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"Christians who are living in the great centers of commerce and travel have special opportunities . . . In the world-renowned health resorts and centers of tourist traffic, crowded with many thousands of seekers after health and pleasure, there should be stationed ministers and canvassers capable of arresting the attention of the multitudes." GW 352

**LABOR IN THE
CITIES . . .**



FELLOWSHIP and TRAINING OF NEW MEMBERS



PLAN FOR THE BABY



PREPARATION: Clean church and yard. Prepare special baptism and welcome for new member.



THE NEW BABY ARRIVES

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Potluck dinners, Bible study hours, prayer bands and genuine fellowship for the new convert.



LOVE AND FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP: Involve the new member in all the church activities: picnics, hiking, church socials.



TRAINING

TRAINING: Every member is born into the kingdom of God to be a missionary. Invite the convert to join a missionary band. The pastor or elder is ready to conduct the training class.



LEARNING BY DOING

WORK FOR THE LORD: The new member should go out with an experienced member.



"It is a universal principle that whenever one refuses to use his God-given powers, these powers decay and perish. Truth that is not lived, that is not imparted, loses its life-giving power, its healing virtue." AA 206

ADVENTIST EDUCATION . . .



When "Knowing" Means Eternal Life

Knowledge is not always spoken of in the Bible as a positive quality for Christians. An example of this is the statement of the well educated evangelist, Paul, when he said, "Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth." I Cor. 8:1. Another translation says, "Knowledge puffs a man up with pride; but love builds up." (TEV) Comparing further the value of knowledge with love Paul states in His well-known Love Chapter, "Though I have . . . all knowledge . . . and have not charity, I am nothing." I Cor. 13:2. This does not place a great value on knowledge, but obtaining it is the reason most students seek an education.

To further depreciate knowledge one has only to notice that the one tree in the Garden of Eden which was forbidden to touch or to eat the fruit was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

There is, however, a knowledge which is not only good but indispensable to salvation and is the purpose of Adventist Education. This is the knowledge of God. In the longest recorded prayer of our Lord He prayed, "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ who Thou has sent." John 17:3. Knowing God fits well with education when one realizes that the knowledge to be sought is that of the Father and Christ "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Colossians 2:3.

These two verses give the purpose of Adventist Education--that of knowing the Father God and God the Son, for all wisdom and knowledge is wrapped up in them. In other words one may say that the chief thrust of Adventist Education is to teach the youth and children to know God as a personal Friend and Saviour. This our schools attempt to do in several ways.

The Bible is given to us for the purpose of knowing God. From Genesis to Revelation it is a study of salvation and how God deals with sinful man in His endeavor to save them. This is why the Bible is not only the chief study in Adventist schools, but is the foundation of all classes taught in these schools. A teacher who understands the true philosophy of Adventist Education will use the Bible in his teaching no matter what subject is being studied.

It is not enough for one to know about another person with whom he wishes to become acquainted, he must converse with that person and they must talk together of things which interest them both. In getting acquainted with God prayer is a necessity. In Adventist Education prayer is considered a science and an important study in the school curriculum. Teaching students to pray sounds strange to those who teach in government schools. They will not see how prayer and education go together for their aim is not to teach students to become acquainted with God.

The dedicated Adventist teacher will teach his students how to pray, how to worship, and how to commune with God for this is teaching them about God. It is interesting that in the remarkable book entitled, EDUCATION by Ellen G. White, a complete chapter is given to the "science" of faith and prayer. The reason is that faith and prayer is necessary in getting acquainted with God as a personal Saviour.

When a person has a personal friend whom he loves very much, he will tell others about him. Likewise when a student learns to know Christ and the heavenly Father they will want to tell others about this friend. In Adventist schools an important part of the school program is training the students how to tell others about Jesus Christ and the plan of the Father to save souls. This outreach program when rightly conducted is the most inspiring part of the curriculum for both students and faculty, but satan tries to hinder such activity in every way possible.

To know God is the great purpose of Adventist Education. What a contrast is this education from that found in schools of the world!—*Boyd E. Olson, Director of Education, Southeast Asia Union Mission*



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HOSPITAL NEWS

Haadyai Five Day Plan



Mrs. Soomkiat Choomkong (left) translating for Jonathan Ng at Haadyai 5-Day Plan.

