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Twenty-seven years of Service to
God and Man

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Medical Director

On May 10, 1964 the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital celebrated its anniversary marking twenty-seven years of service to the people of Thailand and to the Southeast Asia Union of Seventh-day Adventists. We have been told that "We have nothing to fear for the future except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us." It seems appropriate that we spend a few moments recalling the inspiring way

the Lord has led the medical-missionary work in Thailand through more than a quarter of a century of operation.

Humble Beginning

It was on May 10, 1937 that Doctor and Mrs. Ralph F. Waddell and Khun Pieng Vitiamyalaksana with a handful of workers first began medical missionary work in Bangkok in a rented Chinese shop house at Hayak. That first day there were six workers, seven patients, and a

gross income of sixty cents U.S. Now, a quarter century later, this small clinic has grown into our largest Seventh-day Adventist mission hospital with nearly four hundred workers caring for approximately 85,000 outpatients and 8,000 inpatients each year. The gross annual income has risen to over one million U.S. dollars.

There is neither time nor space to record in detail the growth and development of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital in all its phases—plant expansion, services, schools, professional attainments, spiritual endeavor, and its extension through daughter institutions into the country areas throughout Thailand. I can only attempt to sketch the main outline of the picture for



Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, Thailand.

you through a calendar of important dates and events.

Important Dates

May 10, 1937

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Waddell opened the Bangkok Mission Clinic at Hayak in rented quarters.

Late 1940

A dwelling house on the present hospital compound leased and converted into a 30-bed hospital annex.

Late 1940

Bhuket Mission Clinic started in South Thailand

July 1, 1941

School of Nursing started with 26 students.

December 26, 1946

The 15-rai estate of the late Bhya Anarud, the present compound, purchased for one million nine hundred thousand ticals.

June 1, 1947

Annex hospital re-opened after World War II.

July 1947

School of Nursing re-opened after World War II with 35 students.

January 1, 1949

Ubol Mission Clinic started in Northeast Thailand.

June 1949

Bhuket Mission Clinic opened after war.

October 5, 1949

Haadyai Mission Clinic started in South Thailand

March 1950

Graduation of the first class of nurses from the School of Nursing.

Khun Pleng Vitiamyalaksana, Personnel Manager



March 18, 1951

First unit of the present main hospital completed and opened by His Excellency the Prime Minister, Phibul Songkram.

May 1, 1952

School of Laboratory Technology opened.

July 1, 1954

New Haadyai Mission Hospital completed.

January 1954

Midwifery Hospital and School opened by Madam La-iad Songkram.

January 1958

Second unit of main hospital completed and opened.

January 1958

Haadyai Mission Hospital becomes of age and transferred to the Union.

July 1958

Initiation of a residency training program for national doctors in the main specialties of medicine and surgery.

December 2, 1958

New School of Nursing building and dormitory completed and opened by Her Majesty Queen Sirikit.

July 1959

Purchase of 5 rai of land in Bhuket for workers' compound and church at T 250,000.

January 1960

Medical Staff and residency training program for national doctors affiliated with the program of Loma Linda University.

May 1, 1960

Public Health section of the School of Nursing initiated, and expanded into a six-month program one year later.

July 30, 1960

Training program for Nurse-Anesthetists begun.

August 1961

Ubol Village Public Health-Midwifery-Nursing unit opened and carried on until May of 1963.

October 1961

Public Health-Midwifery-Nursing unit opened in Chieng Kong, Northeast Thailand, and continued until January 1962

February 1962

Public Health-Midwifery-Nursing unit opened at the Bangkaen Railroad Village on the outskirts of Bangkok.

March 22, 1962

Gift of 27 rai of land by an appreciative patient for the new Bhuket Mission Hospital.



Louis G. Ludington, M.D., Medical Director

September 1962

Construction of new compound wall.

March-November 1962

Purchase of 17 rai of land by the hospital at Ekamai for workers' housing development, Thailand Mission Headquarters, Publishing House, Voice of Prophecy Headquarters, and Training School.

