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Are You A Faithful Steward?

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The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it" (1 Cor. 10:26, R.S.V.). God's ownership of the earth and all it contains is a basic fact with every true Christian. The earth belongs to the Lord by virtue of creation. "The sea is his, and he made it; and his hands formed the dry land" (Ps. 95:5). God says, "Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. . . . If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fullness thereof" (Ps. 50:10-12).

The rightful owner of the earth, the omnipotent Creator, has placed man here as His steward. "For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods . . . He gave . . . to every man according to his several ability" (Matt. 25:14, 15). The admonition is "Occupy till I come" (Luke 19:13). As man tills the fields, carries on his business, or works at whatever his calling, the thought is ever to be with him, "God is the proprietor of all. I am but His steward," and "it is required in

stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Cor. 4:2).

A recognition of man's obligation to God makes a great difference in the life. It keeps alive spiritual sensitiveness and places man where God's blessings flow uninterruptedly into his life. God does verily bless faithful stewards. Many thousands around the world constantly testify to this. His promise to the faithful steward is, "I will . . . open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10). The Lord's messenger says, "Practical benevolence (another term for stewardship) will give spiritual life to thousands of nominal professors of the truth who now mourn over their darkness. It will transform them from selfish, covetous worshippers of mammon to earnest, faithful co-workers with Christ in the salvation of sinners." Testimonies, Vol. 3, p. 387.

In a certain city a man advertised in the papers offering a reward for the names and addresses of faithful tithers who had not been blessed. No such names and addresses arrived. But more than 10,000 people did write testifying to the blessings of Christian stewardship and describing their joys in its practice.

A newly interested woman had just been awakened to the blessings of tithing. She wrote to the workers: "Our tithe now is a grateful recognition of the Father's provision for our every need. It

is also our acknowledgement of our joint responsibility with Him for the welfare of our brothers and sisters in Christ. I give my tithe freely and unhampered by the natural thought of how I could have used it for my own personal benefit. I think that of all my activities tithing gives me the greatest pleasure."



The rich need to practice stewardship lest they come to trust in their riches and forget God. "Charge them that are rich in this world," Paul admonishes Timothy, "that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God" (1 Tim. 6:17). A boy in his teens experienced the blessedness of stewardship. He continued faithfully to practice it, and became a millionaire. On one occasion he was offered ten million dollars for his business. For a unique reason, unheard of among so-called astute businessmen, he refused the offer. The business he claimed, was not worth that much. "He is foolish," many thought, because he passed



by a "good deal." But a faithful steward is different. He is strictly honest with men and with God. He practices the golden rule in his transactions.

A number of years later this man did sell his business for less than half the former offer and retired to a modest home and simple life. "My needs are small," he said. But the needs of others loom large in his eyes. So he gave away \$4 million to needy institutions. "Too many institutions," he said, "get their money from dead men. I want to see them get it."

This attitude reflects a truly wonderful and satisfying privilege of the faithful steward. He has the opportunity of seeing at least some of the results of his stewardship in this life, in the reclaiming of the lost and in bringing joy and blessing to the poor, the needy, and the suffering. Life knows no greater joy than that.

The Blessings of Faithful Stewardship

Those who have little of this world's goods also need to experience the blessings of faithful stewardship. Two kindhearted church women went to a poor widow who supported herself and her two children by taking in washing. They tried to tell her that because of her poverty she should not feel obliged to pay tithe. "Let me alone," the woman replied through her tears. "You are trying to take away the greatest blessing of my life." As the two women left that humble home they carried with them a new concept of what Christian Stewardship means. Jesus called attention to a similar instance of devotion as He sat over against the treasury in the Temple and observed how people cast their offerings into the chest. He said of the poor widow who had cast in but two tiny coins, "She has given more than any of the others." She also received more of the Lord's blessing than any of the others had experienced.

No one should feel exempt for any reason from the responsibility of fulfilling his stewardship. There is no valid reason for failure or neglect here. As Jesus observed the givers in the Temple, so He observes them today. He measures the gift, not by the amount given but by the amount retained after giving. No one of all the

givers in the Temple that day surpassed the widow's gift, for no one had as little left after giving as she did.

We must not believe that the urgency for faithful stewardship will become less in the future than now. Rather, the urgency will become greater. God's work is daily expanding. The calls and opportunities for help are steadily increasing. We are told that "as God's work extends, calls for help will come more and more frequently."—The acts of the Apostles, p. 338.

