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"If Ever There Was A Time"

YOUR SACRIFICE IS NEEDED NOW

**G. O. Bruce, Secretary-Treasurer,
Southeast Asia Union**

AT the time of the 1966 Autumn Council in Washington, D.C., Elder R. H. Pierson, the General Conference President, and his associates presented an appeal to the world field to support in a special way the Week of Sacrifice Offering which was to be taken a few weeks later. When the appeal was made to the General Conference office staff, the General Conference leaders agreed to give at least one week's salary to this offering to provide additional needed funds for the world budget for our missions program.

From the initial presentation of this plan to the General Conference office, the spirit of giving spread out to the world field and resulted in the largest Week of Sacrifice Offering ever given by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The 1965 world offering amounted to US\$727,992.99, and with the additional promotion the 1966 offering came to US\$1,116,630.66, or an increase of US\$388,637.67. The Far Eastern Division offering in-

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creased from US\$8,355.80 in 1965 to US\$19,053.15 in 1966, or an increase of US\$10,697.35.

In our own Southeast Asia Union the 1965 Week of Sacrifice Offering amounted to US\$1,647.42. The 1966 offering was US\$8,343.28, or an increase of US\$6,695.86. I am sure that all of us are thankful to God for the wonderful spirit of sacrificial giving which is taking hold of the workers and members of the missions and institutions throughout our union field.

The following quotation from the Spirit of Prophecy in the book "Counsels on Stewardship" on page 37 brings courage to our hearts:

"If every church member were imbued with the spirit of self-sacrifice, there would be no lack of funds for home and foreign missions; our resources would be multiplied; a thousand doors of usefulness would be opened; and we should be invited to enter. Had the purpose of God been carried out in giving the message of mercy to the world, Christ would have come, and the saints would have received their welcome into the city of God. If ever there was a time when sacrifices should be made, it is now."

The time has come for us to make plans for the 1967 Week of Sacrifice Offering which will be taken on November 11 of this year. There are many workers and laymen in the Southeast Asia Union territory who have decided to give at least one week's salary towards the Week of Sacrifice Offering this year. As the Spirit of the Lord appeals to you, I am sure that you will receive a rich blessing as you give liberally on November 11 in



order that adequate funds may be available for our world-wide mission program.

Pastor T. K. Chong Takes Over Duties as Malaya Mission President

By D. R. Guild, President

RECENTLY the Union Committee appointed Pastor T. K. Chong as president of the Malaya Mission. He comes to his new post with a wide background of pastoral-evangelistic experience.

The first convert of the Singapore Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School, at the time of his conversion, Pastor Chong was a Roman Catholic working for the government in Kuala Lumpur.

After working in the Union office as transportation agent, Pastor Chong became the pastor of the Penang English Church. He has also pastored the Ipoh Church and the Kuala Lumpur English Church. At the time he was elected as president, he was the pastor of the Balestier Road English Church in Singapore.

Nearly every year since entering the ministry Pastor Chong has held a public evangelistic meeting. As a pastor, his imaginative approach to

every phase of church activity has inspired his members to greater service.

Let us pray for Pastor Chong and his leadership as he takes up this heavy responsibility.

Lee Family Leaves For New Work

By D. R. Guild, President

IN mid-July, workers and friends in the Malaya Mission bid farewell to Pastor and Mrs. S. J. Lee, and their daughter Rosalie. They departed for the United States where Pastor Lee has assumed responsibility as night supervisor of financial affairs at Loma Linda University Hospital.

Pastor Lee has carried heavy responsibilities in China. As business manager of the Signs Publishing House, business manager of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital and treasurer of the China Division, he later served as Union auditor here in Singapore and lately has been president of the Malaya Mission.

Pastor Lee is a man of deep dedication to the Lord and his presence will be greatly missed in the Southeast Asia Union.

COMING SOON!

Singapore-wide Evangelistic Crusade

WITH

Pastor Don Jacobsen

Evangelist

Please send in NOW the names of your Friends and Relatives with addresses if you wish them to be contacted in pre-campaign visits.





Pastor E. H. Wu was honored at Port Dixon Literature Evangelist Institute for his 43 years of service. He has been both literature evangelist and publishing secretary. A special cake and ice cream surprise comprised part of a special dinner in Pastor Wu's honor. He gave a special 30-minute talk to those present later in the evening, outlining success secrets vital to to-day's challenge to literature evangelists.

Port Dixon was chosen as the place for the 1967 Malaya Mission Literature Evangelist Institute. These dedicated workers set a '68 sales goal of M\$215,000.00. Sales, souls baptized and missionary reports from these workers in 1967 greatly exceeds the previous year. Seated left to right: C. K. Chan, B & PA manager; Y. C. Yap, Assistant PDS; S. S. Daniel, Malaya Mission publishing secretary; V. L. Bretsch, SEAU publishing secretary; Pastor E. H. Wu, honored for 43 years service in God's work; E. A. Brodeur, FED publishing secretary; and Choo Yau Fong, manager, Malaysian Signs Press.