A total of 37 smokers enrolled in a Five Day Plan to Stop Smoking co-sponsored by Haadyai Mission Hospital, Haadyai Adventist Church and the English Language Center on February 19 to 23, 1982 with HMH Chief of Staff Dr. Ray Penafioride, HMH Physician Dr. Isgani Manuel, Student Missionary Joe Micelli and SAUM Temperance Director Jonathan Ng as lecturers.

Public awareness in Haadyai was created through radio announcements of the Five Day Plan and the distribution of hundreds of handbills in the Thai Language.

Each night, the English lectures were very well translated by HMH Staff Soomkiat Choomkong into the

Thai language while HMH Chaplain Amporn served faithfully at the registration desk.

Student Missionaries Esther Forbin, Melanie DeMeritt and Dale Northrop are to be commended for their good work in encouraging their students to quit smoking through the Five Day Plan. As a result, more than 50% of the participants came from the English Language Center.

With keen interest created in this Five Day Plan, another program has been scheduled in May, 1982 hoping to make this public service a regular feature at Haadyai Mission Hospital.
—Jonathan Ng, SAUM Temperance Director



Picture shows Dr. Ray Penafioride (left) and Mrs. Soomkiat Choomkong demonstrating deep breathing exercise.



The Ketting Family 1975 Picture
After serving almost fourteen years in Penang Adventist Hospital, the Kettings left on PR to the United States in mid-November of last year. Dr. Sam Ketting was medical director and Dr. Effie Jean, head of the Ob/Gyn department. We wish them the Lord's richest blessings as they continue to serve Him in the medical ministry in the States.



The Schatzschneiders are now part of the Singapore Adventist Hospital. They arrived here in mid-February from Korea. Don is the new president of the hospital and Gail is kept busy with two active boys, Eric, 11 and Mark, 5. The hospital is now in good hands!



Bangkok Adventist Hospital

Leaves, Seeds And The Spirit

Exciting things are happening in Bangkok. Not just at BANGKOK ADVENTIST HOSPITAL but in Bangkok! Colorful little pages have been swirling like the leaves of autumn in a high wind, radios blare the message, banners proclaim and a huge multicolored balloon floats lazily aloft, bearing the words in Thai: RADIANT LIVING FREE HEALTH EVALUATION.

Seventy thousand invitations were either mailed or hand delivered in recent weeks, announcing the ten-week TIME OF THE END seminar and the six-week RADIANT LIVING seminar to follow a few weeks later. All Thai speaking patients seen at BAH during the past two years received invitations as well as many others.

During the ten-week period, nine seminars were held each week in various locations by pastors and physicians. High attendance at any one seminar was 150, and 70 people completed the ten-week course.

On February 5, the RADIANT LIVING seminar began, to be held on three weekend evenings for six weeks. An overflow crowd jammed into the church and extra chairs were squeezed in. All church members

joyfully—yea, excitedly gave up their seats for others.

Not another soul could cram into the church, the yard was full and still people came. A second session was hastily scheduled for the chapel. As soon as the health lecturer had completed his talk in the church, it was repeated in the full chapel. An enthusiastic question-answer period filled in time until the church was ready for a second session. The church was then filled from the front as it emptied from the back for the spiritual study and the multimedia production.

BAH Health Education and Chaplains departments assisted by many other people are to be commended for the excellent preparation for, and execution of the seminars. Thai pastors from outlying areas are assisting in the Radiant Living seminar and this experience is proving to be a blessing not only for those who attend the meetings but also for each one who has helped.

What would you think if only half as many attended the second night as the first? What would you think if at the culmination of the meetings, only one lone soul were to dedicate his life to God?

About 100 are attending regularly (in addition to church members). Have not seeds been sown? Seventy thousand known. How many unknown. We had better never underestimate the power of the Spirit of God.

by Lucille D. Thrasher
Public Relations Secretary

Medical Missionary Work In Cities

Physicians whose professional abilities are above those of the ordinary doctor, should engage in the service of God in the large cities. They should seek to reach the higher classes Medical missionaries who labor in evangelistic lines are doing a work of as high an order as are their ministerial fellow-laborers. The efforts put forth by these workers are not to be limited to the poorer classes. The higher classes have been strangely neglected. In the higher walks of life will be found many who will respond to the truth, because it is consistent, because it bears the stamp of the high character of the gospel. Not a few of the men of ability thus won to the cause will enter energetically into the Lord's work.

