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The Southeast Asia Union executive officers stand before the map of the Union as it appeared during the Session. Standing left to right are Pastors K. T. Kong, Associate Treasurer; H. D. Johnson, President; H. W. Bedwell, Secretary-Treasurer; S. J. Lee Auditor.

### UNITED TO FINISH THE WORK

## President's Report

by H. D. Johnson, President  
Southeast Asia Union

Even as one reaps where another has sown, so tonight we report where others have labored. Would that it were possible for Pastor W. A. Hilliard to be here and present this report of the progress of the work during the past two years during which he labored with such effective leadership. However since this is not possible, we shall do our humble best to report briefly the work which has been carried on. It is obvious that a broad base been laid and a strong foundation prepared for a strong future work in the Union of Southeast Asia. The four cornerstones of this foundation could be considered in the following terms: obvious that a broad base been laid and a strong foundation prepared for a strong future work in the Union of Southeast Asia. The four cornerstones of this foundation could be considered in the following terms:

1. The Church
2. Medical Work
3. Educational Work
4. Publishing Work

Even as it can hardly be said that one corner of the foundation is more important than another, so we may conclude that the cornerstones of the work cannot necessarily be rated in the order of their importance, but each one carrying a lesser or a greater burden in the various areas.

**THE CHURCH** — In this foundation stone we would include the work of direct evangelism as well as all church activities, departmental and otherwise. When we think of the church we think of membership, of growth, of baptisms. The table below shows the church membership at the close of the third quarter in 1959 and then again in 1961.

As we examine the record of baptisms for the last four years, we see that after showing very

good gains during 1959 and 1960 the baptisms for the Union show a small loss during 1961.

It is good to note that one of our fields, Malaya, has continued to show a consistent gain in baptisms throughout the last four years.

In order to push forward with ever increasing vigor in the matter of evangelism, the Union officers are recommending that a special committee be set up to study public evangelism and ways and means to increase the number of baptisms in the churches throughout this Union.

Embedded within this foundation stone also is the work of the Voice Prophecy which probably bears a greater portion of responsibility for baptisms in this field than in many places in the world. The work of the Voice of Prophecy has grown rapidly but solidly. It has not been by increased appropriations that this growth has come entirely, but by careful management and hard work on the part of those who carry on this tremendously important work in no less than six languages and fifteen separate courses.

**MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS** have played a very prominent and successful part in spreading the knowledge of Adventism throughout the Union. Our doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel have spent long hours treating the sick and caring for those who need help, only to use their spare time in giving Bible studies and otherwise working for those who need truth.

**THE PUBLISHING WORK** is another foundation stone of God's work in the Southeast Asia Union. This work, too, is making a strong contribution toward a present and future harvest of souls. With the Malayan Signs Press, the veteran of our Union, and the Vietnam Publishing House which was established in 1939, a third plant will soon be established in

Thailand from funds made available by the General Conference, the Far Eastern Division as well as from within the field.

Our literature evangelists under strong Union leadership are pressing back on the barriers of darkness, carrying the light of truth into the remotest corners of this field and there sowing seeds which will certainly spring forth unto a bountiful harvest. Some of these literature evangelists tell their families good-bye in the morning and then push into territories in which the risk of losing their lives is an ever present reality. Some have paid with their lives and we honor them as fearless soldiers of the Cross.

The final cornerstone is that of the **EDUCATIONAL WORK**. Here we find an ever increasing need and an ever increasing interest in Christian education with increasing emphasis being placed on the training of workers. Southeast Asia Union College is pushing forward with a strong development program both in the scholastic and in their physical plant. It is of extreme importance that we develop our College section from which our future workers and leaders will come. At the same time we have an immediate and desperate need to develop and improve our worker training facilities in the various countries of this Union where English is not the medium of instruction.

