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How Our Work in Thailand Began

By S. J. Lee, Union Auditor

In 1919, a young man of about 20 years of age, came from Singapore to sell the Chinese Signs of the Times magazine, which was a religious magazine published by our denomination in Shanghai, China. He encountered difficulty on the very first day when he started to take orders and tried to collect money in advance. Being a stranger in Bangkok and selling an unknown magazine printed in China, he was looked upon with suspicion and distrust. He was told that if he could find a guarantor to guarantee him and the delivery of his magazine, that they would subscribe to it.

Not knowing where to go or where to find a guarantor, he

ambled along the streets of Bangkok thinking the matter over and over in his mind. Before long, he saw a lady sitting on the verandah of her house reading a Bible. He walked up to her and asked to what denomination she belonged to, and was told that she was an S. D. A. Great was his joy when he heard it. He introduced himself by telling her that he, too, was an S. D. A. and that he had just come from Singapore to sell the Chinese Signs of the Times and that he was in difficulty. The husband of the lady soon came on the scene and when he heard of this young man's predicament, he invited him to move over from

the hotel to his home to live with him. He took all the subscription receipt books from this young man and put his shop's stamp on every one of the receipts as a guarantee that they were good and dependable. This man and his wife had become S. D. A.s while in China after having read the very same magazine that this young man was trying to sell in Bangkok. So he had no hesitancy in guaranteeing the young man and the paper he was trying to sell.

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Baptism at HaadYai, Thailand

By John F. Harris Evangelist
Thailand Mission

"Pastor, I'm determined to be a good Christian!" These were the words spoken from the beaming face of a young Thai man. He had just been baptized along with fifteen others on Sabbath, July 28 on the shores of the beautiful Gulf of Siam in South Thailand. This young man knew what it was to struggle with the tobacco habit and to gain the victory through prayer.

This particular Sabbath was the grand climax to the two months evangelistic program conducted by Pastors Milton Lee, K. S. Hiu, and John F. Harris in HaadYai. But much of the success of the soul-winning meetings was also due to the faithful labors over the years of Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Gregory and the loyal laity of the HaadYai Church.

The meetings started the first part of June with evangelistic preaching at night in a rented hall and in the morning at the HaadYai Mission Hospital. As the interest developed a baptismal class was formed. During July the emphasis



Recent baptism at HaadYai.

shifted from a preaching program to a Bible-marking plan. Two classes were formed, one for the Thais and one for the Chinese speaking group. Attendance in these two classes varied from 70 to 80. More than 50 finished and received a gift of a Bible.

Following the recent baptism of 16 persons another six indicated their determination to be a part of the next baptism. Altogether there are 23 more studying and preparing for baptism. It is expected that most of these will be ready before the end of this year. Surely the Spirit of God has been speaking to the hearts of the people.

New Mission Office and Publishing House

By Wayne A. Martin, President
Thailand Mission

A special pile driving ceremony, held at newly purchased Mission property in Bangkok, marked the start of the erection of a new publishing house and mission office building for the Thailand Mission. Mr. Floyd Whittington, Charge d'Affaires of the United States Embassy in Thailand was the main speak for the occasion.

Since there are no rock formations under the city, and only a few hundred years ago this area was a great mud lake, it is necessary to drive piling before the foundation of any building can be laid. Thus a pile driving ceremony was a fitting beginning for a new building which will place our work in Thailand on a more firm foundation.

Pastor S. J. Lee represented the Southeast Asia Union as he told of the beginning of our work in Thailand many years ago by a colporteur from Singapore who came to Bangkok to sell books. Other participants in the program included Dr. Louis G. Ludington, medical director of the Bangkok Sanitarium & Hospital, and Wayne A. Martin, president of the Thailand Mission.

The new building which will be constructed partly from funds received from the 1961 fourth quarter 13th Sabbath overflow offering, will house a modern printing plant, Voice of Prophecy recording studio and Bible Correspondence School offices. Upon completion of the building, which will take approximately six months, the Thai-



Seremban Town Hall and evangelistic speakers.

land Mission will also move its offices to this building.