The Lord calls upon those who are in positions of trust, those to whom He has entrusted His precious gifts, to use their talents of intellect and means in His service. Our workers should present before these men a plain statement of our plan of labor, telling them what we need in order to help the poor and needy and to establish this work on a firm basis. Some of these will be impressed by the Holy Spirit to invest the Lord's means in a way that will advance His cause. They will fulfil His purpose by helping to create centers of influence in the large cities. Interested workers will be led to offer themselves for various lines of missionary effort.

— GW 361



Wayne Hamra, treasurer of our Chiangmai Educational Center in northern Thailand, and his bride, Supraee in traditional wedding costumes.

Prompted by the presence of the elderly church members, the Singapore Chinese church members launched a Pro-tem committee in 1980 to provide a permanent home for senior citizens. This was in response to the Singapore government's call and encouragement from the West Malaysia-Singapore Mission to provide care and facility for the welfare of the aged. Late last year, Singapore Adventist Home for the Elders was officially opened by Mr. Norman Lim, chairman of Kim Keat Zone E Resident Committee. Your support and prayers will in one way or another bless the Home, not only in finance, but also in helping the inmates know of Jesus' love.



Pathfinders Fairs are gala events in Thailand. That weekend saw 150 pathfinders, all looking well groomed in their uniforms, demonstrating their youthful talents in knot tying, Bible skits, Bible drama and special music.

SOUTHEAST ASIA



OF SEVENTH-D

SNAPS AND



Farewells are sad occasions here in the Union office. The people we are going to miss very much are the Shidlers, the Hays, Dr. & Mrs. Wiley Young, and Bob and Linda Parrish.

SAUC Church is very fortunate to have Brother Eldin Colledge as the General Sabbath School Secretary. He takes time each Sabbath to visit one Division in the church and gather statistics and presents his findings at the end of each month to the congregation. We have been very much encouraged (and discouraged) by his reports. It takes a man like Eldin, with a vision of improving the performances of our Sabbath School members, to painstakingly gather these statistics each week. What is your church doing?



UNION MISSION

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

SNIPPETS



Sandakan SDA Church Pastor Jimmy Toh exchanged marriage vows with Ivy Wong on April 18, 1982. Officiating ministers were Jimmy's college teachers Wesley Ammundson and Jonathan Ng.

Sabah Mission is placing great emphasis on Christian education. There are thirteen church schools and two secondary schools in Sabah which are operating under financial strain. They appeal to you for your generous offering in helping the young people in Sabah get a Christian education.



Praise God for the literature ministry! Brother Ivo Nicholas Bungalun was won into the Kg. Penampang church through the visits and ministries of Brothers Willie Simbaku and Anton Tobi.

Tommy Golotoh, the newly appointed Communications Director of Sabah Mission, reports that during the Workers Retreat, goals and plans were set for greater evangelistic outreach in 1982. So great is their enthusiasm to see the work go forward that each of the twenty four pastors present are willing to contribute \$10 each month until the end of this year, to pay the salary of one newly appointed pastor to evangelize in an unentered area in Sabah. How much are you sacrificing for the Lord's work?



Our pastors in Sabah are on the go! Every year, local extension classes are held for them where they are able to earn credits through the Continuing Education Units (CEU) way.



New Mission Youth Directors

Pastor Samuel Money and Pastor Chalaw A. have recently been appointed as Mission Youth Directors of West Malaysia & Singapore Mission and Thailand Mission respectively during Mission Triennial Sessions held in February and March, 1982.

Pastor Samuel Money took over the leadership of Mission Youth Department from Pastor Joshua Mok who found it hard to carry on a dual duty as mission president and youth director. Pastor Chalaw A. Succeeded Pastor R.E. Bartolome who was appointed President of Haadyai Mission Hospital.