Mrs. Leona Gouge, and her church school children in Saigon, took special MV offerings last year in order to supply beautiful pictures for the school rooms in the new building at the Saigon Training School. Seven lovely pictures, one for each new classroom, were presented recently to Mr. Ho, the registrar at the mission school. Over 900 students are now enrolled at the Mission Training School. Surely they will appreciate these lovely pictures as they attend classes from day to day.

Malaya Mission Teacher's Institute held at Southeast Asia Union College August 13-18, 1967.
(Photo by Chai Ming Chua of San Yu High School)



Golden Anniversary Year

50 Years under God's Blessing

Then

1917



THIS year of our Lord, 1967, marks the 50th anniversary of the Southeast Asia Union. The Messenger has published a special review of Heaven's blessing upon the work of the Union. We trust, in so doing, that gratitude for the work finished will find lodgement in all our hearts.

The first Seventh-day Adventist to visit Southeast Asia was La Rue, a literature evangelist, who came to the region in 1892, closely followed by an early convert in India in 1893. Bibles were sold and distributed about the 1900's.

In 1902 E. H. Gates, a pioneer worker in the region, and baptized a British soldier in the water. The Southeast Asia Union Conference sent G. F. Jones and G. F. Jones, an evangelist, to open work in Singapore.

By 1901 the work had grown to include Malaya. In 1912 Pastor F. A. Detamore took over as the first Mission. In 1917, the Southeast Asia Union Conference Malaysia (Malaya, Sabah, Sarawak) Singapore was organized.

Work began and was organized in each region: North Borneo Mission, 1907; Sarawak Mission, 1914; North Borneo Mission, 1914; Sarawak Mission, 1937 (re-organized 1957); Vietnam Mission, 1937.

What Hath God Wrought? During the past 50 years the church has seen real progress. We note the following:

105 Churches and Companies — 24 Colleges — 100 Academies — 1 College — 1 Dental Clinic — 1 Health and Welfare Center. Present budget

Top left: Ayer Manis School administration building

Middle left: Faculty and students at Sunnyhill School in front of new classroom buildings in use to-day.

Bottom left: Doctors and nurses of the Bangkok clinic hospital in use to-day.

for Southeast Asia Union

ing Denotes Real Progress

Now

1967

half-century history of God's church in the magazine records for your benefit, a brief of our pioneers and those who followed to God and a deep desire to see the work

Singapore is thought to have been Abram sometime between 1888 and 1903. He was a, Mr. H. B. Meyers. Many truthfilled books throughout Malaya.

er from Oceania, passed through Singapore of the China sea. In 1904 the Australian is wife, and Robert Caldwell, a literature

ude Singapore, Sumatra, and Java. And superintendent of the then known Malaysian Union, comprising Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, ore, Thailand, and Vietnam was organized. n of the local missions as follows: Cambodia, o (Sabah) 1914 (re-organized 1956, 1961); , 1961); Thailand Mission (including Laos)

the past fifty years every department of the ere a few examples:

urch schools — 4 day Academies — 4 Board- nic — 6 Hospitals — 3 Publishing Houses — otized membership stands at 11,225.

On the top right is its new replacement.

1935. The middle right picture reveals only one of the

in the late 30's and early 40's. On the right, a 200-bed





Volunteer Worker Baptized in Thailand

WHEN Peace Corps Volunteer Carol Resick was assigned to Bangkok, Thailand, as a physical education instructor at the College of Physical Education, it was the least of her intentions to become involved in changing her religious affiliation. However, after a three-week stay in the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, she accepted the invitation of Pastor A. E. Nelson, who was relieving in the chaplain's department at the time, to continue their casual Bible studies on a private basis, and found herself becoming more and more intrigued with Adventist beliefs. When she confided this interest to a fellow Peace Corps worker, she was advised to look into some of the other Protestant religions. However, Carol had already made her decision in the affirmative and several months later when she learned that Pastor and Mrs. Nelson were returning to the States, she asked Pastor Nelson to baptize her before leaving. Having become acquainted with

Beautiful Baptism of Souls at Vientiane

K. S. Wong, Chaplain's Department, Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital

SABBATH afternoon, August 12th, beside the mighty Mekong river at Vientiane, Laos, a small group of believers witnessed the baptism of three precious souls. These were the first fruits of the work our laymen have carried on there.

Before long a new missionary family will arrive to labor among the thousands of precious souls in southern Laos. Many opportunities for circulating literature and giving Bible Studies in Vientiane beckons us now. Surely this is our day to work for God as we've never worked before.