January 1963

Purchase of 6 rai of land at Pataya Beach for Youth Camps and Workers' Recreation.

October 14, 1963

Opening of new quarters for the Public Health Section of the Nursing School providing classrooms, offices and a health correspondence course office.

October 15, 1963

Opening of the new Chiangmai Seventh-day Adventist Dental Clinic, November 2, 1963

Construction begun on the new 30-bed Bhuket Mission Hospital November 4, 1963

School for Practical Nurses opened.

The Biennial Period — 1962-1963

The last biennial period has been one of continued progress along all lines. The credit for this, of course, goes to our heavenly Father for His blessings, to the wise leadership given us by the Division and the Union, and especially to the loyal cooperative group of workers that make up the staff of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. No institution around the world has a more talented and dedicated group of workers, and I thank God for every one of them. I would like

to mention briefly a few of the attainments during 1962 and 1963.

Professional

I feel that God has especially blessed our institution with an outstanding staff of missionary doctors and nurses who are competent, consecrated, and devoted to our mission program. In all there are fourteen full-time doctors, three dentists, and 95 graduate nurses, and over fifty nurse-aids making up the staff of the Bangkok Sanitarium and its daughter institutions. Of the twelve full-time physicians in Bangkok, four are Thai physicians and eight overseas missionary physicians, seven of whom have their specialty board qualifications. In addition there are three part-time Thai physicians doing specialty practice, and six national resident physicians training in the specialties of medicine, surgery and obstetrics and gynecology.

During the past two years several members of the medical staff have been invited to present at scientific meetings and publish in scientific medical journals nine original papers on subjects ranging from **hemorrhagic fever to cancer**, all being well-received and giving the institution a reputation for careful scientific attainment.

Educational

One of our major objectives in Bangkok has been to train national workers. Therefore, we are especially proud of Miss Salinee Svetalekha, who completed her Master's degree in nursing education in 1962, and is now the director of our School of Nursing. During 1963



Original Bangkok Clinic building

the institution granted six overseas scholarships for advanced training for key workers.

To date our School of Nursing has graduated 285 nurses, of which 227 came from Thailand, 37 from the Philippines, 18 from Malaya, 1 from Burma, and 2 from Vietnam. During training, 57 non-Christian students were baptized into this truth. We are happy to report that during 1963 there were 9 students baptized. Two years ago we passed an action that not more than twenty-five per cent non-Christian students would be accepted into our School of Nursing. The School of Nursing consists of a four-year program, of which three years are basic nursing, six months are midwifery nursing, and six months are public health nursing.

It was during the last biennial period that the public health section of the School of Nursing was fully organized and expanded into a six-months program. Mrs. Doreen Kuhn and Mrs. Kasorn Rajanaroj have done an outstanding job in planning and organizing this program. Just recently a complete new physical department with classrooms, offices, and headquarters for a public health correspondence program course was opened for the use of the public health section.

A part of the training program in Public Health requires the students to go out into the homes of the patients, particularly charity patients who have left the main hospital and the midwifery hospital, to give follow-up care, training and instruction in their homes. One day His Excellency, the Minister of



Midwifery students; Miss G. Green, director, (left); Miss Kwanchai, assistant director, (Upper right).



First Practical Nursing Class graduation. L. G. Ludington, Mrs. R. A. Sprengel, H. W. Bedwell.

Public Health for Thailand was visiting an elderly relative, who was a diabetic. He was surprised to find two smartly-uniformed young women carefully and efficiently instructing and demonstrating to the patient how to perform the various procedures necessary to care for herself at home. He investigated and was told that these girls were student nurses from the "Seventh-day" Hospital. He was so impressed that he later related this incident at a luncheon meeting of Thai nursing leaders as an example of outstanding public service.