Both Pastors Money and Chalaw have demonstrated keen interest and achieved success in youth ministry while serving as local church pastors. Together with Pastor Tommy Golotoh, Sabbath Mission Youth Director and Pastor Lawrence Banyei, Sarawak Mission Youth Director, it is my pleasure to welcome Pastor Money and Pastor Chalaw to this exciting and challenging ministry for the youth of South-east Asia.—*Jonathan Ng, SAUM Youth Director*

Temperance Ministry In Progress

As a Volunteer Speaker with Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association, SAUM Temperance Director Jonathan Ng was invited recently to present a talk cum film-show on "Hazards of Smoking" to a group of 100 young people at Port of Singapore Authority (PSA) Pulau Brani Technical Training School. Miss To King Yok, a Training Officer of PSA who was assigned to coordinate this program, became very much impressed with the positive approach in this program which created an overwhelming response from the Apprentices of the Training School where about 50% of them are smokers.

After an initial evaluation on the success of this program, another request was made and this time directly to the SAUM Temperance and Youth Department for a follow-up program on "How to Stop Smoking—Motivation and Counseling" for the same group of Apprentices in May, 1982. At the conclusion of the second program, the Lord willing, this will become a regular feature of PSA Technical Training School with the assistance of SAUM Youth and Temperance Department. Praise the Lord for what temperance ministry can contribute in creating avenues for community outreach evangelism in Target 85.—*Jonathan Ng, SAUM Temperance Director*



Picture shows Jonathan Ng (center) discussing the program with PSA Training Officer To King Kok (right) at PSA Technical Training School.



Apprentices of PSA Technical Training School during Anti-smoking Campaign.



Marriage Preparation discussion group at Thomson Road Chinese Church led by Roxana Tang (left).

Marriage Preparation Sessions

A total of three sessions on "Marriage Preparation" in Mandarin were conducted for the benefit of our young people at Thomson Road Chinese Church and Pontian Chinese Church by Jonathan and Doreen Ng during February and March, 1982. More than 60 members of Adventist Youth Society attended these sessions where Church Pastors Matthew Yuen and John Lee together with their wives coordinated the program.

The main objective of the session is to acquaint our young people with Biblical concepts on Marriage and Interpersonal Relationship with a special emphasis on responsible boy-girl relationship.

Small group discussions on related issues and question-and-answer sessions were special features of the



Discussion group at Pontian Chinese Church with Mrs. Eunice Lee (second from left).

program which created much interest and response from the participants. Most of them felt that due to time constraint, the discussions had to be cut short and therefore, future sessions have been planned for to follow-up with the interest of our young people. This is a much needed area in youth ministry and with the blessings of the Lord, it will help to prepare our youth in establishing solid Christian homes.— Jonathan Ng, SAUM Youth Director



A smiling invested masterguide Lim Han Tiong (center) is pictured with Masterguide Doreen Ng (left) and Masterguide Leong Weng Kee.

Singapore Pathfinder Investiture Service

Mr. Lim Han Tiong, a teacher at Singapore SDA School, was invested a Master-guide by SAUM Youth Director Jonathan Ng at a Pathfinder Investiture Service on March 13, 1982 led out by Singapore SDA School Eagles-Senior Pathfinder Director Leong Weng Kee and Panthers-Junior Pathfinder Director Doreen Ng. A total of 20 pathfinders were invested as Friends, Companions and Guides while over 100 honor tokens were given to those who have completed requirements.

Community leaders who graced this occasion include WMSM Youth Director Samuel Money, School



Picture shows pathfinders of Singapore SDA School at the Investiture Service.

Principal Yeo Lee Chiang, School Registrar Han Siew Lan, Parent-Teacher Association Chairman Raymond Wee and his wife, Balestier SDA Church Pastor John Lim, master-guides, parents and pathfinders from Singapore churches.

Following the investiture service, pathfinders together with their officers went to Pulau Tekong for a three day camping on March 14 to 16, 1982. At the campsite, they had a wonderful privilege of witnessing to boy scouts during a combined campfire and social. As a result, the pathfinders were invited to attend a Singapore-wide Boy Scouts Campfire at Toa Payoh Stadium on April 3, 1982 where they were able to fellowship with hundreds of uniformed youth groups. Praise the Lord for what pathfinding can contribute in Target 85 evangelism.— Jonathan Ng, SAUM Youth Director



These young Pathfinders from SDA School are so engrossed in the story!

