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## 1984 Year of the Youth



"With such an army of workers such as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world." *Messages to Young People* p. 196

# SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION MISSION



## TODAY'S POWER, TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Pastor Ng Gan Theow,  
Youth Director of SAUM

1984 is a significant year for the youth in Southeast Asia Union, for it is a year designated by the Far Eastern Division to be the Year of the Youth. It is going to be year of youth in action. It is a year of unprecedented youth evangelism.

Youth is a time of accomplishment. Much has been achieved in our world by young men and young women, and many of the great deeds of our time will be done by the youth of today. The pages of history are filled with records of accomplishments of the great and good and wise and mighty, and these are largely the doings of youth.

Daniel was 18 when he withstood the idolatry of Babylon.

David was called to the throne when only 20.

The spies who went to spy in the Promised Land were young men.

Dwight L. Moody began preaching at 18.

George Whitefield was one of the world's greatest preachers at 22.

Charles Spurgeon became a preacher when he turned 16.

Solomon at 18 began a reign which was marked by wealth and wisdom.

Today God is calling the youth for all-out involvement in evangelism. The youth are well and strong and have few aches and pains. They are full of courage and hope and are surrounded with more opportunities for soul winning than any other generation which has ever lived. With the world in such deep trouble, with millions still in darkness, with the threat of nuclear war coming ever nearer, with nations at strife with one another, we are more sure than ever before that Jesus is soon to return. What a challenge it is to "go quickly, and tell." (Matthew 28:7).

Thank God our youth in Southeast Asia are responding, and their response is the greatest we have ever known, because they realize the challenge of 1984 is one of the greatest that we have ever had. — *Pastor Ng Gan Theow, Youth Director, Southeast Asia Union Mission.*



Sarawak VOY Training Seminar organized by Pastor Lawrence Banyie Mission Youth Director.



District Pastor Jaulin Galung (extreme right with back to camera) helps his youth plan a Voice of Youth Meeting.



A student nurse from Bangkok Adventist Hospital is speaking on the "Sower and the Seed" as a part of VOY training.



Part of the young people who participated in the opening night of the Voice of Youth Training Seminar at Bangkok Chinese Church

## YOUTH ON THE MARCH

### Plan and Pray

The Year of the Youth will be one of the most significant years in the history of the youth ministry. Many events are being planned, but the main emphasis will be youth evangelism in three stages:

1. Training: Voice of Youth evangelism training seminars will be conducted on a mission-wide or district-wide level. Young people will be taught how to organize Voice of Youth crusades.
2. Conducting: With the skills they will have learned, the youth will proceed to conduct youth crusades of their own, with the help of their pastors.
3. Festival of Praise: Having conducted meetings and reaped precious souls, the youth will congregate at the mission-wide Festival of Praise later in the year where they will tell what God has wrought. They will praise God for their success and even bring their fruits of labor. It will be a gathering of rejoicing and fellowship.

### Practice and Perfect

Already, youth evangelism training seminars are being held in two of our missions so far. The first one was conducted in Thailand in January. About 70 youth from all four major churches in Bangkok participated. I was very much impressed by the receptivity and enthusiasm of our Thai young people. Many of whom were so eager to be trained to conduct Voice of Youth crusades that they sat through the entire seminar like a sponge absorbing all the instructions given. Content of the course included the challenge of youth evangelism, preparing the territory, preaching, voice culture, gesturing, sermon preparation, methods of giving Bible studies, financing, conducting song service, etc. Repeated actual practice of speaking and gesturing during the course gave the young people more confidence in themselves. In the future when they actually conduct a Voice of Youth of their own, they can stand up and face the audience without fear and trembling. I was pleasantly surprised that many of them were exceptionally good speakers. Given proper direction and training as we have done, they will be an formidable Christian army that will evangelize Thailand. And God is just waiting to give us his blessing when we do his bidding — "Go quickly, and tell." (Matthew 28:7).

### Preach and Perform

Under the able leadership of Pastor Chalaw Artamapadung, Thailand Mission Youth Director, the youth in Thailand have responded most positively to the challenge of youth evangelism by holding 17 Voice of Youth in 1984. Four of them will be held in Bangkok with a baptismal goal of 50.