Our newest educational project is the School of Practical Nurses, which opened in November. This school provides an opportunity for a number of fine Seventh-day Adventist girls who are not able to qualify for nursing to further their education and to prepare themselves for a place in the Lord's work. It is planned to accept only Seventh-day Adventist girls into this school.

Time doesn't permit telling you about the school of Laboratory Technology which presently is training 12 young Adventist students from various parts of this Union for work in our institutions, or about the new training program for nurse-anesthetists. During the past three years eleven nurse-anesthetists have graduated and are now serving in all the major medical institutions of Southeast Asia, Indonesia, and even in far away Nigeria, Africa.

Public Health and Preventive Medicine

In February, 1962 we were able

to open up our third village public health-midwifery-nursing unit at the Bangkaen Railroad Village on the outskirts of Bangkok. This new unit affords a wonderful laboratory for our public health students in the School of Nursing, and also opportunities for carrying on branch Sabbath Schools operated by workers and student in the institution.

It is our hope that this next year the institution can buy a fully equipped mobile medical unit to be operated under the direction of a full-time public health physician and nurse. Its object will be to carry the blessings of modern medicine and the truth of the Third Angel's Message to the people of northeast Thailand who are too poor to afford modern medical care from any other source.

Plant Expansion and New Daughter Institutions

October 15, 1963 was an important date in Seventh-day Adventist dental circles because it marked the opening of the new Chiangmai Seventh-day Adventist Dental Clinic. This had been a dream of Dr. Clark Lambertson and the administration of the hospital for some years, for we felt that dental work could pioneer the medical-evangelistic program just as well as the medical work. The new dental clinic is very attractive and is already proving itself successful. Our dentist in Chiangmai is now the only overseas missionary in that area and we expect that he will play a large part in giving the gospel.

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Practical Nurses Graduation

**By Mrs. Reuben Sprengel, R.N.,
B.S. Director of Nursing Service**

In the freshness of the early morning friends and relatives of the practical nursing students of the Bangkok Sanitarium & Hospital made their way to the Sanitarium church to witness the graduation capping exercises of the first class of practical nursing in the Far Eastern Division. Fourteen Seventh-day Adventist students took their places in the choir loft to receive the honor due them for completing the first three months of the requirements in didactic and practical education.

Elder H. W. Bedwell, president of the Southeast Asia Union, in his address challenged the students to "set Jesus first in your lives, 'others', second and 'yourself' last, thus giving J-O-Y in service." He further illustrated the points by reading from the Bible in the book of Luke the parable told by Jesus that once we have put our hands to the plow, and dedicated ourself to service, we are not to look back but to keep on to the goal.

Elder John Harris, pastor of the Bhuket area, sang in Thai the beautiful words, "What Shall I Give Thee, Master?" and Elder Chester Damron, pastor of the Sanitarium church, offered the invocation.

Doctor Louis Ludington, medical director of the Bangkok Sanitarium & Hospital gave his charge to the nurses to fill their proper place in nursing, to be to the professional nurse what the professional nurse is to the doctor. They, in turn, answered the charge with their class song, "Take My Life and Let It Be, Consecrated Lord to Thee." Pastor E. B. Smith, chaplain of the Sanitarium & Hospital, spoke to the girls of their dedication to God and of the responsibilities that are before them as the first practical nursing class of the Bangkok Sanitarium & Hospital, after which fourteen Seventh-day Adventist girls pledged to serve God. Coming down in front of the pulpit, they knelt in a semicircle as Pastor Smith offered the dedicatory prayer.

This is a beginning of the plan of the Bangkok Sanitarium & Hospital to educate the Seventh-day Adventist auxiliary worker to be a greater service to humanity and to the Master.

**Bangkok Sanitarium & Hospital
(From page 4)**

In March of 1962 we were surprised to receive from an appreciative patient a gift of 27 rai of very desirable land for the new Bhuket Mission Hospital. In November of 1963 construction was begun on this new 30-bed hospital, which will cost approximately one and one-half million ticals. This hospital will be modern in every respect, and one could not ask for more beautiful surroundings in which to live than the paradise island of Bhuket.