"...carrying the everlasting Good News...to every nation, tribe, language and people." Revelation 14:6 (Living Bible)

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It is a sad time at the V.O.P. office as we have to say good-bye to Mrs Trudy Hay, our Public Relations Officer who has been working with us for over two years. She is not only the editor of our REFLECTIONS, but also a Bible and Health lessons instructor, helping to correct the lessons and answer questions. Each Thursday morning she presents the prayer requests that come in the mail from our VOP students at our worship time. We really appreciate her devotion to the VOP and her willingness to go the second mile. We will miss her!!

We wish God's richest blessing on Dr and Mrs Hay as they return to their homeland in Canada.—*Ms S F Wong, Asst. Director, Voice of Prophecy, Singapore*



Dr. & Mrs. Jack Hay



Dr. & Mrs. Joe Shidler

We also feel very sad to bid farewell to Mrs Marilyn Shidler who has been with us for over a year. She is a "Jill of All Trades" in our Malay Section and has become so valuable to us. Leaving us at this time, she will indeed create a vacuum, not only in the VOP work, but also in our hearts. She has brought inexpressible joy to our Malay Section and we will certainly miss her.

We take this opportunity to wish Dr and Mrs Shidler and their daughter Shawn, God's richest blessings and bid them to not forget us in this little corner of the world. We will be thinking of you as you return to Colorado. We hope that you can come back to Singapore again!—*Ms Kathleen Angus—Malay Section*

V.O.P. OFFERING—MAY 29, 1982

Reports from the headquarters in California indicate that there have been drastic cut-backs in the V.O.P. programs and personelle due to shortage of funds.

THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN IN SOUTHEAST ASIA !

The Voice of Prophecy is opening doors to hearts as no other means can do. Your generous offering on May 29th will mean souls for the kingdom. Plan now for a generous offering.

V.O.P. OFFERING—MAY 29, 1982



By Robert H. Pierson

*A service provided by
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Let Them Know!

I am no poet. But today let me put my message to you in verse. Paste this little jingle on your mirror or on the door of your refrigerator. Read it as you pass by, and let it be a reminder.

If your wife has made you happy,

Let her know!

If the meal she cooked was sumptuous,

Don't be slow—

Tell her now while she can hear it,

It will cheer her wearied spirit.

Let her know!

If your hubby's done it special,

Let him know!

If he expressed his love in action,

Don't be slow—

Tell him now, and don't forget it,

It will cheer his heart—I'll bet it.

Let him know!

If your kiddies have really tried,

Let them know!

If they've cleaned their rooms and closets,

Don't be slow—

Speak a word of commendation.

And express appreciation.

Let them know!

In most human hearts the appeal of the Psalmist lingers: "Encourage and cheer me with your words." Psalm 119:28, *Living Bible*.

Let them hear those words from your lips today—won't you?

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SAUC Starts Renovation Program

Southeast Asia Union College will, hopefully, be embarking on a renovation program that will revitalize the campus, up-date some of the facilities, and modernize some of the equipment, according to Lee Peng Cheong, Business Manager.

Some of the administrative offices have been separate from other offices on the campus, and the first step in the renovation of the campus was to bring all of these offices together in one area under one roof.

The offices of the president, the academic dean, the business manager, the registrar, and the treasurer have all been brought together in one suite of offices, closer to the classrooms and auditorium, facilitating better communications and working conditions for both students and staff members.

Pictures on this page give details about the new arrangements and the college officers who occupy the new facilities.

Business Manager Lee said that this new office arrangement is the first of several steps to improve the campus for faculty members and students.

Lee also said that other renovations will be undertaken as the Board approves of the plans and as finances become available.

Some of the proposed projects are as follows:

Refurnishing of the men's and women's dormitories;

The purchase of a computer for which the students have already raised over S\$19,000.

Renovation of a small chapel into a lecture hall-audio-visual room. This room has needed improvement for several years;

Additional holdings for the Library;

And new typewriters for the typing classes.

An offering will be taken in all of the churches of the Southeast Union Mission on August 14. The College hopes and prays that each member will support the college's improvement program in order to help the students of Southeast Asia.



President Sahly and Business Manager Lee make plans for the improvement of SAUC



Business Manager Lee works in his new office.



Registrar Anna Kalangi looks over SAUC's records.



Mrs. A.F. Hutabarat helps the students in the outer office of the new administrative offices.

SUPPORT SAUC OFFERING AUGUST 14