You may have heard someone complain occasionally about the frequency of calls for funds to carry forward the Lord's work. It may be that at times you have felt that way. Remember that "calls for help will come more and more frequently," as we near the end. The increasing frequency of calls is evidence of the nearness of our Lord's appearing.

The Ledger of Heaven

The contrast between the churches of Smyrna (A.D. 100-323) and Laodicea (from 1844 to our time) is striking. Of the former, those earnest Christians of the bitter years of persecution, God said, "I know thy works, and tribulation and poverty, (but thou art rich)." Hardship and persecution left them little of this world's goods. But their spiritual balance in the books of heaven was large. With Laodicea it is different. "I

am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing," she says. But God says, "The heavenly books reveal no spiritual riches to your credit. You are miserable and poor and blind and naked." Notwithstanding, the Lord has good, saving counsel for this church and also pointed rebuke. Laodicea must recognize its responsibility.

Faithful stewardship will turn covetous, proud eyes from the fleeting and transient things of this life to the eternal riches that will never tarnish nor pass away. It will lead to a placing of the highest value upon the gold that has been tried in the fire, the white raiment woven in the looms of heaven, and the healing eyesalve that enables the purchaser to discern true spiritual values. It will enable us to value the things of time in the light of eternity.

The Scriptures plainly teach that there will be a divine audit of our stewardship someday. "After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them" (Matt. 25:19) May that day of reckoning find us trustworthy and faithful. How fortunate, how blessed, will be those to whom the Lord can say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the lord" (verse 21). What a great meeting of faithful stewards that will be. Let us all plan to be present.

A Faithful Tithe

We emphatically deny that it is ever possible to earn divine favor by paying tithe or by doing any of the other things that our heavenly Father has asked us to do. The expectation of Heaven's blessings is not a worthy motive for compliance with God's expressed requirements. Salvation is and always has been, a free gift. But we do believe that those who have found salvation through God's grace will so appreciate the blessings of salvation as to do, faithfully and will gladness of heart, all that God asks of them. Tithing is one of these things.

When we bring our tithes to the Lord we acknowledge His ownership and our stewardship. God is pleased to honor our faith

in His promise and countless thousands can testify to receiving it.

The following are several personal testimonies which appeared in the Review and Herald which support the Biblical teaching of God's faithfulness to reward His faithful children.

Protected From Burglars

About ten o'clock one fateful Saturday night soon after we had become Adventists, my husband, our two sons, and I returned home following an evening spent discussing the wonderful truths of the Bible with some Adventist friends. As we drove into the garage we scarcely noticed the police car parked across the street. As we

got out of the car Jimmy exclaimed, "Mommy, what's all the commotion about?" Then we realized that the street was full of shadowy figures of men and women and that doors were open all up and down the block, light streaming out through them into the darkness.

"What's happened?" my husband asked one of the men. "All the houses on these two streets have been burglarized." was the reply. "They've taken sewing machines, typewriters, rifles, 'piggy' banks, anything they could lay their hands on. You should see the inside of some of these houses."

Curious to see what had happened, the boys ran across the street. The house directly across from ours was a shambles. I stood in our driveway, fearful of what I would see when I opened the door of our house.

Then I recalled the promise of Malachi 3:10, 11—"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes." Together my husband and I claimed the promise.

With a prayer on our lips we hurriedly opened the door and turned on the light. Not one thing had been touched. How happy we were at that moment that we had been faithful in paying our tithe. No one will ever convince us that the Lord did not protect our home that night.

A Wheat Crop Spared

I have paid a faithful tithe for 63 years. In 1915 I was living on a 1600 acre ranch in Montana. Besides horses and cattle I usually had 64 acres in wheat and oats. In July of that year the wheat crop was all headed out when a severe hailstorm came from the north. I saw it coming two miles away, and at once we went into our house and prayed God for protection, claiming the promise of Malachi 3:10-12.

The Lord turned the hail to water the moment before the storm reached my ranch. My wheat and oats were spared, while my neighbors' crops for miles around were an entire loss. People came from great distances to see our crop, all standing in perfect shape. At harvest time we gathered thousand of bushes, and my wife and I had the privilege of furnishing

our neighbors hundreds of bushels of grain, without charge, to tide them over till the following year. Several of our neighbors became Seventh-day Adventists.