And now may we take this opportunity to express a word of appreciation to our workers in all of these areas of denominational endeavor. Our Union workers have worked long and have labored diligently to coordinate all phases of God's work. Our Mission presidents and institutional heads have labored under the most adverse circumstances and with innumerable problems pressing in upon them. Our ministers, press workers, office secretaries, our doctors, nurses and teachers have given themselves untiringly to the work at hand. And as a result of these faithful efforts down through the years, something is happening.

There is strong evidence that God is about to do a great work in Southeast Asia. We know that some day soon He will cut it short in Righteousness. But there are some requirements. One of these is Unity on the part of His Workers, His Institutions, His Laity.

MISSION	BAPTISMS			
	1958	1959	1960	1961
Cambodia		4		3
Malaya	132	150	160	162
North Borneo & Sarawak	247	189	289	260
Thailand	65	124	98	73
Vietnam	114	133	126	90
	558	600	673	588
MISSION	MEMBERSHIP			
		1959		1961
Cambodia		14		19
Malaya		1,831		1,879
North Borneo		3,015		2,555
Sarawak				935
Thailand		615		781
Vietnam		714		971
		6,189		7,140



Pictured above are the delegates and those in attendance of the Biennial Session held in Singapore January 17-22, 1962.

The motto chosen for the 12th Biennial Session of the Union of Southeast Asia was not chosen lightly. While the sign itself is high above our heads, yet it is easily within our reach. Listen to this quotation from the Spirit of Prophecy:

"The secret of our success in the work of God will be found in the harmonious working of our people. There must be concentrated action. Every member of the body of Christ must act his part in the cause of God, according to the ability that God has given him. We must press together against obstructions and difficulties, shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart."

Christian Service, page 75  
I challenge you, Delegates to the 12th Biennial Session to, with me, determine tonight that we shall be so united in our aim toward the saving of souls, so united in spirit and in love for one another, so united in our desire to give help to a disease ridden and sin-sick world, to so unite our hearts in prayer and in service that we shall indeed be **United to finish the Work** in the Union of Southeast Asia.

May God grant that through His grace we shall possess the qualifications, the wisdom, the initiative and the far sighted judgment to carry forward the task that He has given us to do.

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## Malaya Mission

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**T. C. Chin, President**

We are grateful indeed for the many blessings the Lord has bestowed upon His people in the Malaya Mission, and thankful to Him for the steady progress made during this biennial period. The integration of the Sidang Advent Mission with the Malaya Mission took place at the beginning of year 1961, and this brought the number of churches and companies in this mission up to twenty-one.

One of the great features during the period under review is the work of evangelism. Large evangelistic efforts were held in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh and Penang. During the year 1961 four major efforts were conducted by Pastor Milton Lee of the Far Eastern Division, Pastor C. I. Meng of the South China Island Union, and Pastor Daniel R. Guild of Southeast Asia Union, and six smaller ones were held by our local pastors. The Far Eastern Division and the Union of Southeast Asia have made it possible for these great evangelists to help us, and this we deeply appreciate. The result for this period in soulwinning has been the best for many years. The baptism for 1960 was 160, and for 1961 it was 162, a total of 322 for the biennial period.

The soul winning work in Malaya has not been easy, especially because of the fact that worldly prosperity has attended the people of Malaya, and of the extreme difficulty experienced by those interested in obtaining Sabbath privileges when they accept the truth. God will surely reward our workers for their faithful work.

Our young people are constantly facing the problem of having to sit for their examinations on compulsory subjects on the Sabbath. Toward the end of last year twenty of our young people were

affected by the L.C.E. and National Language Examinations which were held on Sabbath. Failure to take these examinations could mean the forfeiting of any chance for promotion. Appeal was made to the authority to grant our students the privilege to sit for their respective examinations after sun down on Saturday, but was flatly refused. But we are very happy to report that the majority of this group of twenty stood true to their conviction that they did not take the examinations on Sabbath. This is a serious problem facing our students and also our members who work in government offices. We strongly feel that further representations to the Prime Minister himself should be made in the very near future. We hope to secure help from the Union and Division so that a delegation may be sent to see the Prime Minister on the Sabbath problem facing our members and students.