The youth in Sarawak Mission were no less enthusiastic. A record turnout of 95 congregated at the Ayer Manis School auditorium from February 10 to 12 for a similar training course. They came from 10 districts within 20 miles radius of Ayer Manis. Some of the pastors actively participated in the program too. Coming from Lanchang district, Pathfinder Director, Rodney Ranyis, led the delegation of 35 Pathfinders. In his club they baptized on the average 8 Pathfinders every year. Last year a crusade was conducted by the district pastor in the government school where he taught, 18 were baptized. Watson Ho from Penrissen Secondary School brought 20 pathfinders, 18 of whom were not Seventh-day Adventist. Yet they were there to be trained how they could help out in an Adventist youth crusade!

Delegates from each district were given time to plan among themselves an entire VOY of their own with details such as date, place, VOY director, speakers, committees, etc. After which each group was to give a brief report of their plan. The Penrissen Secondary School shocked everyone by announcing their Voice of Youth would start the very next week, on February 18, with 18 speakers participating in a 14-night crusade.

Pastor Lawrence Banyie, Youth Director of Sarawak Mission, and Pastor Andy Ng, Pastor of Kuching English Church, were two of the major instructors. Mission president, Pastor Choo Wee Fong, delivered the keynote address, treasurer, Ather Singo gave a talk on financing, and SAWS director, Maitland DiPinto, touched on the importance of health evangelism.

The challenge of youth evangelism is ever before us. Evangelism is not a side line, it is the life line of the church. It is not extracurricular activity; it is the essential character of the church. As fire exists by burning, so the church exists by evangelism. Praise God our young people are accepting the gospel challenge with unflinching courage. Indeed, they are already on the march. — *Pastor Ng Gan Theow, Youth Director, Southeast Asia Union Mission.*

## MASEHI ADVENT HARI KETUJUH SABAH SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MISSION OF SABAH



Datuk Clarence Mansul, Sabah's Minister of Industries came to open the Pathfinder Fair at Tamparuli, Sabah.

### SABAH-WIDE PATHFINDER FAIR

A Sabah-wide Pathfinder Fair was organized by the Youth Department during the month of September, 1983. Datuk Clarence Mansul, the Minister of Industrial Development of the Sabah state government, was invited to come to the opening of the fair. In his speech he stressed the importance for each club member to observe strict discipline. He also encouraged each to strive for excellent performance.

Reporters from the Radio-TV Malaysia did an excellent job in covering the visit of the Datuk to the fair. News releases were published in the local newspapers and a telecast was also shown through TV Malaysia, Sabah, that same evening and during the weekly review.

### PATHFINDER EVANGELISM

For the youth in Sabah Mission, evangelism is a way of life. Presently Sabah Mission is the fastest growing mission in Southeast Asia Union. Take the Sanggora Pathfinder Club for instance. Although only two years old, it has proven to be a formidable force in youth evangelism.

Situated in Kota Belud, the club conducted its first Voice of Youth meetings in Ponopuan village, 3 km from their home church in Sarangkul. The response from the villages

was so encouraging that the youth conducted their second crusade in Ponisian village, and another in Tobur village. The Ponisian crusade reaped 22 souls.

Pastor Tommy Golotoh, Youth Director of Sabah Mission, conducted three Voice of Youth Training Seminars in 1983 and altogether 150 youth received the training. After which, they were sent to three different localities holding Voice of Youth crusades. All in all 158 were baptized. Among the baptismal candidates 90 percent were youth. — *Pastor Ng Gan Theow, Youth Director, SAUM*

### 238 BAPTISMS IN SABAH

"Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe... Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." Joel's ancient prophecy may well describe the experience of thousands in the fertile Goshen Valley of Sabah recently when an average of 2,500 people attended Pastor Bill Smith's nightly evangelistic crusade and nearly 10 percent were baptized as a result. What was the secret of success?

Preparation began several months before the arrival of Pastor Smith who had served in Sabah from 1967 to 1971. Lay members held 17 two-week evangelistic campaigns. This district supports a population of over 4,000 people. From the small villages scattered beneath palm trees members of the 30 organized churches and companies brought their friends and relatives. Meetings were held in homes of interested persons with 50 or more in attendance while lay workers instructed them with picture rolls, Bibles and lessons by lantern light. These consecrated church members planted the seed and the Holy Spirit watered it.

When Pastor Bill Smith, Director of the Adventist Aviation Center for Andrews University, arrived it was time for the harvest. His sermons each night centered on the theme of New Life through Jesus Christ. His wife, Sue, presented talks on health and family life. During the day Pastor Smith conducted an extension school course on evangelism for 18 pastors with emphasis on how to get decisions effectively. The pastors developed the practical aspect of their training at the meetings each night.