Let us pray earnestly for our few faithful brethren in Laos that soon God will raise up a mighty band to help finish His work in that needy land.

many of the personnel during her hospitalization, plus having a knowledge of the Thai language, Carol's acceptance of this last-day message has had a very positive influence on many of the students and workers of the hospital. Upon returning to the States, Carol plans to take further graduate study at one of our universities and hopes to return overseas—maybe even to Thailand, not as a Peace Corps volunteer but as a full-fledged Seventh-day Adventist missionary.



First Student Missionaries to Thailand

The first student missionaries to Thailand, Darryl and Audrey Benson, arrived in Bangkok on Sunday, August 27. This young couple, just married July 9, were June graduates of Pacific Union College. They will spend one year at the Ubol (pronounced Oo-bone) Adventist Mission School teaching English to the 500 students. A large portion of the students are not Seventh-day Adventists.

Chinese Signs of the Times Campaign

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

**Missionary Subscription
M\$5.00**

Order a good supply now
and share your faith the
"Signs" way in 1968.

Haadyai Vacation Bible School

by Elden B. Smith

Thirty happy children received Vacation Bible School Certificates at the Haadyai Seventh-day Adventist Church on August 31, 1967. It is wonderful what cooperative effort can accomplish. Pastor Rungsit gave hearty support to the school leader Mrs. Trophosa, nurse, and her associate, Mrs. T. C. Chin, wife of the Haadyai Mission Hospital manager. Most of the children came from non-Christian homes near the Mission Hospital and received their first impression of the love of Jesus. May the light of His love continue to glow in their hearts.



Haadyai Baptism

by Elden B. Smith

Three very fine people were baptized into church membership at the Haadyai Church on August 2, of this year. These three baptisms bring the total for the Thailand Missions to 104 for the first three quarters of the year in comparison to 117 for the entire year of 1966. We earnestly pray for a rich harvest during the final quarter of this year and will rejoice greatly if the Lord will give us 150 souls for the year.



Student Missionary Visits Alma Mater

By Maggie Tan

ERNEST Levos, alumni of Southeast Asia Union College, stopped over to see old friends and teachers during his brief vacation in Singapore before returning to the United States where he is enrolled at Pacific Union College.

Ernest finished his Junior College work at Southeast Asia Union College in 1964, left for the United States in 1965, and was given the rare privilege of being a student-missionary to Hong Kong the following year. Although he had to suspend his studies for one whole school year, Ernest feels that this tremendous and rich experience has more than made up for the loss of time in classwork.

In his work at South China Union College, Ernest has been able to pick up some Chinese. He was invited to speak to the college students at Southeast Asia Union College at their chapel exercise. The students enjoyed hearing his inspiring experiences as teacher and evangelistic worker. He taught English, Bible, and History in the upper secondary classes and held evangelistic meetings. Through these mediums he received firsthand experience in child evangelism.

Ernest returned to Pacific Union College in mid-July to complete his senior year, majoring in History and Religion. We are proud of Ernest and the fine work he is doing. We wish him Godspeed as he continues to prepare for greater service in the Lord's vineyard.



Pastor Sammy Lee, evangelist of the Sarawak Mission, is shown with a group of helpers who are unloading supplies from the Messenger airplane for use in village evangelism. Pastor Lee reports from Mentu, a place 25 minutes flying time from Kuching, that after two months of meetings eighty souls are attending Sabbath School. At Seterus, near Bintulu, after three weeks of nightly meetings, ninety-one members are enrolled in Sabbath School. Let us remember these many interested souls in our prayers.

Student Colporteur Peter Chan Interviewed by Pastor Dirksen

**D. E. Dirksen, President,
Nevada-Utah Conference**

I just met Peter Chan in Las Vegas, Nevada. I want you to meet him. Peter has just completed his summer's work as a student literature evangelist. I asked him to tell me something about himself. He kindly obliged.

"In 1963 I came from Malaysia on a student visa having obtained

the first literature evangelist scholarship from the Southeast Asia Union. I studied at La Sierra College for three years, spending each summer as a colporteur. I am now leaving for the Portland Sanitarium and Hospital where I plan to take a course in Medical Technology."

This will interest you. Peter's sales for the summers of 1966 and 1967 total US\$13,327.40. He had the highest student sales in the Pacific Union territory for both years.

The Las Vegas church and the Nevada-Utah Conference say "thank you, Peter. Your diligence has inspired us."