Our young people are doing active missionary work for the church in Singapore, and throughout Malaya. In November last year a Youth Rally was held in Singapore. Our hearts were thrilled to see the great army of youth from our Singapore churches who pledged to do greater missionary work for the Lord in 1962. The stories told during the Rally were very inspiring. We praise the Lord for this army of youth. During the year 1961 a strong youth crusade under the direction of Pastor James Wah was conducted by young people of the Singapore Balestier Road Church. A similar one under the direction of Brother E. C. Saw was held in Kuala Lumpur. Both of these youth crusades gave great inspiration to the youth to sow the gospel seed among their fellow-youth. In Penang the young people branch out every Sabbath afternoon and conduct branch Sabbath Schools in many places on the Island and across to the mainland. They are definitely planning to hold a youth crusade in Penang in 1962.

It is gratifying to note the wonderful result of Ingathering for this biennial period. A total of over \$150,000.00 was realized. The students of Southeast Asia Union College played a great part toward the success of the campaign. Our two Chinese schools also actively participated in the campaign. With the funds we raised in the Federation of Malaya we were able to erect two church buildings, one

was already completed in Pontian, and the other one would be built in Teluk Anson shortly.

A worker's home was built in Bagan Datoh, and another home will be put up in Seremban as soon as the building plans are approved by the Town Council. Church sites have been purchased in Teluk Anson and Muar. We hope to build the Muar church building from our 1962 Ingathering. In Singapore we added an extension to our Church building on Balestier Road. The members of this church subscribed liberally toward the building of this extension. This added building is now called or used as a Youth Centre. Activities both religious and secular are being conducted in the Centre for the young people on weekends. By this means we hope to bring many non-Adventist youth to Christ.

Our tithe receipt for 1961 was \$8,083.11 over that of 1960, or a total of \$357,117.83 for the biennial period. Sabbath School offerings totalled \$77,508.12 for the same period. We do want to express our appreciation to our church members for their faithfulness in Tithes and Offerings.

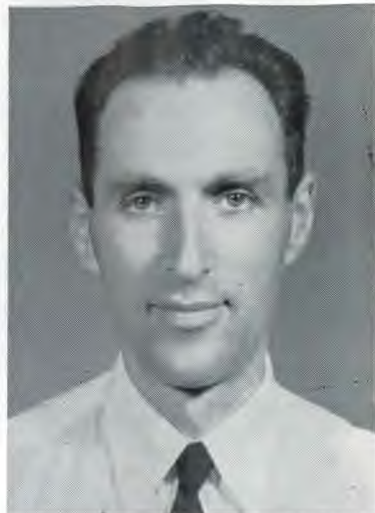
The arrival of Pastor A. Waworoendeng and Pastor Liberty Pandjaitan has greatly strengthened our work in the Malay Section and Department. Pastor Waworoendeng is connected with our Malay work in Malacca, whilst Pastor Pandjaitan is our publishing secretary. Both of these men came to our mission with a rich experience in their lines of work. Under the leadership of Pastor Pandjaitan we hope to double our literature sales in the next biennial period. We look forward to the day when many of the Muslims in Malaya will be won to Christ. We recognize it is a real task and a challenge to win them over, and so let us pray unitedly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that we can finish His work in this country where millions of Muslims are among the population. For our own encouragement we wish to announce that to date to we have baptized twelve Muslim converts. The Muslim Conference held in the Division Headquarters some time ago presented to our workers who were working for the Muslims some concrete approaches. We do wish to thank the Far Eastern Division for the benefits our workers received in the Conference.

The Malaya Mission pledges to play its faithful part in being UNITED TO FINISH THE WORK.

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## Sarawak Mission

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**A. R. Musgrave, President**

The years 1960-1961 have been marked by changes and progress in the Lord's work in Sarawak. The greatest change came when the former Borneo—Brunei—Sarawak Mission was divided into two separate missions of which Sarawak is now one. This change led to internal reorganization and a redistribution of responsibilities, to which our small force of workers has responded nobly.