238 being baptized at the conclusion of Pastor William Smith's crusade in the Goshen area.

Certainly God blessed this team effort. Those who witnessed the baptisms of 238 new Christians didn't know who rejoiced more, those who were newly baptized or those who had worked for them. Many others renewed their determination to follow Jesus.

In the following meetings many people have asked for Bibles. When 88 were provided one night during the crusade, one pastor reported that they disappeared the moment they arrived at the auditorium. Now certain government restrictions have been lifted and the Sabah Mission has ordered 6,000 Malay Bibles. Pastor Charles Gaban, president of the Sabah Mission explained, "There are Bibles available if there are funds to purchase them."



# MASEHI ADVENT HARI KETUJUH SARAWAK

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MISSION

### "WE ARE VERY THIRSTY AGAIN"

Alex Saben, a faithful Seventh-day Adventist elementary teacher, witnessed in three villages around Merebau, Sarawak before being transferred to another area. Mr. Nam Eli studied with the teacher for a few months, picked up the torch of truth, and entered another village Yungal Mawang. There he spread the Light to a number of families through the use of the Iban VOP lessons and his Bible. Several joined the SDA church.

After a few years however, Eli's faith wavered because of family problems and pressures. He backslid, joined the Bahai group, and later, under the urging of his family returned to the Anglican church. But Eli had no peace. He studied his Bible and the teachings of both churches. For two nights he was greatly troubled and could not sleep. Early the second morning he went to the former Adventist church leader Thomson Ramban and asked him to write a letter to the pastor at Ayer Manis requesting that the Adventist message be taught again at Merebau, because by this time the jungle chapel in Merebau had been emptied for two years and the church was closed.

Pastor Joe Benny went in June, 1983 and taught the message to the group. He said I found "all of them eager to study." Eli told the pastor his story and said he was very sorry for his mistake. Now he and his family are planning to be Seventh-day Adventists again. They also plan to witness to all the people in his and surrounding villages. Eli already has commitments from four new families from his village who are attending church.

In a letter to the pastor requesting that their church be reopened, the Merebau people said, "We are very thirsty again, just like people thirsty for water." Certainly, the Holy Spirit is working and calling Christ's people back to a living connection with Him in preparation for His soon return. — *Calvin L. Smith, Director, Lay Activities & Communication Depts.*



Eli with villagers who are eager to attend church again.

### BINTULU SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

David Ngali, a former departmental director of the Sarawak Mission, has been appointed as the first pastor of the Bintulu Seventh-day Adventist Church. For more than 5 years we have contemplated starting work in this oil rich town, but we were not able to do so because of high rental. Finally in December 1983 a member of our congregation met a very good friend who was willing to rent his new house to our congregation there at a very nominal charge. We are so happy that David Ngali has now started work in Bintulu and we know that the many hundreds of Adventists who work in this town will worship in this new church. They have been worshipping in a slum area, and the environment is by no means ideal. — *Choo Wee Fong, President, Sarawak Mission.*



A typical longhouse family trained by Matthew to witness.

### LONGHOUSE LEADERS STUDY THE BIBLE

After the instruction given on how to use the Community Religious Survey, the On-the-job Trainer challenged his class, "Now, how many of your think it can be done and want to try it?" Hands were raised and heads were nodded indicating they wanted to try it.

It was on the quiet evening of January 26, 1984, when two young men and their elder went from door to door to conduct the survey. They visited 15 people from 7 families of their same longhouse. To their surprise these people including the Anglican Lay Leader and the Chief of the Selantik Longhouse were interested in studying the Bible in order to know more of God's word.

Since that time every Wednesday night after the witnessing class, our church members are giving Bible studies to these people. There are 21 of them studying in three classes. One of them said to the other, "We never study the Bible like this in our church. No wonder these people know their Bibles because they really study them."

Presently there are 10 other groups in three other villages, one reached by motorboat. — *Matthew Bandan Mambu, On-the-job Trainer, Sarawak SDA Mission.*



# Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Thailand



Pastor Wendell Wilcox baptizing Somboon Kwan-on, daughter of an Adventist family of the Fang SDA Church in a beautiful stream in north Thailand.