During this last Biennial session we were also able to purchase six rai of land at beautiful Pataya Beach to provide for youth camps and workers recreation. We were also fortunate to be able to purchase 70 rai of land out at Ekamai near our school for approximately two million ticals to provide a worker's housing development. We were also able to purchase enough land to provide space for the new Thailand Mission Headquarters, Publishing House, Voice of Prophecy building and training School. We are happy also to have been able to replace the old picket fence around our main hospital compound with a beautiful reinforced concrete and brick wall faced with a granolithic finish which adds dignity and beauty as well as safety to our main compound.

Our medical workers in Bangkok continue to have strong convictions that we should extend the right arm of the message to all parts of the area which we serve. We have provided in our budget for 1964

sufficient funds to build and equip a new S.D.A. Dental Clinic in Phnom Penh, Cambodia if the political situation permits. If not, we will put this unit either in North-Central Thailand where we presently have no work, or in South Thailand to strengthen what is already there.

Financial

The department of our hospital that continually amazes me is the business department. I never fail to be astonished at how God blesses our institution financially, enabling us not only to carry the entire load of our own medical-evangelistic pursuits, but also to contribute in large measure toward the evangelistic endeavors of our local mission. We have been especially blessed during the last biennial period to secure a new manager and new treasurer. Mr. V. Duane Lacey, who has his Master's degree in hospital administration, has done an outstanding job of streamlining and making more efficient the management of our hospital. And with the good help of Mr. Harold Robieson, who recently joined us they have been able to mechanize our accounting department to the point that we have the most modern accounting system of any medical institution in Bangkok at the present time. The efficiency of their work shows up in the fact that we have been able to cut operational expenses by over 230,000 ticals while continuing to increase our overall income.

This year the institution again gave over one million two hundred fifty thousand ticals to charity, one



K. D. Doran, M.D., Internist

million six hundred thousand to medical education and an additional half million ticals to various missionary endeavors. We thank God for this financial success which enables us to upgrade and enlarge our medical-evangelistic program in Thailand.

New Workers

This past two years we have been fortunate in being able to strengthen key positions in our staff with a new business manager, Mr. Duane Lacey, a new plant engineer, Mr. William Jenson, a new dietician, Miss Lilia Santa Domingo, a new treasurer, Mr. Harold Robieson, two new Bible workers, Mrs. D. K. Smith and Mr. Boonsong Chinda, a new director of the Nursing School, Miss Salinee Svetalekha,

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Grandma Risseter and converts



W. Jensen family, Engineering department

and new specialist in internal medicine, Dr. Kenneth Doran. We still have on call three new Bible workers, one Chinese, two Thai and one American, a coordinator-consultant for nursing education and service, a radiologist, and a physiotherapist. We regret losing Miss Rogers and Dr. and Mrs. Kuhn who served us so faithfully and well.

Spiritual Endeavor

In the early days of the medical work in Thailand, the missionaries and national workers divided up the spiritual responsibilities and executed them to the best of their abilities. God blessed them, and as the work grew and prospered we eventually were able to add a chaplain to the staff for a long time, however, the work grew so rapidly and the workers were so few that the chaplain had four or five full time jobs to do at the same time.

Thus we continued for a number of years. The medical work in Thailand reached thousands of people and made many friends, most of these people having been introduced to our message and the seeds of truth planted. But because of the small, inadequate chaplain's staff, we were not able to follow-up the contacts made and interests developed. It seemed many times that we were actually defeating the purpose for which we were here, because of our heavy medical programs and inability to reap the vast amount of seed sown.