Simultaneously with the reorganization of the mission came the great venture into the unknown—the withdrawal of the two largest of our schools, the Sunny Hill and Ayer Manis, from the government financial grants. We now rejoice in our newly won freedom and have surely proved that "The Lord will provide." All the remaining schools receiving government grants will be withdrawn in 1962. We do not know how we will be able to find funds to take care of this, however.

1960 brought to us news that Sarawak and particularly Ayer Manis school was to share in the 13th Sabbath school offering overflow for the fourth quarter of 1961. This was very welcome news. Surely there is no more urgent need than to provide facilities for

the training of our National young people for God's service. Of all our National ministerial workers, only two have received training for their heavy responsibilities and they have only received one year of special training for their work. Often they feel like the blind leading the blind.

In a recent inquiry it was revealed that nine out of ten of the workers have never had studies in the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. Now we shall be able to establish facilities for their further training and shall look forward to an upsurge of successful village evangelism in the future. A new boy's dormitory and eight new classrooms will be built for the training school.

Robert Moffat, pioneer missionary to Africa, in writing to his homeland urging the churches to greater missionary effort, stated that he had stood in the early morning sun and had seen the smoke of a thousand villages where the gospel was unknown. There are countless thousands of "long-houses" of Sarawak where the devil drums still beat out the invitation to the powers of darkness. How much longer will they continue to beat out their message of evil before the gospel invitation reaches the far corners of this benighted land?

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## Thailand Mission

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**W. A. Martin, President**

As we take a backward look

at the blessings which God has given us during the past two years, we are constrained to give our humble thanks. There has been progress in every branch of our work and many are the stories that could be told of how souls have been won for Christ.

During the last two years our tithe receipts have increased 4.2% over the previous biennial period, with a corresponding 4% increase in Sabbath School and mission offerings. We also had a slight increase in the number of baptisms even though our Mission evangelist has been teaching full time in our worker training school, and we have had less workers in the field than previously.

One of the greatest advances which we have made has been the beginning of our worker training school. During the forty years of our work in Thailand we have had no facilities for training workers in the Thai language. Our new training school has been located temporarily at Ubol and we have to operate under very primitive conditions, and on a starvation budget. Nevertheless, eleven students have been able to endure the hardships of the school under these pioneering conditions, and will be graduated on February 24.

We were without a publishing secretary during the first half of the biennial period. About a year ago Pastor K. S. Wong was sent to lead out in the publishing work and our colporteurs have increased in numbers by 900%. Several issues of a magazine entitled "Better Life" have been published in Thai, together with a reprint of one volume of "The Children's Hour" in Thai. This last edition has an attractive red binding and is well illustrated with pictures. A Thai edition of "Guardian of Health" is on the press and should be finished soon.

In the future we hope to be able to print our own books in our own publishing house. Part of the 13th Sabbath overflow offering for the fourth quarter of 1961 will help erect a publishing house building. The General Conference and the Far Eastern Division have generously made appropriations to help us purchase the required printing machinery. We are only waiting for final approval of the location of the building site and the building-plans so that we can begin building.

More than ten years ago we

began a Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence school in Bangkok. Since that time we have graduated scores of students and many of these have been baptized. A little more than a year ago we went on the air with the English Voice of Prophecy radio program. However, this produced only limited results because of the small number of people in Thailand who understand English. Consequently we laid plans for producing a Thai radio broadcast. This was a real undertaking since we have so few workers to choose from to produce a program. We also had no funds with which to purchase equipment and pay for the time on the air. But we began by faith and God has blessed us far beyond our expectations.

We formed a quartet and they have been able to provide the music for the program. We found one of our workers with a good radio voice who has become our speaker, and one of the teachers from the Mission school in Bangkok is our announcer. Unsolicited funds began to come in from various places with which to purchase equipment. On the last Sabbath of December an offering was taken in the Bangkok Sanitarium Church to be used for radio work, and they received enough money to put the program on the air in Bangkok for a period of three months. The church in Haadyai has also pledged sufficient funds to sustain the cost of the program on the station in Haadyai. Contacts have been made with the Haadyai station and we expect to go on the air there soon.