## INFLUENCE OF A CHRISTIAN HOME

On February 11, 1984 a beautiful baptismal service was held in a clear, sparkling stream in northern Thailand. The number of candidates was not large, but they represented young people of second generation Adventists in Thailand.

Somboon Kwan-on and Tongsook Kwan-on came from an Adventist home where Christ was made real to them in the lives of their parents, Brother and Sister Kwan-On. Surely the influence of a Christian home cannot be measured this side of heaven. May all our homes reflect in a more perfect way, the lovely character of our Lord. — *Wendell L. Wilcox, President, Thailand Mission.*



Three young people recently baptized from the Fang SDA Church, Thailand. From left to right: Pastor Surachet Insom, Brother Kwan-on, Taworn Ruengpanya, Tongsook Kwan-on, Somboon Kwan-on, and Mrs. Kwan-on. Pastor Wendell Wilcox behind.

## MAE TOLA YIELDS FIRST FRUIT

On a cold December day in 1983 we witnessed the first baptism of three souls in the fish pond of Mae Tola. Two were from the village of Mae Tola having been baptized against opposition of other villagers and with the threat of being driven out of their village.

In 1976 a team of volunteer missionaries arrived in Thailand. Each was qualified in his or her own field, such as: master of public health, nursing, engineering, agriculture, etc. With the zeal of graduates fresh from college, they aimed to work among one of the least reachable hill tribes of northwestern Thailand — the Pwo Karens.

Surveys were undertaken fruitlessly in all the highly concentrated Pwo Karen areas. An evangelistic campaign was launched in the largest Pwo Karen plateau, but created no interest. Everywhere they went, the response was the same, "No intruders, no segregation wanted." Maybe the team should work among the more receptive Sgaw Karens instead. But their minds were set — they would work for Pwo Karens only.

Some long hikes to remote areas brought them to Mae Tola in Mae Hong Son province, where they were shown an old village site on which to build their station without charge. This welcome gesture was taken as a sign from God and accepted as the Macedonian Call. Old houses and rotten pig pens were cleared away together with the jungle to make way for the new development.



Wai La and Pha Ka Hai, newly baptized in Mae Tola.

The first year things went slowly and work was hard. People were suspicious and indifferent. At first only one village was willing to accept them and the clinic for small children which the Gregorys conducted. But as people heard of the program, they have asked the Gregorys to come to their villages too.

Now there is a small group of believers at Thi Uu Lu, numbering between 20 and 25 who come each Sabbath. The Christians in Thi Uu Lu have separated their part of the village from the heathen, so pigs can not get into their gardens and destroy what is being grown. There is an obvious difference between the two groups today.

Presently, the SDA Church is the only Christian organization active in this area. Now the ice has been broken and there are signs that more baptisms will follow. — *Phu Tah Moo, Pastor, Mae Sarieng, Thailand.*



Kent and Kichen Gregory relax on their porch at Mae Tola.

## RECENT MIRACLES IN THAILAND

For years the Seventh-day Adventist Church has grown painfully slow in Thailand. It seemed, regardless of what approach was used to win people to Christ, the results were meager at best. However, today there seems to be an awakening interest in Christianity among at least some areas of this great Buddhist country, as the following details will bring out.

In just the past few months the Voice of Prophecy has been able to greatly expand its broadcasts and correspondence schools. Today, 18 stations are beaming God's last message of love to the homes of the people of Thailand. Many people are enrolling in the VOP courses. There are now almost 4,500 active students in the various courses offered.

Mr. See Howee, a staunch Buddhist of Tawat Buri in northeastern Thailand, was busy selling FAB soap one day when the police arrested him. Mr. See had not realized that the man he was working for had stolen the soap he was selling. The police promptly put Mr. See in jail as an accomplice with a sentence of 2½ years.

During this time Mr. See got acquainted with another prisoner by the name of Sing Somchai. One day as Mr. See was visiting with Mr. Sing, he noticed he was working on some interesting lessons. As Mr. See read over some of the pages, he immediately became interested and asked that his name be sent in to the VOP by Mr. Sing, so he, too, could receive the lessons. As they came to his prison cell week by week, he became more and more thrilled by what he was finding out about Christ. He completed the course and requested some material to be sent to him, including a Bible, upon his release from prison. In a short time a friendly, personable gentleman came knocking on the door of his home. He introduced himself as Pastor Mun Seri, the Seventh-day Adventist pastor of that district. It was not long before a real friendship was built up between Pastor Mun and Mr. See's family. After some months of study and a series of meetings by Pastor Mun, Mr. and Mrs. See and their children were baptized into the Adventist church. The family has now moved to Roi Et and are the only SDA's in that city. The Voice of Prophecy *does* win souls for Christ.