But things are beginning to change. A few brief statistics will help to point this out. In 1963 we increased our Chaplain's department by nearly 50% with the addition of two new full time institutional workers. This increase had a dramatic effect on our hospital spiritual program. Our entire staff of 345 workers were canvassed as to their interest in Bible study, in joining personal evangelism classes, and in actually giving Bible studies. As a result of this, 236 workers and students are enrolled in various Bible study groups and classes. Most are beginners, but nine workers and 33 students are in decision (baptismal) classes. So far, 126 have completed one or more of the courses offered. During 1963, 32 students, workers and patients were baptized as a direct result of the medical work. Many more are preparing for this step in the near future.

Besides the efforts for our workers and students, 102,600 pieces of

literature were distributed to the patients and their friends and over 18,000 Bible studies given during the year, many of them given by our Seventh-day Adventist national workers.

These striking accomplishments of our small spiritual team this past year have opened our eyes to the great potential that is here before us. We are determined during 1964 to develop our spiritual team to the point where we will have one spiritual worker for every 25 patients in the hospital, a full time Bible worker for the School of Nursing, and a full time spiritual worker for our employees. We plan to double our present chaplain staff and have set a goal of 50 baptisms. We plan to see that every patient who comes to us receives a piece of literature in his own language. With adequate help for prompt follow-up of all interests, we shall begin to reap the harvest for which we have been sowing seed for so long.

One of the interesting stories and a real asset to our spiritual program on the Bangkok Sanitarium compound these past two years, is the presence of an "accidental missionary". Three years ago, Mrs. Emma Risseter, age 71, recently widowed and feeling lonely and confused, agreed to accompany her daughter and son-in-law to the mission field. She hoped that she could make herself useful around the house, help a little with the children and somehow find a little happiness again.

After nearly a year in Thailand, a few young people sought out Mrs. Risseter and asked her to teach them English. She said she didn't know much about teaching, but would be happy to study the Bible with them. A few agreed to this venture and she began with Elder Maxwell's "My Bible Story". Within a few months, "Grandma" was spending her full time teaching, beginning classes at 6:00 A.M. and continuing through the day till 9:00 or 10:00 P.M. at night. When her daughter and son-in-law were transferred to South Thailand a year ago, "Grandma" didn't want to leave her work and her students. She has stayed on, in one room which has become a living room, dining room, kitchen, bedroom and classroom. She teaches her Bible lessons from early morning till late at night. Friday evening finds a group of her students gathered with her for sundown worship. On Sab-

bath many of her students attend church, then eat lunch with her. In the afternoon they sing awhile, then the Chaplain holds a Bible study with them in Thai. Since "Grandma" began her classes nearly two years ago, three fine young men have been baptized. One is now in the workers' training school preparing for the ministry. Another is in the laboratory school preparing to be a laboratory technician, and the third is an apprentice engineer at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. There are several more actively preparing for baptism.

Grandma Risseter is happier than she has ever been before. She hopes to stay here the rest of her life sowing the seeds that are rapidly bringing many precious souls into the kingdom.

The **first** and **foremost** objective of our mission medical institutions is clearly stated in our policy manual, "To advance through medical missionary work the cause and kingdom of Jesus Christ, the Great Physician—". "There is provided in medical ministry what is perhaps the most effective means of representing the love of God to a suffering world. That is true in all lands, among all people, but more particularly among those whose religion or social usage are such as to place special barriers to the reception of Christian teaching."

Despite the many needs that we have at Bangkok,—providing workers' housing, enlarging the service departments, securing better equipment, continuing to carry our heavy medical program, helping to start new work in Cambodia, and completing the new hospital in Bhuket, all of which we plan to do,—yet our **first objective** in 1964 is to strengthen the Chaplain's department which has the responsibility of carrying out the prime objective of our institution. We will continue to upgrade our professional and scientific services and our educational programs, but our first goal will be to **win more** in 1964. May God continue to bless the great medical evangelistic work in the South East Asia Union and help us to make it an effective ministry for finishing His work.

New Auditorium and Church (From page 8)

In honor of Pastor and Mrs. Milne, whose dedication and contribution to our educational work in Thailand has been very great, the Thailand Mission committee

voted to name this building "Milne Auditorium".