Seremban Evangelism

Seremban has a fine church building on the edge of town but only fourteen Seventh-day Adventists now live in that city.

During the past four years, Pastor T. C. Chin, President of the Malaya Mission, and the pastors of the Seremban church have looked diligently for a hall to hold an evangelistic effort so that the work might be built up. But time after time requests to use various halls have been turned down.

Applications to use the Town Hall which seats 600 people were twice rejected. Finally Giang Tu Minh, present pastor of the Seremban Church, was able to procure the Town Hall for ten nights from September 16 to 26.

On September 27 the meetings were transferred from the Town Hall to the church on the opposite

side of Seremban. Though we wondered how many would come that far, we were happy that the church was full nearly every night for the remaining meetings.

Eighty-three people attended at least nineteen of the twenty-one meetings. To date twenty-three people have joined the baptismal class. God's Spirit has been working mightily upon hearts.

Pastor Daniel Liem of the Singapore Chinese Church did an excellent job of translating. Pastor Daniel Guild was the speaker. Giang Tu Minh and his wife worked diligently caring for all the details of the meeting and visiting the interested people.

Meetings will continue on Friday and Saturday nights for four more weekends. Through prayer and through the deep movings of the Holy Spirit upon hearts, God will surely be able to gather in a harvest of souls that will strengthen the lighthouse in this city.

Literature Evangelism

By J. T. Bernet
Union Publishing Secretary

The report of sales by the Literature Evangelists of the Union of Southeast Asia for the first six months of this year show a gain of US\$20,000. The total amount delivered during the first half of the year was US\$71,000. This amount far exceeds the sales for the entire year of 1960, which amounted to US\$67,000. During the first half of this year twelve persons were baptized as a direct

result of colporteur contacts, 9,765 applications to the Voice of Prophecy were received, and 18,778 tracts and pieces of literature were given away.

The Vietnam Mission is the first mission in the union to have 70 or more colporteurs reporting for a one month's period. Since the first health-religious journal in the Vietnamese language was sold by our colporteurs in November, 1961,

Le Cong Giao, publishing house manager in Saigon, reports that 60,000 copies of this beautiful journal have been sold by the end of June, 1962. The colporteurs report that this journal is being well received throughout Vietnam.

The Thailand Mission reports a total of 89,000 ticals (US\$4,235) in sales for the month of June. The sales for this one month of June were equal to 40% of the entire sales for the year 1961. Pastor K. T. Chin, the mission publishing secretary, reports that for July the sales showed a 300% increase over July of 1961. During July the students of the Christian Training School at Ekamai had several fields in which they sold a total 41,500 ticals.

Recently a ground breaking ceremony was held for the work to begin on the new publishing house and mission office building for Thailand. With an increased number of colporteurs and a new publishing house, we expect the literature evangelism work to grow in Thailand.

Singapore Evangelistic Meetings

During July and August a series of evangelistic meetings was held in Singapore under the leadership of T. K. Chong, pastor of the Balister Road Church. The first three weeks of meetings were held six nights a week in the large, centrally located Victoria Memorial Hall in downtown Singapore. As a result of advertising and handbills 2,600 requests for reserved seat tickets for the opening night meeting was received. In order to accommodate these requests, three meetings were held on the opening night.

As the evening meetings progressed there appeared regularly 150 to 200 non-Adventists as well as many church members from the churches in the Singapore area. After three weeks in the Victoria Memorial Hall the meetings were continued in the Balister Road Church.

As a result of these meetings when the calls for decisions were made 46 persons have joined into a baptismal Bible study group. The names of many others are being followed up and it is hoped that many more will look forward to preparing for baptism.

A Visit to Vientiane, Laos

By K. S. Wong

Vientiane, the capital of Laos, has about 500 shops and 20,000 Chinese. Here I found only two Seventh-day Adventists, Mrs. Pan Yin and Mr. Lian Nai. Mrs. Pan, formerly of Hong Kong, came to stay in Vientiane with her husband, a staff member of the USOM. She became an Adventist through attending the evangelistic effort of Pastor C. I. Meng. Mr. Lian was formerly a deacon of the Cholon Chinese Church in Vietnam. Five years ago, he left Cholon to work in a shoe factory at Sauakakhet. Later he came to Vientiane to open a shoe shop. He anxiously hoped to have a pastor working in this city.