January 7 was the big day when our first Thai broadcast went on the air in Bangkok. From the first broadcast we received a good mail response and have continued to receive an increasing number of letters asking for the Bible course. The fourth quarter 13th Sabbath overflow offering will also help us to provide new office space for the Voice of Prophecy. We plan to build one large building which will house the publishing house, Voice of Prophecy and Mission offices. We are looking forward to having an adequate studio in which to prepare our programs, and also sufficient space for the Bible correspondence school. We thank each of you for the part which you had in this special offering, and we know it will do much to help finish the work in Thailand.

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## Vietnam Mission

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**R. K. Tilstra, President**

The country of Vietnam has been in the news a great deal during the last two years. Many of you have been concerned over the welfare of our work in this war-torn country. We appreciate your prayers on our behalf. In spite of mounting difficulties, God has continued to give us opportunities to preach the good news of His Second Coming.

Our main worries during the last biennium were caused by the need for doctors in our hospital. For a year and a half we lived in uncertainty, never knowing whether we had a permanent doctor or not. I want to take this opportunity to express my personal appreciation for the wonderful help which Dr. Ray Smith has given to our institution. Even though not employed by the denomination, he has given freely of his time and energy to keep our hospital going. We also want to express our appreciation for the help of Dr. Erasto Sarno, who left his study program in Bangkok in order to assist us during this emergency.

With two permanent doctors on the way, we are looking forward to more opportunities for evangelism in the Saigon Adventist Hospital.

Our greatest progress was made in the Literature Evangelism Department. During the last two years the Lord doubled our colporteur force and substantially increased our sales volume. Recently we published our first issue of the Vietnamese "Life and Health." This magazine has proved very popular with the general public. Under the able leadership of Brother Giao, our Press manager, and Brother Do Binh, our Publishing Secretary, we hope to see even greater progress in the next two years.

Our greatest need at present, is for more qualified ministerial workers. We could begin work in many new cities right now, if we only had the right men to do it with. During the last two years we were able to employ four young interns who were graduates from Pastor Wentland's training classes. But now, unfortunately, Pastor Wentland is gone and our training school has been closed for one year. We desperately need a new

principal who can develop the educational work in our field. We need to establish more schools, so that more Adventist young people can receive Christian training and become workers in God's cause. We fervently hope that a new principal will come soon. In the mean time we decided not to wait, but have started the Training School again. We have fifteen eager students who are looking forward to serving the Lord as teachers and ministers.

Even though we have not been able to do as much evangelism as we would have liked, the Lord helped us to raise up seven new companies of believers. We hope that soon some of these can be organized into regular churches.

The people of Vietnam have suffered much, they know what war and bloodshed means. They need to hear the good news of a Saviour who can restore peace on earth. May God help us to be faithful and diligent in bringing the Gospel to all His children in Vietnam.

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## North Borneo Mission

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**P. R. Sibarani, Acting President**

It is a pleasure and a privilege to report on the Lord's work in any part of the wide harvest field, and we thank Him sincerely for even a small place among His "Harvest hands." In the BBS and NB Mission we feel especially blessed with the fine staff of consecrated and loyal workers and a very large number of earnest,

zealous layworkers who are actively proclaiming their Lord's soon return. Their faithfulness and friendship make the Lord's work both pleasant and inspiring and with our hearts united and filled with His love it is certain that the work can be finished quickly in this part of the field.

Before going any further I wish to mention that our former BBS Mission ended on December 31, 1960 and 2 separate Missions were established, known as the Sarawak Mission and the North Borneo Mission.

The statistics are not overwhelming but do indicate a steady growth and good prospects for the future, as will be related later by some of our delegates.

