 190.48G | 38%G |
| Thailand | 2,398.47 | 3,352.82 | 954.35 | 40% | 914.54 | 1,066.28 | 151.74G | 16½G |
| Totals | 21,332.58 | 27,146.32 | 5,813.74 | 27% | 7,220.49 | 8,041.80 | 821.31G | 11½G |

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blessings. he must be faithful to the Message. There is a promise in the Bible that, if we pay a faithful tithe to God, he will open the windows of heaven and pour down His blessing on us that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Claiming the Lord's promise, he began to pay his tithe. he was greatly blessed both materially and spiritually. In the first four months he was able to make a net profit of Ts. 650.00.

A high Siamese official came to call on him one day for treatment. He had been suffering for some years. He had called on many doctors, but they could not cure him. He had spent a large sum of money for doctor's fees and treatments, with no results. Finally he came to our member for treatment. Without knowing him to be a high official, our member only charged Ts. 150.00. In two weeks' time he was completely healed. Instead of paying our member Ts. 150.00, he actually paid him Ts. 160.00. Besides, he gave him his picture with his signature and a line written on it for recommendation. How this high official came to call on our member, nobody knows. No doubt it was Providence. Now, this member, not only pays a faithful tithe every month, but closes his shop every Sabbath. This shows that the Lord blesses those who are faithful to Him. In the Bible we find this promise: "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land."

tian, arriving there at about 3:30 p.m. I started at the government offices and was surprised by the warm reception I received. Within about fifteen minutes I secured five orders. Before dark I secured two other orders. The following day I continued where I left off and real surprises awaited me. Before noon, I had used up my receipt book and had to phone for more from Singapore. I visited the government offices at Benut, Batu Pahat, Muar, Malacca Town, Segamat and Kluang. At every one, except Benut, I spent two days, taking at each place about thirty orders. I can recall six different occasions where orders came in like "hot cakes," taking four to six orders within a short time. During the twelve days that it was my privilege to take orders, I was able to secure orders to the value of about \$700.00.

The delivery was equally pleasant with the exception of a number of cases where the men were absent due to compulsory service. In some towns, I even secured new orders or sold for cash a few more than I had orders for. Refusals were almost negligible.

At a certain hospital, I had a collective order for \$14.00, made up of a \$5.00 book and three \$3.00 ones. When I came to deliver two of the girls who ordered \$3.00 books exchanged theirs for \$5.00

ones and another took a \$5.00 book for cash. So, instead of collecting \$14.00 I collected \$23.00 from the head-nurse.

I planned to deliver at a certain town on a certain date. I arrived there after office hours. I called on a certain place where I found the junior clerk, who told me that the five men who had ordered the books had gone their several ways, with some leaving town for the week-end. He told me, however, that the chief clerk had sent him to the station to see each of the three trains of the day to see if I had arrived. They were very eager to get their books. The clerk volunteered to take the five books to the chief clerk at his own house. The man kindly paid for the five books and the junior clerk came down to my hotel to bring me \$21.00 for them.

I am deeply thankful to our heavenly Father for His ever-present guidance all along the whole period I spent in the field. In a number of occasions I felt the direct guidance of God.

At one place I started the morning in a certain police station, securing five orders within less than an hour. Then I decided to make my way to the government offices. I trudged on and saw a certain Malay gentleman coming from the opposite direction. I approached him and inquired for the offices.

FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH
OUR NEW MEDICAL BOOK IN
JAWI (Arabic Malay)

By S. N. Siregar

One hour after the sample copy of this excellent work by Dr. Miller was off the Press, Pastor Milne and I secured the first order from an Arab gentleman who paid for it the amount of \$5.00 in cash. The following day I went to Pon-



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He kindly pointed out the road. I felt impressed to speak to him about my work. He told me that he would not be in his office for some time, but assured me that there would be some interest for me there. I felt moved to skip the first office and so started on the second. I secured an order from the first man, from the second and so on, leaving the first office for the afternoon. In the afternoon I decided to see the gentleman that I met in the morning, and when I arrived, I found a real welcome. "Here's the gentleman I spoke to you about" he said to his clerks. After briefly explaining the book, I secured one order after another, getting in all five orders. Following the road, I came to an office that I did not know existed. It was near the offices I had canvassed in the morning, and, in less than an hour, secured orders to the value of \$19.00. I was thankful that God led me to meet that man. When I came to the office that I left untouched in the morning, I came to the first man, the chief in the office, and he was as cold as ice. I then understood why I was led to the second office to begin the day.