Miss Dang of Ban Kilak Village moved to a GI base in Nakon Panoom a number of years ago. While working at this camp, she met a young G.I. by the name of Andy Anderson. They fell in love and after their marriage, moved to the United States. She was a Buddhist, he a worldly drinking man. After a number of years, Dang became ill. Having made friends with another Thai lady, who is a member of our church, she was introduced to a Seventh-day Adventist doctor.

The friend also invited Dang to church. Since she had not been well for some time and felt a need of something which she could hold onto, she attended church with her friend. As time went on, she learned more and more about the One who is altogether lovely, and who is willing to help all who come to Him in time of need. Having accepted Christ, Dang was baptized and began sharing her love for Jesus with her husband, Andy. He, too, was converted and made his decision for Christ and baptism.

Last year Dang came back to Thailand to visit her mother, relatives and friends at Ban Kilak Village. She visited there for a period of two weeks before returning to the United States. While here, she witnessed for the Lord in such a way many people were greatly impressed by the things she told them and were drawn to Jesus by her Christ-centered life. Mrs. Anderson wrote to the mission office in Bangkok telling of the interest of her people in Ban Kilak. Pastor Mun has since studied with these people and finds much interest among them. On January 26, 1984, I had the privilege of speaking to these people on the second coming of Jesus. It was a real thrill to speak to 50 Buddhist people who came out to learn more of our Lord. At the close of the service we asked for those who wanted to be ready to meet the Saviour to raise their hands and everyone did. How marvelously God is working upon the hearts of these people.

Brother Dee, a member of the Amnojcharoen church in eastern Thailand, is, for all practical purposes, deaf. But he does not let his deafness keep him from witnessing for the Lord. He has 30 Buddhist people studying the VOP lessons and is busy passing out tracts to all who will accept them. God is using this humble layman to win souls for Christ through these lessons.

Over in two other villages in the Ubon area, namely Lauw Klang village and Nong Waeng village, almost the whole population of both these places are coming to listen to the Adventist message each Sabbath. Lauw Klang has an attendance of about 100 and Nong Waeng around 50. Already 18 have been baptized in Lauw Klang and 3 in Nong Waeng.

Time and space prohibit me from telling of whole Protestant churches that are accepting God's last message for the world in Thailand today. In Kurat, one of the largest cities of Thailand, already a dozen souls have recently been baptized, who heard the Sabbath truth, built a church on their own, and were worshipping on the Sabbath when we contacted them. Indeed, miracles are happening in Thailand today, and the Spirit of the Lord is moving upon the hearts of men. God has prepared for us. The harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few, especially in Thailand. — by Wendell . Wilcox.

TERRITORY:  
West Malaysia & Singapore



## Seventh-day Adventist Church of West Malaysia & Singapore

### MISSION-WIDE PATHFINDERS'

#### leadership training camp

More than 80 young people from West Malaysia participated in a Pathfinder Leadership Training Camp held at Kajang, Selangor. At the close of the camp, 71 received their certificates successfully completing the 10-hour training program. Pastor Ng Gan Theow, SAUM Youth Director, spoke during an investiture service. Five were invested as Master Guides and one received a Silver Award. During an altar call, thirteen young people responded.

#### Pathfinders' Club Resurrected

A number of new Pathfinder Clubs have been organized in several churches of West Malaysia. The Far Eastern Division-wide Pathfinder Camporee planned for December in Jakarta has been an incentive among the youth to have their own clubs in their local churches. The newest club is the Teluk Anson Pathfinder Club with Brother M. Joseph as the club director. It was organized February 26, 1984.

#### Melaka Pathfinders' Food Fair

The Pathfinders of the Melaka SDA Church raised more than M\$2,500 in cash during the food sale held during Christmas last year. The club is expecting to send all its Pathfinders to the Jakarta Pathfinder Camporee in December. A similar food fair is being planned in Pontian and Kuala Lumpur by the Pathfinders — *Samuel Money*, West Malaysian Youth Director.



Mr. L. G. Chew, 32 years in the literature ministry.



Andrew Yong led his customer, Annie to Christ, now they are married.