During my recent annual vacation, I took the opportunity to pay a visit to Vientiane, thus realizing the dream of many years. After making the necessary arrangement I left for Vientiane in the middle of July. I was very happy to meet Brother Lian in the street. Later I went to visit Mr. & Mrs. Pan Yin and made arrangement for Sabbath services in their home during my stay in Vientiane. Though we were few in number, yet we felt the sweet presence of the Lord.

On week days, I did canvassing work as well as giving away free literature. As a result, I met a Mr. Tan who was interested in the truth.



Mrs. Pan Yin

Mr. Lian Nai

My sale for ten days was over 30 subscriptions to Chinese Signs, a few subscriptions to English Signs, and over 50 copies of truth-filled books. Thus, for every five shops there, one bought our books or magazines. Please pray for the seed of truth sown so that there will be fruits to give glory to the Lord.

Thailand Work (from page 1)

This young man was Pastor Y. H. Phang, who has now retired from the work and is on sustentation living in Hong Kong. He has a brother in Bangkok who is one of the elders of the Chinese Church. He is Mr. Philip Peng. The couple who became his guarantors were the grandparents of Mr. Tan Oui Kiang, the assistant treasurer of the Bangkok Sanitarium & Hospital.

This was how our work started in Thailand. Within a short space (Turn to page 8)



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Early in September the students of Southeast Asia Union College took off three days from the study program to go out Ingathering. Two days were spent in field work and the final day in reporting. Of course for several weeks before students and teachers had been making special calls upon places where they were to receive donations. Nearly all of the students as well as the teachers took part in the Ingathering program.

Pastor H. Y. Cheah was the chairman of the committee that made the plans for the Ingathering effort. In chapel services several weeks before the field days the Ingathering was promoted and organized. Visitors such as H. E. McClure and A. E. Gibb of the Far Eastern Division gave inspiring talks.

On reporting day the weather was sunny and warm. All the students and faculty with visitors from the Division, union, publishing house, and sanitarium gathered in the open courtyard of the college to see the reporting. A large goal device was placed before the group. Each group and class was



Vacation Bible School at the San Yu School, Singapore

represented by a rocket ready to speed off into orbit as the report for that group was given. After the opening remarks representatives from each came forward and announced the results. The as given are listed below.

Since this report was given some additional funds have come in and there has also been some furniture

and other items donated to the College. This report is the best report ever given for the College Ingathering. These funds will be used for dormitory remodeling which is long overdue. Surely the Lord blessed the efforts of the teachers and students in this great Ingathering endeavor which made possible this fine report.

SAUC Ingathering Report

Primary 1	M\$	250	M\$	1,028.00
Primary 2		250		316.15
Primary 3		300		509.60
Primary 4		350		500.00
Primary 5		400		604.07
Primary 6		450		751.02
Special 1		500		1,921.00
Special 2		500		1,371.00
Secondary 1A		750		857.85
Secondary 1B		750		1,555.00
Secondary 1C		750		1,111.11
Secondary 1D		750		850.00
Secondary 2A		900		1,604.00
Secondary 2B		900		1,232.05
Secondary 2C		900		916.00
Secondary 2D		900		1,612.70
Secondary 3A	1,000			1,354.67
Secondary 3B	1,000			1,028.10
Secondary 3C	1,000			1,506.80
Secondary 4A	1,000			1,000.10
Secondary 4B	1,000			1,414.14
College	1,500			3,400.00
Administration	4,000			4,100.00
Totals	M\$	21,100		30,534.36

Ekamai Adventist School

By Mrs. R. M. Milne, principal
Ekamai Adventist School

During June special Week of Prayer Meetings were held at Ekamai by C. H. Damron, pastor of the Bangkok Sanitarium Church. As a result of these meetings 150 new decisions were made for Christ by non-Christian students. In addition there were 46 decisions for baptisms. These are now in a study class preparing to be baptized. Thirty of this group are from the Thai school. Surely the Lord's Spirit was at work upon the hearts of these young people.