Baptism during the past biennium was not as encouraging in comparison to what was reported during the past biennial Session. For BBS in 1960 there were only 110 (NB 93, and Sar. 17) for 1961 NB 150. Total membership BBS 3333 for 1960 and to date in NB alone 2648 and the Sabbath School membership is roughly twice that with the Missionary Volunteer Society and Pathfinder clubs steadily growing in both numbers and strength. We do appreciate the visits made by brother James Wong and Pastor Wentland Jr. for their fine leadership in training our fine young people to become real Missionary Volunteers in proclaiming the gospel.

For 1960(BBS) we had 9 Primary schools and Jr. Secondary Schools in Sarawak. Now in NB Mission we have 5 Primary schools and one Jr. Secondary and by 1962 we will be adding 4 more Primary Schools. We wish that we could upgrade our STS to Sr. level as soon as possible. More than three quarters of our total Mission staff and two thirds of our budget go to the Educational work, not to mention the use of Ingathering funds and other specials for the purpose. Yet it is not enough. Many of our churches and companies are without church school facilities and some without any school facilities of any kind. There are still many urgent requests for schools from companies in NB with enough students available for each. However, economic conditions are such that the Kg. schools require approximately 75% subsidy and hence we cannot answer these many urgent requests. The same is true of Mission workers and churches. We

have to repair old ones and build new ones for the growth of our work in North Borneo. The Sandakan Church will be under way soon but it needs about \$40,000.00 by the time it is completed.

At this time we are not able to mention to you about a Ministerial Training Course, because we have none, but we are anticipating it sometime in 1962. You might be interested to know that most of our Training Class students of 1959 are now active workers and we are still in desperate need of more of them to take the places of the retired workers and to answer the many calls from all parts of our field.

Time and space do not permit us to go into detail regarding the evangelistic work of our Ministerial workers, the fine work of the colporteurs, or the needs of the fields for increased medical welfare work. There is no lack of opportunities but we do often lack men and means with which to meet them.

BBS: Approximately 6% of our church and 5% of the membership is Chinese. The rest of the members are distributed among the Dusun and Murut tribes of North Borneo-Ibans and Dyaks of Sarawak. Of the 10 Indigenous Ministerial workers, 3 have been ordained to the ministry.

Here we wish to pay special tribute to the faithful sacrificial work of the elder workers of our field, many of whom, have left their homeland and have ably and courageously carried the burden of the work through the heat of the day and the leaven years of the work in Borneo of whom 4 have already retired, ( Y. F. Choo, Sibadogal, Pohan and Siberani), since the last Biennial Session, and are now passing the heavy burden to the willing and capable hands of our younger workers who even now are gaining the needed experience to bear them.

Just a word of appreciation, also, for the splendid help, cooperation, and interest of the Union, Division and General Conference staffs. We have appreciated every visit and all assistance given. I hesitate to mention any, for fear of omitting some, but as my mind runs back through the past two years, I think of Mr. James Wong, Elder Hilliard, Elder S. J. Lee, Pastor Wentland, Pastor Juhl, Elder McClure, Elder Esteb, Elder Krautschick and others who have

given invaluable aid in their departments and wise counsel regarding their work in general. We have especially appreciated Pastor Kelstrom's fine contribution to the success of our ingathering campaign in 1960 amounting to \$61,000.00 and for 1961 (N. Borneo only) for about \$24,000.00 It is unfortunate that the Brunei Government refused to issue us a permit to do soliciting in 1961 but we hope that the opportunity will be given this year.

Truly the Lord has blessed us during the past years but we feel confident that He is now pouring out His Spirit to finish the Work and that we shall soon see much greater things than these.

To this end, we as workers together in His cause, wish to lay aside all selfish interest, and once more pledge our lives and all we are and have to the Master for Service.

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## Cambodia District

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**R. E. Neall, Director**

The past biennial period has been a time of seed sowing in Cambodia, but the time of harvest has not come yet. However, there is much about the work in Cambodia which shows the blessing of God.

Our two Chinese colporteurs sold more than 150,000 riels' worth of literature last year. One man sells only Chinese literature; the other sells only French - mostly to high government officials.

We have a Chinese Bible Correspondence School which has sown

seed throughout the country, and within a few months we shall have our recently-translated Cambodian Bible Course in print.