February 1, marked another big day for CTC and the Mission. On that Sabbath afternoon a new church was organized in this new auditorium with a nucleus of 47 charter members. Pastor H. W. Bedwell preached an inspiring sermon on the purposes of organizing a church. Pastor Wick directed in the organization of the church. Pastor B. A. Martin served as secretary pro tem, and the writer was appointed as pastor of the church.

Even though this new church has a small membership, yet it has the largest attendance of any of our churches in Thailand. On the first Sabbath there were more than 600 in attendance. It serves the students of the school.

We solicit your prayers in behalf of this new church, that God will guide us and bless in a very special way in winning these students and training them for His service.

Forty Four Years of Service

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Early 1947 saw the Southeast Asia Union reorganized and the

Milnes settled in their Singapore home. During the ensuing years Pastor Milne spent much time in Thailand giving direction to a dynamic fund-raising program that resulted in the building of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital.

The ties that years of dedicated service for Thailand had forged resulted in the Milnes being urged to return to Bangkok in 1951. Pastor Milne served the Mission as president. Mrs. Milne developed the Child Training Center as one of the Union's most outstanding mission schools. After six full years of fruitful service respite came in a short furlough. Pastor Milne returned to Hong Kong by way of Bangkok while Mrs. Milne completed work at Potomac University, obtaining her Masters degree in early 1958.

Demanding needs in Bangkok re-emphasized the essential contribution that the Milnes could supply. 1961 brought them back to Southeast Asia. Pastor Milne was called to serve as Director of Public Relations in the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital and Mrs. Milne to resume her former responsibilities

as Director of the Christian Training Center.

During these past ten years the Milnes have made a tremendous impact on our work in Thailand through Christian education and youth evangelism as fostered by the Christian Training Center. By extensive solicitation of funds and the operation of an efficient and superior educational program confidence has been won and public support obtained, resulting in the development of an excellent school plant in the Ekami section of Bangkok. This institution will ever serve as an active memorial to the dedicated service of two of Southeast Asia's most loyal and consecrated missionaries, Pastor and Mrs. R. M. Milne.

The Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital staff and the union salutes this wonderful couple that have done so much for Thailand, who through "blood, sweat and tears" have given the church one of its most outstanding mission schools, and contributed much to the providing of funds that helped to build our largest overseas medical institution.

SUNSET TABLES

1964

Date	Bintulu	Kuala Lumpur	Sandakan	Penang	Ipoh	Malacca	Jesselton	Goshen	Singapore	Kuching
July 3	6:42	6:56	6:26	7:07	7:02	6:54	6:34	6:32	6:44	6:48
10	6:43	6:57	6:27	7:08	7:03	6:55	6:35	6:32	6:45	6:50
17	6:43	6:57	6:27	7:08	7:03	6:55	6:35	6:32	6:46	6:50
24	6:43	6:57	6:27	7:08	7:03	6:55	6:35	6:32	6:46	6:50
31	6:42	6:56	6:26	7:07	7:02	6:55	6:34	6:31	6:46	6:50
Aug. 7	6:41	6:55	6:24	7:05	7:01	6:54	6:32	6:30	6:45	6:49
14	6:39	6:53	6:22	7:03	6:59	6:52	6:30	6:27	6:45	6:48
21	6:37	6:51	6:20	7:01	6:57	6:50	6:28	6:24	6:43	6:46
28	6:35	6:49	6:17	6:58	6:54	6:48	6:25	6:21	6:41	6:44
Sept. 4	6:32	6:46	6:13	6:55	6:51	6:45	6:21	6:18	6:39	6:41
11	6:29	6:43	6:10	6:52	6:48	6:43	6:18	6:14	6:36	6:39
18	6:26	6:40	6:06	6:48	6:44	6:40	6:14	6:10	6:34	6:36
25	6:23	6:37	6:03	6:45	6:41	6:37	6:11	6:07	6:31	6:33