July 2-4 were special days for the students of CTC. These were the days for everyone to go out selling literature to raise money for our new auditorium. Following the regular morning worship period, J. T. Bernet, the union publishing secretary, and K. T. Chin, mission publishing secretary, organized the students.

Books and supplies were given out to each class but the supply was too small and hurried trips

had to be made for more. In the forenoon the students worked the territory assigned and in the afternoons they visited their friends and relatives.

Soon the reports began to come in and were registered on the thermometer goal device. As the red ribbon went higher and higher so did the enthusiasm mount higher. The first day's report showed 13,043 ticals cash sales! The second day's report was 14,151 and the third day, 14,673. In addition 7,990 ticals in cash donations was received. This made a grand total of 49,857 ticals!

There were 470 students as well as teachers and others who took part in this three day campaign. Susan Lek of the 9th grade girls received a silver cup for selling 715 ticals on the third day. Rita Lee was a close second having sold 600 ticals. This wonderful report was made possible by the good cooperation of all concerned. All the income from the sale of this literature goes into the new auditorium building fund.



"For the past few months I have been reading and studying your lessons, and I am greatly moved. I have been following the way of my family which has no religion but now I feel different. I longed for an unknown power to help and guide me. I now know and have found it and I wish to accept Christ as my Saviour. I haven't so far attended church yet, but I would like very much to attend. I am afraid to go alone but my urge to be a Christian is strong and so I am asking for your help. I have no friends to turn to."

"Since I have taken up your Bible correspondence course I begin to obtain more and more invaluable knowledge. I feel rather happy and safe ever since I have accepted Christ as my personal Saviour. I do hope you will send more information to me as the days roll on so that I can accumulate as much faith as possible."

"Yours is a noble work! I am sure every member of your large students-body agree with me in saying that Pandu Kesehatan (VOP) doesn't only bring one back to health, but it also guides him to true prosperity in life. Our whole nation is indebted to you."

Literature Evangelists

J. S. Bernet

For Months of July and August

NAMES HOURS SALES

CAMBODIA — Wong Yew Seng

Robert Jean	282	22,100.00
Wu Tao Liang	386	23,897.00

2 Colporteurs 668 R. 54,997.00

MALAYA — Liberty Pandjaitan
Khor Thye Peng, Assist. Pub. Secretary

Tai Pack Onn	424½ M\$	635.00
Lam Loke Yuen	420	849.10
A. Thona	80	318.00
Wong Sheong	421	717.50
Lee Pak Ming	162	1,032.80
S. S. Daniel	318	4,842.70
Lim Gim Chew	873	1,435.50
Yap Ying Choong	433	3,333.00
Leong Kim Fook	8	170.70
Ching Ching	3	12.00
Kaka Singh	23	26.00
Ann Huan Chih		21.18
S. L. Chew Swee	21	7.50
A. A. Rao	216	1,474.00
K. C. Khoo	307	967.40
Tommy Ooi	39½	225.90
Wong Fong Kiew	142	295.55
Molly, N. & Mrs. W.	8½	77.00
C. G. Lee & Miss Wong	2½	21.90
John Chew	324	390.85
C. K. Tan	332	2,236.90
Cheam Chick	351	1,512.60
Yai Kuen Hou	4	15.80
Yap Ming	293	785.80
Mrs. H. C. Kwok	110	335.70
Mrs. Hilda Chin		287.50
Mrs. A. E. Gibb	16	150.50
Mrs. L. Pandjaitan	40	28.00
Fong Sau Heng	181	261.80
Loo Saw Chang	11	42.20
Miscellaneous & Church		2,709.70

STUDENTS:

R. Lee & Shirley Cheah	6	24.80
Kathy Coffin & B. R.	11½	250.50
Lee Ee Chong	69	104.50
Peggy Yap	112	805.05
H. Lee & Soon Chin	17	85.50
A. M. Sornin	69	1,364.00
Rockson Lee	10	18.00
Edwin Siagian	11	69.70
Wong King Ong	60	346.00
Esther Chin	35	448.70

46 Colporteurs 5964½ M\$ 26,743.13

NORTH BORNEO — K. F. Thu

Mary Lieu	20	377.00
Peter Chan	31	326.70
J. T. Pohan	85	1,592.40

3 Colporteurs 126 \$ 2,296.10

SARAWAK MISSION — M. Pandjaitan

Kwok Hui Choo, Hilda Kwok,		
Ida Khng	184	3,766.48

3 Colporteurs 184 \$ 3,766.48

THAILAND — K. T. Chin

Miss Uroi		1,784.00
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Yin Yang	500½	10,220.00
Prawat	256	16,900.00
Chia Kai Bai	292	7,777.00
Chanvit Ngow	122	4,177.00
Y. K. Chin	48	5,040.00
Mrs. Chin & Ciss Lee	132	6,782.00
Ngung Perng Seng	54	770.00
Mrs. Wong & Lim		8,848.00
Pastor Wong		4,450.00
T. Y. Chen	122	13,700.00
Smat Tan	90	7,250.00
Chiangmai Colporteurs		500.00
Students		1,500.00

14 Colporteurs 1616 Ts 89,698.00

VIETNAM — Do Binh
Pham Cuu and Le Van Huong,
Assistant Pub. Secretaries

Truong Nga	374	31,144.00
Huynh Tu Nhon	490	39,168.00
Pham So	448	39,560.00
Vo Van Sau	428	27,870.00
Vo Tin	696	19,590.00
Duong Thuong	401	21,532.00
Hang Van Nghiem	412	21,532.00
Nguyen Van Quoi		16,994.00
Tran Lang	468	23,998.00
Pham Hong	430	17,825.00
Nguyen Xeng	370	11,400.00
Ngo Phung	370	11,400.00
Pham Van Binh	373	10,220.00
To Van Moi	252	7,200.00
Nguyen H. Thang	408	14,285.00
Nguyen V. Trang	336	14,461.00
Truong Khoi	368	23,414.00
Le Truong Xuan	251	8,500.00
Luong Van Tu	252	8,840.00
Le Nha	374	10,380.00
Nguyen Hang	189	11,000.00
Nguyen Khiet	268	9,000.00
Nguyen Xan	268	9,000.00
Truong C. Hoang	283	8,980.00
Tran Dao (A)	428	12,366.00
Nguyen D. Lan	366	13,360.00
Nguyen P. Minh	240	6,460.00
Nguyen Van Phi	261	7,590.00
Nguyen V. Thanh	416	7,605.00
Truong Kinh	398	8,145.00
Tran Van A.	162	5,500.00
Vo Kim Dinh	355	8,280.00
Tran Hong	212	5,380.00
Nguyen H. Thuong	366	8,000.00
Pham Nhan	366	8,000.00
Hang The Truyen	284	9,140.00
Nguyen Huu Lan	366	10,226.00
Vo Thi Than	424	7,580.00
Vo Thi Tha	424	7,580.00
Vo Thi That	412	6,220.00
Pham Thanh Van	189	5,000.00
Vo Van Moi	113	2,760.00
Nguy Thi Thanh Moi		2,000.00
Nguyen Thai Bach		3,474.00
Le Thi To		2,000.00
Mrs. Truong Thong	184	4,000.00
Nguyen Thi Moi	120	1,620.00
Dang Thi Hoa	60	1,420.00
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Truong Th H. Minh		900.00
Mrs. Le Cong Giao		500.00
Tieu Dinh Triem	360	7,740.00
Nguyen Duy Trinh	365	6,000.00
Vo Cuong	365	6,000.00
Nguyen Q Thai	214	4,500.00
Vo Dai Danh	432	5,180.00
Tran Dao	370	6,412.00
Vo Chuc	96	4,100.00
Nguyen D. Lien	96	2,100.00
Dang Van Nhon	128	2,060.00
Le Tram	367	7,000.00
Pham Dam	367	7,000.00
Pham Phuoc Tuan		2,456.00
Nguyen Van Le	132	2,940.00
Tran Tam	304	5,116.00
Huynh Thi Cuc	200	1,800.00
Mrs. Pham Cuu	190	1,700.00
Tran Van Tu	288	2,400.00
Trac Ai Than		2,290.00
Huynh Thuong	99	640.00
Mrs. Do Binh		4,360.00
Huynh Van Tung	10	120.00
Cash Sale		6,206.00