Skeptical Husband, Tithe-Paying Wife

A few months after I became a Seventh-day Adventist my husband and I went through a very difficult financial experience. He believed that the seventh day was the Sabbath, but rebelled at the idea of giving up flesh foods and tobacco, and of paying a regular tithe. I, however, began tithing the money I received, and any other money that passed through my hands.

On one occasion my husband was unusually vehement in his protests, warning that if we paid tithe we would be without food all winter long. I prayed as I never had before, and a kind Adventist friend who had been a real help ever since I joined the church encouraged me with the promise that the Lord would not let us starve. Right then I decided I would rather go hungry than hold the tithe back, and I promised the Lord I would pay it. That was the most difficult decision I ever made. My husband said I was crazy, and that I would be sorry when I had to go hungry.

Just after this our landlord stopped by for a visit, during the course of which he abruptly asked if we could use some Jonathan apples. We were to pick the apples on another place he owned, and to share them with him. I came home with ten bushels, and we had apples to eat all winter long. Later he gave us all the potatoes we could use, and supplies of other fruits and vegetables also. He gave us all the timber from his sawmill that we needed for cooking and heating, and asked my husband to work at the mill.

This winter's experience convinced my husband that it pays to pay tithe. From that time on he has turned all his money over to me to manage, and has never again objected to my paying tithe.

"The Best Winter We Ever Had"

Several years ago we were living, with our children, in a little village in central Wisconsin. My husband was out of work and

could not find any. Finally all we had left was a little tithe money, which he thought he would keep until he secured work. The outlook was bleak.

One day after looking fruitlessly for work, my husband came home and said that he had decided to turn in that tithe money. He did so the following Sabbath. The night after the Sabbath he felt impressed to call a contractor at Marston for whom he had worked in the past. Despite his certainty that it would be useless to call, he did so. The contractor said, "Sure. We have a housing project at Tomah. Go over there Monday and go to work."

My husband worked all winter long. The contractor was not an Adventist, but he never asked my husband to work on Sabbath. This was the best winter we ever had, and we have always believed it was a fulfillment of God's promise to faithful tithepayers.

Rabbits and Sweet Potatoes

Soon after I became a Seventh-day Adventist my husband planted several acres of sweet potato plants. The field was nearly surrounded by woods and sagebrush, which provided many good hiding places for rabbits. Anyone who is at all acquainted with rabbits knows that they like sweet-potato tops. Our sweet potatoes were growing nicely, and the rabbits had not bothered them.

One evening just after sundown my husband called me outside. Pointing to the field he said, "Look at the jack rabbits lined up there." Along the entire far side of the field I could see a straight line of big rabbits. They would turn their heads first to one side, then to the others apparently puzzled as to why they could not get at the sweet-potato plants. Apparently the Lord had said to them, "Thus far and no farther."

When we began to harvest the potatoes, the neighbors came to see the bountiful crop. They asked how we happened to have a crop of sweet potatoes at all, as rabbits had eaten all their plants.

Not being converted, my husband had refused my urgent requests to pay tithe, saying that he would not even consider so foolish an idea. To this day I believe that God honored my heart's desire to give Him the tithe, and

that He rebuked the devourer for my sake, as He had promised. How happy I was to turn in the tithe on that crop of sweet potatoes.

A Lost Coin Purse Returned

One day when I had been an Adventist for two years, I cashed my husband's pay check and deposited part of it in the bank. Then I placed the tithe in a tithe envelope, and the remaining \$40 or so in my coin purse, along with a grocery list. I believe this was a Thursday morning. My oldest son, then stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, had asked me to buy films for his camera and send them to him. Accordingly, I went from the bank to a drugstore about a block away, and then to the post office.

When I reached for my coin purse to pay the postage, I found it was gone. I immediately re-

traced my steps to the drugstore, looking carefully every step of the way, but found nothing. I had no other money except the tithe, and could not even buy groceries for the weekend.

I did not advertise for the purse, but I did pray about it and on Sabbath turned in the tithe as usual. Sunday came and I kept on praying, reminding the Lord that I had been paying a faithful tithe and asking Him to help me find the lost purse.