One of West Malaysia's 14 Active Pathfinder Clubs, The Johore Bahru Pathfinder Club: (L. to R.) George Joh, Bernard, Helen, Hanna, P. Vijayan, and S. Money, Youth Director, West Malaysia.



A total of 155 years of service in the literature ministry by these ten literature evangelists.

### ANNUAL LITERATURE EVANGELISTS' GOAL SETTING AND RETREAT

Annual Literature Evangelists' Goal setting and Retreat

The West Malaysian Mission Publishing Department held its first Literature Evangelists' Goal Setting and Retreat at Port Dickson Baptist Centre from January 18-22 in conjunction with the Mission Workers Meetings. It was indeed a rare occasion for the pastors and the colporteurs to meet together for fellowship and discussion. Small groups were formed to discuss how to carry out the literature ministry in the most effective ways by the church members and the colporteurs. The ordinance of humility and the Lord's supper were celebrated in the evening followed by a buffet dinner and the giving away of awards, service pins in recognition of the LE services. Awards were given for Big Week, Big Quarter, three highest in sales, highest members of spiritual books sold and for baptisms. Goals were set by LE in many areas of missionary activities. The total sales goals set for 1984 is over a million dollars. Pastor Mok, mission president, led out in the dedication service, challenging LE and leaders to greater heights and rededication of their lives for the literature ministry. — *Joshua Mok*, President, West Malaysian Mission.



## ONWARD CHRISTIAN STUDENTS, MARCHING ON TO MUAR .....

The Adventist Student Circle, an organization of Adventist students and alumni from Singapore tertiary institutions, can not wait until tomorrow. Today they have given a transfusion of youthful blood and life to a previously weakened church. Each week alternating teams of about 15 young people visit the Muar SDA Church of West Malaysia about 120 miles north of Singapore to provide church services on Sabbath mornings. Mr. Chew Yu Gee, studying medicine at the National University of Singapore said, "We want the church members to know that we care about them." In November the students began writing to youth who had previously studied the VOP lessons. This was to promote friendship through penpals. Later, the pen-pals met at the VOP rallies.

Sabbath afternoons they go door-to-door witnessing in the community. Benedict Khoo, an engineering student in the National University of Singapore, is from Muar and leads out in the territorial assignments. Pastor Wung Wei Kung works with at least 40 backsliders of that area. Presently, the Muar SDA Church has several faithful members who have responded with new life to the support of the youth. They have been repairing and repainting the church building in order to prepare it for the coming Voice of Youth crusade which is planned for April. Harri Vijayabalan Balasingam, heading the SAUC team says, "We aim for an atmosphere of fellowship to build friendships." Saturday evenings they conduct an AY social for members and interested youth from the community. — *Lip Wai Yee and Jeanie Chai, reporters.*



ASC alumni members: Angelina Loh and Sarah Ang conducting song service at the Muar Church.



Singapore Youth Raise S\$1,000  
Singapore's five SDA church choirs conducted by Andy Quek combined to raise \$1,000 for the benefit of the Jurong church building fund. Love Overflowing was the theme of two nights of concerts March 17 & 18 featuring songs and testimonies praising God for His Salvation. The architects' plans, which have been submitted to the Singapore government for approval were shown to the congregation.

## WEST MALAYSIA MISSION WORKERS ATTEND EXTENSION SCHOOL

The Union sponsored extension school was attended by all pastors and health workers of the mission at Southeast Asia Union College. Dr. Hedrick Edwards taught "The Theology of Health" and "Health Seminar" a three hour graduate credit course. Many of our pastors have become vegetarians since then and they expressed appreciation to Dr. Edwards who was able to convince the class that the relationship between our health work and the three angel's messages is closely knitted.

— *Samuel Money, Mission Correspondent.*



ASC Team: (left to right) Angelina Loh, Sarah Ang, Yang Siew, Christopher Chua, B. Bijayabalan, Soo Beng Williard Loh, Jason How, Lye Yan, at Muar Church.

## SINGAPORE COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Seventh-day Adventist Community Service is ever on the go. This time it was in the heart of the famed Chinatown, at the People's Park Centre, one of the thriving popular and ever crowded shopping center in Singapore. Jointly organized with Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital, the December 1983 Health Exhibition and Blood Pressure Checking brought out the best of congenial and brotherly spirit of the Singapore churches; each sending volunteers to man the various areas of the exhibition. Even an elderly couple from the Thomson Road Chinese Church was seen serving as assessors giving practical counsel on health to those whose blood pressure had been taken.