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W. E. Smith conducting Bible study class for those preparing for baptism, as result of evangelistic meetings held recently in Penang.

Thailand Work (from page 3)

of time an interest in our message was aroused and the following year an American family was sent over to open up work in Bangkok. He was Elder E. L. Longway who is now the president of the South China Island Union Mission located in Taiwan. Soon the Pratts, another family, was sent over to join in the work. Today, we have 36 Americans, 15 or more Filipinos, 2 Indians, 430 Chinese and Thais in our work operating a Mission Headquarter, 3 hospitals, 3 schools and several churches in the south, north and west of Thailand.

Our work in Thailand as elsewhere in the world began with the distribution of literature among the people. Today we have 8 full time colporteurs doing this work. Last year they distributed over 177,000.00 ticals worth. During the first six months of 1962 they distributed over 150,000.00 ticals almost equalling that of the whole of last year. We may confidently look forward to seeing last year's figures doubled or trebled as there is a plan to increase the colporteur force to 30 by the end of the year.

Evangelism in Penang

By W. E. Smith, Chaplain Penang Sanitarium & Hospital

At the Voice of Prophecy rally that began the Penang evangelistic meetings Pastor D. R. Guild used the story of the mutiny of the Bounty and Pitcarin Island to illustrate the power that the Bible has to change the lives of men and

women. At that time we did not know that the Pitcarin story would be continued in Penang as a result of our meetings.

On the second night of the meetings Mr. and Mrs. Mapletoft were on their way to a local theater. Seeing our meeting place they stopped and came in to see what was going on. Mr. Mapletoft is with the Royal Australian Air Force stationed on Penang Island. As a result of attending this first meeting their interest was aroused and they attended nearly every meeting.

As a result of a visit to their home the following story was learned. A man by the name of George Hunn Nobbs appeared in Pitcarin history in 1828 just before the last of the original mutineers died. Nobbs came in a small open launch over 3,000 miles to fulfill a dream. He came unexpectedly and unannounced but immediately took over the teaching and pastoring work of the island. He served as the leader for 56 years. In 1856 the entire group was transferred to Norfolk Island because of food and water shortage on Pitcarin. Later on some returned to Pitcarin but the majority remained on Norfolk Island.

Mr. Nobbs married the grand daughter of Fletcher Christian, the leader of the mutineers. As a result of this marriage several generations later Mr. Mapletoft was

born on Norfolk Island. Though his grandfather was the first Seventh-day Adventist on Norfolk Island, Mr. Malpetoft had not become an Adventist. But as a result of attending these meetings in Penang, he and his wife are now preparing to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The meetings in Penang were held four nights a week for nearly two months in the attractive Lee Sih Chong Soo Hall on Penang Road. The attendance was between 200 to 300 and the offerings averaged M\$23 a night. The offerings for the meetings totaled M\$600. A book stand was open at the meetings and as a result M\$800 worth of literature and records were sold. Eighty Bibles were given away to those who faithfully attended the meetings.

Nearly 40 persons took their stand to prepare for baptism. Our hearts were thrilled to see such steady attendance and interest. The Bible marking plan was used in the meetings. The people showed an eagerness to learn more concerning their Bibles as they read and marked the various texts. On the night the subject of baptism was presented a baptism was held right in the hall. With palm fronds surrounding the portable baptistry and with the choir providing music the service made a deep and solemn impression on all who were present.