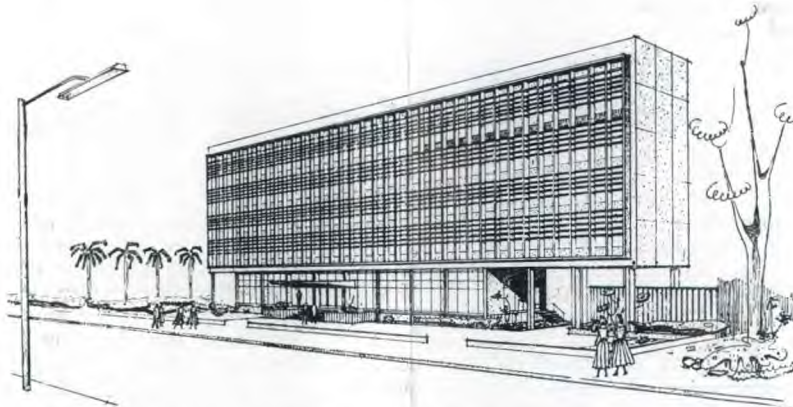
Early Monday morning the bank where I had been on Thursday telephoned and told me that a man had just turned in the coin purse, which contained my address and telephone number. They asked me how much money had been in the purse, and when I told them they said there was not a penny missing. The man who returned it did not give his name, and to this day I do not know who it was. But I

do know that God is faithful to His promises.

It Pays to Pay a Faithful Tithe

When we were new in the truth we received \$100 as a gift. We could easily have spent the whole amount for things we needed, but we decided to lay aside the tithe. Very soon we received an additional gift of \$10. We laid up the tithe on that also, and then received a letter from a friend who said he felt impressed to send us one dollar. We laid up the tithe on the dollar, and almost immediately found a dime in the clothesbasket. No one had any idea how it got there.

Our children were quite young at the time, and this experience made a strong impression on them—as well as on us. I believe God was trying to impress us with the fact that we never lose anything when we are faithful in returning to Him what is His.



Proposed five-storey Djakarta Evangelistic Center with a main auditorium seating twelve hundred people.

Djakarta (Java) Evangelistic Center

By Chris P. Sorensen, President
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During the past ten years we have been working toward developing a number of evangelistic centers, especially in the larger cities of the Orient. Thus far we have four centers operating. There are three others that we have been talking about, hoping and planning for.

One of these new centers is to

be located in the populous city of Djakarta, Java, with somewhere between three and four million people. We have had one central church in the city for many years, and during the more recent years a total of ten churches and one thousand Seventh-day Adventists have developed in Greater Djakarta. However, through the

years we have been hampered in our evangelistic program in the city of Djakarta in that there are no large halls or auditoriums available for public meetings; and, secondly we do not have a representative building in a good location of the city where we can attract others besides our own people.

Three years ago an overseas evangelist was called for Indonesia, with the intent that he would be located in Djakarta and give his time to large city evangelism. This call resulted in the coming of Pastor C. L. Shankel and family to Indonesia just over two years ago. Since arriving much of his time has been spent searching for a suitable location in the city of Djakarta.

At the Division Council, two years ago, when we were discussing the projects for the 1961 Sabbath School Overflow, this center was designated as the recipient of half of the overflow that would come to our Division. During the past two years a continuous search has been going on for land on which to construct such a center. It was utterly out of the question to find a building already built. Naturally, it was the desire of the brethren to find a central and appropriate location. Most of the land that has been available for purchase during these past two years has been land that would cost upwards of U.S.\$50,000.00 for just the land, and that seemed to be a lot of money to pay for the land alone. Now for the past couple of years the Indonesia Government has been projecting a large suburb outside of the city, and between that suburb and the city proper they are constructing a large stadium and buildings for the Asian Games, which are to be held in 1962. Proceeding from the city out to the Asian Games area of this fashionable suburb is dual-lane highway, with sidewalk and extra drives for bicycles and smaller passenger vehicles, and on this splendid highway are to be erected some of the finest buildings in Djakarta, including a fourteen storey hotel. Repeatedly the brethren tried to approach the Government Land Office in regard to the availability of government land. No less than five different times they tried to contact one certain individual in the Government Land Office, and were never able to make the contact. Then suddenly, early this year, when some of the brethren were in his office, the man came in, and they had an interview. Within a matter of an hour, other men who were vital to a decision on such a project walked in at just the right time, and it resulted in our receiving a cable at the Division Office:

"Agreement Signed Government Assigning Finest Location Evan- gelistic Center"

Here the government offered to us three lots, with a total frontage of 240 ft. on this dual-lane highway, right in the midst of these other large important buildings. This land was offered at a very small yearly rental and on a long-term lease. Naturally, there are some building restrictions, but not impossible and not below what we would want to build as a suitable evangelistic center. There are other denominational interests and activities that will be brought into the center later on, but in the main it is to be an evangelistic center.