About 660 people had their blood pressure checked. Many of them took up Pathway to Health course offered by the Voice of Prophecy. Another 80 gave up their cigarettes right then and there in exchange for "How to Stop Smoking" magazines. — *Pastor Ng Gan Theow, Temperance Director, Southeast Asia Union Mission.*

## NEW STAFF AT YOUNGBERG HOSPITAL

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Steele returned to Youngberg Adventist Hospital for the third time when they arrived in September 1983. They previously served from 1959 to 1966 and again from 1974 to 1978. Dr. Steele is well-loved by patients and workers. His nickname is that of a "Ho-Ho Doctor" in Hockkien or a "Good-good Doctor" in English. While in Singapore, he learned a handful of words in Hockkien, Cantonese and Malay, so patients love him for his willingness to learn. The Steeles have three children and three grandchildren. Dr. Steele says, "We are glad to return to work in Singapore," even though he retired in 1979.



Dr. and Mrs. Steele.



Dr. and Mrs. Johnson with the Werber Johnsons, parents.



The Spindler family.



All smiles when PAH nurse confirms the normal blood pressure of Dr. Ong (seated). Standing behind are John Lai (left), John Lee (third from left) and Dr. v. Arumugam (fifth from left), all of PAH.

Dr. Delmar Johnson received his medical degree from Loma Linda University in 1954. Before doing his residency in surgery at White Memorial Hospital he served at Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital for five years. Since 1965, Dr. Johnson has been practicing in SDA hospitals in Japan. Mrs. Johnson is presently working at the Far Eastern Division. Arriving together with Dr. Johnson are his parents, Elder and Mrs. Werber Johnson who served as a world auditor with the General Conference before his retirement. Elder Johnson will be the internal auditor for Youngberg Hospital. Presently, Dr. Johnson has been very busy with the development of our surgery department.

Mr. Richard Spindler, our new purchasing manager, has 13 years of experience in hospital purchasing, 13 years at the Review and Herald Publishing House and 12 years at Columbia Union College. His wife, Dr. Alice Cunningham graduated from Loma Linda University Medical School and served at Parkview Memorial Hospital for 22 years. The Spindlers spent three months at Penang Adventist Hospital in 1980 on relief service. They enjoyed their stay in Penang which contributed to their desire to come to Youngberg. With them are their two sons: Eugene 11 and Timothy 10. — *Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital.*

## PENANG ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

Penang Adventist Hospital was praised for "giving the true traditional service to mankind" by Dr. Lim Chong Eu, the Chief Minister of the State Government of Penang. The Chief Minister's speech was read by State Executive Councillor, Dr. Ong Hean Tee when he officially launched the three-day blood donation and blood pressure screening campaign at Dewan Sri Pinang on March 5, 1984.

This state-wide campaign was jointly organized by the Health Education Department of the Penang Adventist Hospital, the Georgetown Central Lions Club, and the Lioness Club of Penang.

Dr. Ong urged the people of Penang to take advantage of the campaign to have their blood pressure and blood sugar tested. "They should not be afraid to know that they have such illnesses. It is better to be aware of it early and take steps to control it." Dr. Ong also advised

Pastor John Lee, President of Penang Adventist Hospital, stated that the screening was held to educate the people of such illnesses as diabetes - the "undetected killer," and high blood pressure.

Pastor John Lai, head of Health Education, was pleased to report that more than 1,500 people were screened in this three-day campaign. "By these programs we can let the public know the aims and objectives of the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital," he stated. — *S. Vellu, Public Relations Director, Penang Adventist Hospital.*



Mrs. Kwong Lau Eng with Chaplain Jonathan Ng (Rt.) before her baptism.

### BAPTISM OF FORMER PATIENT

On Sabbath, January 28, 1984, a former patient, Mrs. Kwong Lau Eng was baptized by Pastor Jonathan Ng, Head Chaplain of Youngberg Adventist Hospital and accepted into membership of the Hospital Church.

Mrs. Kwong, age 50 migrated to Singapore a few years ago together with her husband and children for business venture. Two of the children were enrolled in the Seventh-day Adventist School where they were exposed to Christianity. Later they began to attend Sabbath School and church regularly.

Mr. Kwong, a Cantonese from Hong Kong, appreciated very much the friendship and kindness of both Mr. & Mrs. Peter Foo and Chaplain Esther Khor. That was also her initial contact with Adventists in Singapore.