We started a Pathfinder Club this year, and found that the Juniors responded very well. We held a Pathfinder Camp at the ocean two months ago, and for some of the Pathfinders it was the first time they had ever seen the ocean. We find that a little time and effort spent in behalf of the Juniors brings rich returns.

Evangelistic meetings were held for both the Chinese and the Cambodians during the past two years. Attendance was good and several people began attending church as a result of these meetings.

Our first Ingathering campaign in Cambodia brought in 112,000 riels, which helped meet the cost of our new church building. This building, which represents a total investment of 750,000 riels, will open its doors for the first time next Sabbath. It is a witness to the name of Christ which has been needed for many years.

Our largest project during the past year has been the preparation of Cambodian literature for our colporteurs to sell. The Union Committee authorized the translation of the "Guardian of Health" more than three years ago, but translation has proved to be a difficult problem because few Cambodians know English well, and those who do, do not know Cambodian well enough to translate a medical book. The first translator gave up after he had finished 50 pages, as did the second, third, and fourth. Now the manuscript is finished, and most of the final checking. In a few weeks it will be ready for the government censors, and for the printers.

Mrs. Neall has been writing a message book entitled, "The Prince and the Rebel." Based on a similarity to actual conditions in Cambodia, this book tells the story of the plan of salvation. Five chapters of the book are already translated; the remaining fifteen will come quickly, since the language is purposely kept simple. This book will be sold with the medical book.

The Ford readings have been recorded, and we are now awaiting the arrival of two dozen sets of records and players.

We ask again that our brethren and sisters pray for the growth

of the work in Cambodia. Only the Spirit of God can overcome the walls of resistance and reach the hearts of the people.

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## News Notes

● Following a nine month furlough, Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Coffin and children have returned to Singapore and to Youngberg Memorial Hospital.

● A large number of the fine students who graduated from Southeast Asia Union College in the class of 1961 have gone abroad to complete their course of study toward a B. A. degree. Lawrence Chu, Phoebe Lee, Eldin Colledge and David Chung are now attending Australian Missionary College. Lim Kok Lian and Ronald Wu are each attending one of our Colleges in the U.S. Let us pray that they

will soon finish and return here to serve in a greater capacity and indwelling of the Spirit.



● Pictured above is the family of Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Thoreson. Dr. Thoreson is the newly appointed medical director of the Saigon Adventist Hospital in Viet-nam. With his former experience in Pastoral work he will certainly have a background that will strengthen the Hospital administration professionally as well as spiritually. We welcome them to our Union family of workers.

● We wish Pastor and Mrs. A. I. Krautschick the Lord's richest blessing as they leave our midst to return to the U. S. They have devoted many years of faithful service to this Union. We know they will not forget us in their prayers.

● Pastor Ralph Neall writes that Brother and Sister M. Tortal have arrived from the Philippines to take up their evangelistic duties in the District of Cambodia. They will be located in Phnom Penh with language study as their first major assignment. We welcome them to SEAU and wish them God's blessing in their new work.

● Dr. and Mrs. Allan Jones and two children spent several days in Singapore enroute to Saigon. This is not a new post of duty for them. They served in the Saigon Adventist Hospital for a year, some eighteen months or so ago. The staff there will certainly welcome their return.



Pictured above is the Thai Voice of Prophecy radio group. At the center is Sapon Jaigar, the radio speaker. From left to right, the quartet is composed of John Harris, district pastor, Gumjorn Sriratprasas, Mission MV Secretary; Wayne Martin, Mission President; and Chester Damron, Bangkok Church Pastor. The quartet is flanked by the ten flags representing the countries served by our Union.

For the first time the Voice of prophecy was broadcast in the Thai language on January 7. The funds to continue the broadcast for three months were collected in one offering from the church in Bangkok, Thailand's capital and most populous city, from which the broadcast originated.

Prayers are ascending that funds will become available to add other stations, making it possible to reach others of Thailand's twenty-three million people.