One of the stipulations is that this building must be partially constructed by August of next year, and hence we are anxious to get into a building program just as fast as possible. It took us ten years to realize one other evangelistic center that we have built in this Division, and there is no desire on our part to take as long to get this one under way. Plans have been approved by the Division and the General Conference, and the Indonesia Union brethren are working hard on a construction schedule, and they hope to have the required amount of building completed by the time the Asian Games begin next August. We surely plead for a large offering for the evangelistic center in one of our largest cities in the Orient. We are depending on you.

Disfigured Face But New Heart

By J. R. Spangler

Her name is Mrs. Harjosentono. The story takes place in a small village on the island of Java, Indonesia. Until six years ago, she had never heard of the Bible, Jesus, apostles, cross, or salvation. Fear and superstition were her gods. The fact that she knew nothing about the love of Jesus Christ was the first tragedy. The second tragedy took place when her only earthly security, her husband, fell ill and died. She had been a widow only a week when one of the village men asked her to marry him. Her love for her husband made this offer repulsive. Marriage was unthinkable when

her husband had been dead only a few weeks. However, to refuse this proposal would inevitably bring trouble.

The suitor became enraged and threatened her, but to no avail. Anger turned to revenge. His retaliation followed an ancient custom which strikes fear in the hearts of those who believe that evil spirits can cause bodily harm if the proper procedures are followed. He contacted a spirit (or witch doctor) and paid money to this agent of Satan to cast a spell over this poor, defenseless soul who could look to neither God



Mrs. Harjosentono and her two children. Superstition is now replaced with the love of Jesus Christ.

nor man for help against this nefarious power.

Within hours after the ritual and incantations of the spirit medium were finished, a boil-like growth began in the victim's nose. Nothing she did could stop this monstrous evil. At this time, she was totally unaware of what was taking place. She appealed to her god,—superstition! Finally, one Friday morning—to her a sacred day—she burnt incense to appease the wicked spirits. The moment she lit the incense, a horrible sensation like that of scalding water thrown in her face caused unutterable agony. Next, she felt three spear-like stabs in her nose. Rushing to the elders of the village, she pled with them to tell her what was wrong. The evidence they presented caused her to realize that a spell had been cast over her and that evil spirits were doing this work.

It is customary in a case like this to search out another spirit doctor who possesses superior power over the one who is causing the damage. Money is paid to this doctor to counteract the horrible prescription of the enemy. This she did, but no doctor in the village seemed to have the power of the one hired by her spurned admirer. Nearly a year passed. Her face slowly disintegrated. Finally her nose completely collapsed and the area between her eyes turned into a sunken hollow. There was no infection, no drainage, and most amazing of all, no pain whatever following the experience of lighting the incense.

As I looked at this woman and heard her story, I could not help realizing that physical disfigurement is strictly secondary to the greatest disfigurement of all—the disfigurement of the soul resulting from sin. Every human being in this world suffers from this inward deformity. There has lived on this planet only one soul who escaped this tragedy—Jesus Christ. His escape is our salvation. I saw what this salvation could do for a person. Here, standing before me was a woman, who at one time, suffered both tragedies of having not only her face but her heart scarred with sin, ignorance and unbelief. Had her life ended then, perhaps those who knew not training school. Though it is on a small scale, still its influence is being felt now and will be felt more in the future. In May, 1960,

Pastor Soh Sek Tong, an able young evangelist, was called to conduct the school. There are only 12 students but they are enthusiastic. There is 21-year-old John from Nam Tha, Laos, baptized by Pastor Richard Hall in 1959. John is training to go back to work for his own people. Then Christ would have claimed it was all for the best.