Pastor and Mrs. D. R. Guild were honored guests at a special dinner for former Singaporites now living in the United States. Reading front row: left to right: Valmae Koh, Winna Chen, Lily Phang, Dr. Clarence Ing, Mrs. Mae Ing (Chan), June Chan, Mrs. Lillian Guild, Daniel Guild, Mrs. Regina Low (Lim) and Dr. James Low. Back row, left to right: Jim Dailey, Mrs. Ruth Dailey, Sammy Tan, Diana Chin, Dr. David Kon, Doris Lee, Villy Chan, Carolina Lim, Choo Peck Song and Dayton Chong.



News Items From Southeast Asia Union

Maggie Tan Reporting

● **MRS. Ruth Kong** gave birth to an 8 lb 12 oz baby girl on May 18, just one day before her older boy's second birthday.

● **Olivia Chung** left by Pan Am to resume her studies at Union College on May 23. She was home for two months to be with her mother, Mrs. C. K. Chung, who is now recuperating from her recent polio attack.

● **Johnny Ngoi**, son of Mrs. Ngoi Bang King of Kuala Lumpur, left on the same flight with Olivia Chung. He will study at Union College.

● **Edward Poey** left for Spicer College, India, on May 28, 1967.

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He plans to obtain his degree in Business Administration.

● **Alfred Poey**, brother of Edward, left on June 7 for Lowry Memorial Higher Secondary School. He has enrolled for the Pre-University course leading to medicine.

● **Chin Yuk Fah** left in May for England to further his studies. His brother, **Chee Fah**, is also there and is reported to be doing well in his studies.

● **Rosalie Lim** arrived home on June 21 from the United States for her summer vacation. She has been attending Atlantic Union College and will be a senior this year majoring in English. She hopes to take graduate work in the field of library science.

● **Dayton Chong**, son of Pastor and Mrs. Joshua Chong, has been accepted by Atlantic Union College as a ministerial student. He left on July 30.

● **Chu Pek Song** was the happy recipient of a scholarship from Andrews University. He left for the United States together with Dayton Chong. Both Dayton and Pek Song were graduates of Southeast Asia Union College last year.

● **J. H. Lantry**, Educational Secretary of Southeast Asia Union, and Naomi Zalabak conducted a Teachers' Institute at Southeast Asia Union College during the August vacation. Pastor Lantry taught Adolescent Psychology while Miss Zalabak taught a methods course in Modern Mathematics. The teachers of Southeast Asia Union College and San Yuk High School received timely counsel of a professional and spiritual nature at this institute.

● **The Administrative Officers** of Southeast Asia Union College have had remarkable success in their ingathering contacts with business firms in the city. To date, \$118,746 has been received in cash, with pledges amounting to about \$70,000 toward the Building Fund of SAUC. Construction of the new auditorium and library is underway; the building is expected to be ready for use in December. More funds will be needed to complete the building and to have it appropriately furnished.

News From Oversea Student Association, Philippine Union College

THE PUC Oversea student Association extends a warm welcome to the new students and it is our sincere hope that all these students will have a pleasant sojourn at PUC. This year, the association increased its membership to sixty, with Thailand leading the group (14 students) and followed by Malaysia (10). The newcomers from Southeast Asia Union Mission include Mr. Choo Pek Lin, Malaysia, BS major in Biology; Mr. Leong Swee Gin, Malaysia, BSE major in Maths; Mr. Lawrence Pohan, Malaysia, BS in Commerce; Mrs. Pohan, Malaysia, BSS course; Mr. Montree Phannoi, Thailand, BA major in Pre-medical course; Mr. Prakord Koachareon, Thailand, BS MT course; Mr. Poe Angsumalikul, Thailand, BSMT course; Mr. Chialaw Artamapadong, Thailand, BA major in Philosophy and History. The association also welcomed its new sponsor Dr. Gottfried Oosterwal.

The new officers for the school year of 1967-1968 are as follows: President — Pastor Le Huu, Vietnam; Vice-president — Edmund Ho, Singapore; Secretary — Paichit Keerikoolarn, Thailand; Treasurer — Ayano Baules, Palau; Public Relations Officer — Jonathan Ng, Malaysia; Palimentarian — Stanley Hutton, India.

Jonathan Ng, a junior ministerial student from Malaya Mission returned recently from a two-and-half-month tour around the South Philippines. The trip which was really a colportearing jaunt took him all the way to Jolo in the extreme southern tip of the island. Places visited included Cebu, Dumaguete, Zamboanga, Jolo, Davao, Cagayan de Oro, Iligan, Marawi, Ozamiz, Clarin, Dipolog, Dapitan, Iloilo and Bacolod. He also paid visits to Adventist academies and wound up with a trip to Mountain View College. In his trip, Ng held three successful revival meetings in Dumaguete, Zamboanga and Jolo. On the ship from Manila, he held a preaching service on Sabbath. Permission was granted by the captain and the room was packed full. Beside travelling 4,000 kilometers, Ng also was able to earn a scholarship.