Another experience that impressed me was just as I was going the same town. I arrived at the station in time for the train to move. I had to wait another three hours for the next train. I took it as God's will for me to wait. I went to canvass, and secured four more orders, the last of which gave me \$5.00 cash.

I did not see God's hand in it till I reached my destination. I found out on arrival that I had only three cents in my pocket aside from the \$5.00. I would not even have had enough for rickshaw to take me to a hotel if I had not been late a few minutes that morning.

At Kluang, I declined the kind invitation of Brother Wan, our mission worker there, to stay with him, and I lodged in a hotel. That Sabbath evening, before retiring at about 9:00 o'clock, I was reading Isaiah 12 and 13. About midnight I was unable to sleep, and I got up, and went down-stairs for

a few minutes. On returning, I switched off my light, prepared to sleep again. Just as I was closing my door, I heard some people talking in English. I opened the door and saw two men who had done much for me during the day. They told me that they had come to see me. One man told me that two more midwives each desired to have a book, and the other man wanted one for himself. I told them that I did not transact business on Saturday. At any rate, they asked me to bring along three books when I should make my deliveries about a week later. So in the middle of the night, after soundly sleeping for three hours, and on Sabbath, I was informed of three new orders!

In conclusion, I want to say that the Malays in the government offices of Johore are extremely friendly and affable. Dr. Miller's book is something that will be of real service to Malay homes. Every Malay home needs it. If we can but point out their need in a brief, business-like manner, the orders are taken and the books are delivered without arousing their prejudice. We are thankful that we have "the right arm of the message" breaking prejudices of the educated Malays. With the favourable comments of the "Warta Malaya" and a highly British qualified Malay doctor in Johore Bahru, I believe this book will find a ready sale and will serve as an entering wedge to the thousands of Malays in Malaya.

NEWS NOTES

Miss Ruth Munroe, until recently Superintendent of Nurses at the Tokyo Sanitarium and for the last two months connected with the Manila Sanitarium, has arrived in Singapore on her way to the Bangkok Mission Clinic.

A son was recently born to Mr. & Mrs. B. L. Tamboenan of the Seminary staff.

Professor and Mrs. F. R. Millard have arrived in Singapore. Professor Millard who has been connected with our work in the Philippines and Japan will shortly take charge of the Seminary. For some years he was Principal of both the Boy's school and the Girl's school in Japan.

Professor and Mrs. G. H. Minchin and family will be leaving

for furlough early in May. It is planned for Professor Minchin to make several trips in the interests of the Educational Department before he sails.

A son was recently born to Mr. & Mrs. Tan Chin Khin of the Seminary staff.

Pastors R. M. Milne and Tan Kia Ou are in Bhuket visiting the public in the interests of the new Bhuket Mission Clinic.

The Malay States Mission is planning a real Chinese evangelistic effort for the city of Kluang. Several of our leading workers will be engaged in this new endeavour.

The Nerness family has returned to Kuala Lumpur and the Jewkes family to Singapore.

The Editor regrets to have to record the death of Mr. H. B. Leicester on the evening of 25th December, 1940. Many readers of the "Notes of Progress" will remember Brother Leicester's faithfulness and courage. Coming so soon after the death of Captain Frederick Mugg it meant the Singapore English Church lost two of its oldest members within a few weeks.

Brother Chin Kong Tai is having good success with the "Sentinel."

Two Seminary students recently left Singapore for work at out-stations, Mangara Hoetabarat for North Borneo and Pian Tamboenan for Sarawak.

It is of course most fitting and proper to read the Bible and other good literature. However, there is a place for everything and quite possibly during Divine Service it would be well to refrain from reading even the Bible except as we follow the texts given in the sermon. Sister White has given very explicit instruction regarding our attitude during Church Services. In one place she states: "When the word is spoken, you should remember, brethren, that you are listening to the voice of God through His delegated servant. Listen attentively. . . . You may lose the very words that you need most."