God, however, in His mysterious and remarkable way, had a plan for this dear soul. First, He led Mrs. Hardjosentono's sister, Mrs. Lewis, to a knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Secondly, Mrs. Hardjosentono with her children finally moved in with her sister, Mrs. Lewis, and then the great miracle took place. The deformed and sinful heart of Mrs. Harjosentono was cleansed and purified by the blood of Jesus Christ. She was restored to full health and strength spiritually and physically. Today she stands as a witness to the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. True, her face bears the awful scars of what Satan can and will do if given the opportunity, but her heart has been rescued from the clutches of Satan. Today she is a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

This story could have been different—far different! Suppose our mission offerings had stopped. Suppose no one had been willing to leave the comforts of the homeland to share with those in other countries the message of salvation. Liberation from sin and fear would never have taken place in the life of this former prisoner of Satan.

Thank God our sacrifices for missions result in saved souls for the kingdom. This present fourth quarter, the 13th Sabbath overflow offering once again comes to the Far Eastern Division. Half of the overflow offering will go to the very island where the above story took place—the island of Java. It will be used to help erect a lovely evangelistic center in one of the large cities of the world, Djakarta, Indonesia.

The prominent site allocated to us by the government plus stringent building codes as to area and height have forced us to build on larger dimensions than anticipated. However, this is not a deterrent but rather a sign that God is causing the Indonesia Government to compel us to build on

a scale that we should have built on originally had our faith been sufficient!

This coming 13th Sabbath, we earnestly pray that you as well as we will have an experience similar to that of Moses on Mt. Nebo. An experience where our eyes of faith will be able to see across the ocean. To see the capital city of Djakarta. To see the multitudes who have no hope in God. To see those who were born into the world just as we were. To see them eat, drink, laugh and cry just the same as we! To see their insecurity, their fearfulness, their total ignorance of God's grace! Let us put ourselves in their place. Let us remember when we knew not the sanctifying power of Christ and then remember what it did for us when we found it. If we can feel with them, we can no more refrain from sacrificing on the 13th Sabbath than we can refrain from breathing!

Come with me to our modern prophet. She is in vision. A terrifying scene is taking place. She sees a company of people whose hair and garments are in a deplorable state. Look at their faces—see the despair and horror branding them. They come closer to Mrs. White. She tries to avoid them, but their wretched garments touch hers and in agony she sees large spots of blood appearing at the contact points. Slowly her own garment begins to disintegrate. Listen to her speak. “. . . I fell like one dead, at the feet of my accompanying angel. I could not plead one excuse.” Now listen to the reply of the angel. “This is not your case now, but this scene has passed before you, to let you know what your situation must be **if you neglect** to declare to others what the Lord has revealed to you. **But if you are faithful** to the end, you shall eat of the tree of life, and shall drink of the river of the water of life.” (Early Writings pp. 76, 77)

If we neglect—if we neglect—what a cruel but deserving experience will be ours! Ah, but if we are faithful—if we are faithful! Water of Life! Tree of Life! New Jerusalem! Fellowship with Adam, Abraham, Paul! Companionship of Angels! Personal contact with Christ! If we are faithful! Djakarta will have its center. If we are faithful! Citizens of that city will hear this

message! Many will be baptized. If we are faithful, we will stand on the sea of glass and beside us will stand someone from Indonesia. Remember the 13th Sabbath!



A Student in the Faith Course writes:

"I have always observed Sunday as the Sabbath but I've never really understood why, for the Bible says that the seventh-day (Saturday) is the Sabbath. After reading your booklet 'The Marked Bible.' I have come to understand a lot. Also your lesson 20 has explained so much to me which I have never been able to understand clearly. From today onwards I shall observe Saturday as the Sabbath."

A student in the Chinese Course writes:

"I am wondering why I have been so slow to realise God's great love for me. I want God to forgive me for doubting His love."

A student in the Tamil Section writes:

"For five years I have been striving to find God. I now rejoice that by His grace He has shown me the way to Him. I found the way to Him through His Word as explained in the thirty-two lessons which I have just completed. My only desire now is to be baptized by you. Until then I cannot enjoy perfect peace. I am sharing my faith with others. I am 31 years of age and have a wife and five children. Please instruct me as to how I can meet you and be baptized."

Your contributions to the Voice of Prophecy are doing inestimable good. Remember the next Voice of Prophecy offering will be taken in your church on December 30.

13TH SABBATH PROGRAM

The 13th Sabbath Offering and special program will be presented on Sabbath,

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Southeast Asia Union S.S. Dept.