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Date	Kudat	Bangkok	Ubol	Chiang Mai	Bhuket	Haad Yai	Phnom Penh	Saigon	Dalat	Tourane
July 3	6:32	6:50	6:34	7:06	6:49	6:38	7:28	7:22	7:13	7:26
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17	6:33	6:50	6:34	7:05	6:50	6:39	7:28	7:22	7:13	7:26
24	6:32	6:49	6:32	7:03	6:50	6:38	7:27	7:21	7:12	7:23
31	6:31	6:47	6:30	7:00	6:48	6:37	7:25	7:20	7:10	7:20
Aug. 7	6:30	6:44	6:27	6:57	6:47	6:36	7:23	7:17	7:08	7:17
14	6:27	6:41	6:24	6:52	6:44	6:33	7:20	7:14	7:05	7:13
21	6:24	6:37	6:20	6:47	6:41	6:30	7:16	7:11	7:01	7:09
28	6:21	6:32	6:15	6:42	6:38	6:27	7:12	7:07	6:57	7:04
Sept. 4	6:18	6:28	6:10	6:36	6:34	6:24	7:08	7:03	6:52	6:58
11	6:14	6:23	6:05	6:30	6:31	6:20	7:04	6:59	6:48	6:53
18	6:10	6:17	6:00	6:24	6:27	6:16	6:59	6:54	6:43	6:47
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New Auditorium and Church at Ekamai School

By Pastor Sunti Sohrajakool

After years of planning and hard work by Pastor and Mrs. R. N. Milne, a new large building has been completed at the cost of approximately one million baht (U.S. \$50,000.00). This building is the largest auditorium we have in Thailand and can accommodate 700 people comfortably.

On January 30, at 5:00 P. M., more than one hundred business men and workers of the Mission and Hospital gathered at the front of this building, awaiting the opening ceremony. To begin the service, the CTC Choir, under the direction of Lorenzo Lacson, sang two beautiful numbers. Then Pastors Milne and V. L. Kon, who solicited about half of the money for this building, took part in the grand opening of the auditorium by cutting ribbons at both stairways, and the guests were then ushered in.

Mrs. Milne gave a report of the school, which was translated by Mr. Chalee, the Thai School manager. Pastor Palmer G. Wick, president of the Mission, spoke of the educational work in Thailand. Speeches were also made by the following persons: An official of the Education Department of Thailand; Mr. Banchedr Cholvijarn, the chairman of the Thai Chamber of Commerce and former principal of our school; two parents of students; and Pastor R. N. Milne. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Pastor H. W. Bedwell, the Union president.

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Pastor and Mrs. R. M. Milne Forty Four Years of Service

By R. W. Waddell

Pastor and Mrs. R. M. Milne, our senior missionaries in Southeast Asia from the standpoint of years of service, were featured as a highlight in the biennial report of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital during the Union's recent session.

A biographical sketch of these dedicated workers was given, beginning with their school days at Alberta Industrial Academy and Washington Missionary College. Following a year of teaching church schools R. M. Milne and Alma Anderson were united in marriage on June 30, 1920. Within a month they were on their way to Hong Kong where Pastor Milne carried several departments in the South China Union and Mrs. Milne taught in our mission schools.

In 1928 they returned to Hong Kong after furloughing in the United States. Urgent needs in Southeast Asia were met by their response to a call coming to them in 1933. Pastor Milne gave direction to the publishing and home missionary departments of the Union until, their furlough in January, 1941. The onset of World War II made their planned return impossible. However, "the call of the East" resulted in their going to Poona, India in 1944. Pastor Milne continued to serve the Southern Asia Division as manager of its publishing house until the political atmosphere of Southeast Asia cleared to the extent that they could return. Their first stop was in Bangkok, Thailand, where Mrs. Milne taught church school while her husband assisted in the rehabilitation of properties and departments in the Union.

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