Recently, she became ill and had to undergo brain surgery at the government hospital. An anointing service was arranged for her officiated by SAUC Church Pastor Ng Kah Seng and Chaplain J. Ng. After the operation, Mrs. Kwong requested Bible studies and later took her stand for the Lord and was baptized on the Sabbath just before the Chinese New Year which she believed was a good start in her Christian life. Praise the Lord for the collective efforts of our hospital staff in bringing the gospel message to the patients. — *Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital.*

### CRITICAL PULMONARY CARE LECTURE SERIES

Youngberg Adventist Hospital played host to a Modern Critical Pulmonary Care (Far East) Lecture Series conducted at Singapore Dynasty Hotel February 8 and 9, sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Society of Respiratory Care, USA. A total of 370 doctors and nurses from both government and private hospitals in Singapore participated.

All lecturers were from Loma Linda University Medical Center. Dr. B. Singh, Chief of Staff at YAH was coordinator for the seminar. Through his influence, he was able to invite Prof. P. C. Tech of the Department of Medicine at the National University and Prof. Tan Seng Huat of the Department of Anaesthesia at the General Hospital to serve as symposium chairman.

Exhibitions were provided by YAH Health Education Department together with equipment by a number of local companies like: AVL, BEAR Resperators, etc. The hospital is grateful for financial and professional support of these companies and the services of guest lecturers who made this symposium a success. From the nursing staff of a government hospital came this note, "Congratulations for organizing a very successful seminar and thank you for providing us the opportunity to listen to a panel of very experienced speakers." — *Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, Youngberg Adventist Hospital.*



Left to right: Prof. Tan Seng Huat, chairman; Mr. Thomas Malinowski, Mr. Graham Staples, Dr. Donald Herrmann, Dr. Connie Beehler, guest lecturers; Dr. B. Singh, coordinator.

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## AN ASIAN EXPERIENCE FOR THE COLLEGE EVALUATION TEAM

The College evaluation team was not only treated to a four-day tedious work of study, interviews, observation, and report writing of the evaluation, but also to a sight/sound-taste of Asian Experience of cultural presentation by the students of Southeast Asia Union College on the last day of the visit on January 26, 1984, at the College cafeteria and the auditorium.

It was for SAUC a triple joy celebration: the accreditation by the Board of Regents, the affiliation with Walla Walla College, and the celebration of the Chinese New Year.

In the light of the occasion, the presentation was a moving and an impressive one. The Malaysian, Indonesian, Thai, Singaporean, and Korean student groups each presented delightful cultural items. Dr. George Babcock, an accomplished pianist, was also invited to entertain the audience with his virtuosity on the keyboard.

After the presentation of the Merlion souvenirs to the evaluation team members by Dr. Koh Kang Song and Dr. Donald R. Sahly, some team members were invited by Drs. Nancy and Steve Bassham to participate in a highlight of the program - the savoring of some selected and unique foods and fruits of the East. It was an experience the evaluation team would probably never forget.

To be in Southeast Asia Union College can be great fun: enjoying wholesome social programs such as this - an essential part of the wholistic educational experience in which we believe and for which we provide. — *Dr. Koh Kang Song, President, Southeast Asia Union College.*



The five students who were baptized: Yenny Yap, Lee Kok Jong, Cho Yong Soon, Jeffrey Liu and Alex Jong with the officiating ministers on the shore of the Straits of Malacca.



Guest artist Dr. Babcock performing.



"This is bird's egg and this is durian," urged Dr. Bassham.



"College artists bowing at the grand finale."

## FIRST SAUC BIBLE CAMP PROVES SUCCESSFUL

The golden sands of Port Dickson, West Malaysia greeted over 100 students from Southeast Asia Union College at the first-ever Bible camp early September 1983. All activities such as films, discussions, campfire, and praise sessions were planned to provide a relaxed Christian atmosphere for all students, faculty and their families to pray, play, and praise together. Pastor Ng Kah Seng of SAUC Church conducted the daily devotions and Ng Gan Theow, Saum Youth Director presented a Marriage and Courtship Seminar. The camp climaxed with the baptism of five college students from Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Korea. This baptism is the culmination of the college's overall evangelistic outreach program through the year. Other students indicated their desire to prepare for a later baptism after Bible studies. — *Pham Kow Seng, Theology Dept. SAUC.*