Youth Centre Evangelism

By Daniel R. Guild
Director, the Voice of Prophecy

The evangelistic program in the Singapore Voice of Prophecy Youth Centre was launched on Sunday night, October 15. In spite of heavy rain all afternoon, one hundred and fourteen Voice of Prophecy students enrolled in the first series of classes which are to be held for ten Sunday nights to December 17.

Classes in first aid, music appreciation, electricity, and sewing are being conducted from 7:30 to 8:20 each Sunday night. The teachers are Dr. Stephen Tan and Dr. R. J. Steele of Youngberg Memorial Hospital, first aid; Mr. Nestor Zamora of Southeast Asia Union College, music appreciation; Mr. Jark Lau of the Singapore Polytechnic, electricity; and Mrs. Rosie Tan, sewing.

The secular classes are followed by a "Hope For Today" Bible class from 8:25 to 8:45. Although the Bible class is voluntary, more than one hundred of those who attended the other classes assembled for and enrolled in the Bible class. A forty-five minute recreation period organized by the Balestier Road Brotherhood closes the Session each Sunday evening.

Through becoming acquainted with the teachers and with our young people who attend the classes and through the personal contacts made in the Bible class, we expect to bring many of these Voice of Prophecy students into a saving knowledge of Christ.

News Notes

● The managers of the Southeast Asia Union medical institutions met in conference on Penang Hill during the first week of October to discuss methods and ideas for the increased effectiveness of this phase of God's work.

● Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Hebard have just arrived from Long Beach, California to relieve the doctor shortage in Southeast Asia Union. For the immediate present they will be located at Youngberg Memorial Hospital. Dr. Hebard served as Medical Director of the Penang Hospital and Sanitarium prior to World War II.



● Pictured above is Elder K. S. Wong, the new publishing secretary for Thailand. Under Brother Wong's consecrated leadership the colporteur army in this field has grown from one to eleven. This is just the beginning of greater success soon to come. Two very fine books in Thai will soon be available for our colporteurs to sell. These two books are fully illustrated. The Children's Hour with black and white pictures and the Guardian of Health in color and black and white. Both of these books will be sold in combination with a message-filled book. With these books available in Thai, we anticipate the number of literature evangelists in this field will soon exceed 25 or 30. A new Publishing House and Mission office will soon be constructed at Ekemai. From those printing presses bright beams of Gospel light will shine to the most remote homes and villages in Thailand.



● When Helen Tan and Lee Ko Li were united in marriage in Sydney, on August 13, they became the first "ex-Seminarians" from SAUC to be married in Australia. Li is a practicing architect while Helen is working as a nurse.

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● Southeast Asia Union welcomes Pastor A. Waworoendeng and his family who have recently moved from Indonesia to take up their new responsibilities in the Malacca district of the Malay Mission. Since 1958 Pastor Waworoendeng has been President of the East Java Mission. Mrs. Waworoendeng was Book and Bible House manager during the same period. Their two eldest sons are attending school at SAUC. We wish them the Lord's richest blessing and a fruitful ministry in this new field.

● From the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital word has come of the following news of changes in staff. These have left for home; Miss Royalynn Case, Dr. and Mrs. Truitt, Drs. Roger and Ethel Nelson, Miss Esther Feltus and Dr. J. E. Sandness. Those returning or newly arrived for the first time are; Miss Gertrude Green, Dr. and Mrs. Irvin Kuhn, Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Bowen, Dr. Samuel Ketting, Dr. Effie Jean Potts Ketting and Dr. Donald LaTourette who has returned to assist until the return of Dr. Roger Nelson.

● The Penang Sanitarium and Hospital recently announced the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Dick who will certainly bring relief to the heavy load Dr. Ordelleheide has been carrying the past months.



● Clarence Ing, Jr. and May Chan on July 9, May Chan who is well known here in Singapore married Clarence Ing Jr. of Stockton, California. Clarence is a third year medical student and May is a laboratory technician student at the White Memorial Hospital. We wish them much happiness and success in their new home.



● Elder and Mrs. Liberti Pandjaitan and their five children recently arrived in the Malaya Mission, where Elder Pandjaitan will be the new Publishing Secretary. Previous to coming to Malaya Brother Pandjaitan had 12 successful years of duty as publishing leader for the East Java Mission where he had 80 Chinese and Indonesian Colporteurs. The book work has always prospered and grown wherever Brother Pandjaitan has served. We take this opportunity to welcome the Pandjaitans into Southeast Asia's great and growing publishing family.

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