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Elder W. E. Coe, Vice President of the General Conference, addressing union year-end participants.

## SAUM AT YEAR END

The 1985 SAUM Year-end Committee session held November 17-21 in Singapore was characterized by a spirit of unity and sincere desire to accomplish greater exploits for God during Harvest 90.

From the opening address by President George Johnson, through the devotionals by I. E. Grice, FED Treasurer, Gordon E. Bullock, FED Assistant Secretary, to the closing message by Elder W. E. Coe, Vice President of the General Conference, an urgent call to total dedication was made. The delegates were inspired to be "full-time" totally committed and involved for God.

Secretary C. Y. Wu encouraged those present with his progress report. There were 1833 baptized this year in contrast with 1475 last year. Treasurer Tom Staples urged the administrators to be responsive to dynamic changes in the financial world with conservative and realistic budgeting, timely financial reports, and up-to-date accounts of their institutions.

Pastor Ng Gan Theow was elected to direct the new Church Ministries Department with Geoffrey Pauner and Calvin Smith as his assistants. This is in accord with the structural change at the GC and division levels. Dr. Nancy Bassham has been called to serve as the Home and Family Service Director on the Division Church Ministries staff. We have greatly appreciated her expert work in the Union as Home and Family, and Child Evangelism director for the past two years.

The Voice of Prophecy under Calvin Smith's directorship conducted rallies this year in Singapore, Malaysia, Sabah, and Thailand. By late November, the number of VOP active students in Bangkok had increased by 50 percent, bringing Thailand's total to 1200 active students, an increase of 400 during 1985. The Chinese "Way of Life" course was revised and now the Tamil course is being updated. Baptisms in 1985 were 263 as compared to 187 in 1984.

Pastor Smith, Lay Activities and Communications Director, reports that four important actions were taken in support of lay activities outreach. It was voted that 1) each church pastor conduct a minimum of one weekly witnessing training class, 2) each church pastor devote a minimum of the equivalent of one day per week to on-the-job training, 3) that each mission employ one full time on-the-job witnessing trainer, and 4) that a determined re-emphasis be given to the establishment of and maintaining of action teams (cell groups) in each church.

Miss Peggy Chaw from the Health/Temperance Department reported that God blessed the Bangkok Adventist Hospital with 33 baptisms, Haadyai Adventist Hospital with 27, Youngberg Adventist Hospital with 9, Phuket Adventist Hospital with 5, and Penang with 3. All these hospitals maintain good rapport and trust with the communities and the governments through their community outreach programs.

Randy Horning, Publishing Director, reported that a number of literature evangelists enjoyed the Abram La trip to General Conference. Baptisms resulting from the literature evangelist's work are on the increase with a high from Thailand of five persons. A "Working Document" for literature workers was accepted to be implemented in 1986. The publishing leaders will be looking for dedicated church members to join the literature ministry team and come to Mount Kinabalu National Park to celebrate the next Union wide LE Convention September 9-14, 1986.

Ng Gan Theow, Director for Youth Ministries, says that in 1986 the emphasis of the Youth Department will be youth evangelism and leadership training. To facilitate such training, five youth congresses will be conducted next year with the theme "Tomorrow's Leaders Today".

Geoffrey Pauner, Director of the Education department, is working towards a stronger school involvement in evangelism during Harvest 90. The educational directors will conduct at least one effort with the help of teachers and students. Plans are being laid to strengthen the Bible departments to make each school an evangelistic center. continue on bottom of page 3

## IN FOCUS

### A MODERN DAY BOOK OF ACTS

Miss Van Lang, a Bible worker from 1981 to 1983, witnessed among the Cambodian border camps. A church was started at the Nong Samet Camp. In September 1984, a request came for my husband and me to conduct a baptism there. "Impossible," we thought! The area was then under frequent attack by the Vietnamese communists. "Only a miracle will get us through," my husband remarked, "but let's try." So on December 11 we drove to the border, praying for God to open the door. Amazingly the colonel waved us through, hardly pausing to glance at the Bibles and song books we carried. That wonderful Sabbath, 28 Khmer people were baptized.

Just 13 days later the communist soldiers began an intensive attack on the camp. Confusion was everywhere while 60,000 people screamed, pushed, and shoved to reach an area of safety away from the burning camp. Church member Sorn Sophat later recounted:

"As the incursion happened unexpectedly, everybody hurriedly left home mostly bare handed. We hated to leave our lovely church. We cried on seeing the black smoke billowed, the camps partly caught on fire, just minutes after the run.... Now we must meet under the trees. All the Christians here still have strong belief in God and expect Him will come soon and put an end to such suffering.... Would you please pray that God will continue to be with us and give us courage. We thank God for saving our lives."



A group of 58 refugees learning the story of Jesus in a temporary shelter of wood and thatch at the Site II (Ampil) camp.



Refugees at the place where a bamboo church is being built in the Site II camp.

The membership of the Nong Samet Khmer SDA Church was about 200 at the time of the evacuation. But as the apostolic church in Jerusalem scattered under persecution so likewise these dear people separated. Some went to Khao I Dang camp, some to Bang Phu Evacuation site, and some to Dangrek Site II. In each new area the members began teaching and spreading the good news of the gospel.

From the Dangrek Site II camp filled with 120,000 refugees, church members wrote requesting Bibles and other supplies. Under the circumstances, entering this large camp was impossible. We prayed for another open door. Then it was that the Canadian Embassy asked us to take sewing machines to the camps.

Excitedly we gave them our answer! Of course, we would carry sewing machines. We needed no second invitation. We visited the Site II camp for the first time and delivered all our wares including the Bibles, VOP lessons, and song books. While visiting with the members, I learned of several new groups now meeting throughout the camp. Together they had just gotten permission to build a church. Now could we possibly bring them some bamboo?

We couldn't turn down their plea. Those eager, expectant eyes turning toward us burned into our hearts. We must try even though we knew it would take several months before we could gather the needed supplies. Finally on July 14, 1985 our family returned. Our truck was loaded with bamboo and thatch for the new church, clothing, and 12 boxes of Bibles, VOP lessons, and song books. The people came running out of their Bible class shouting and clapping their hands in joy for this special miracle of God's care. They could now build their church.

Since the December, 1984 attack on the village of Nong Samet, God has raised up four strong churches along the Cambodian border. Today approximately 400 Khmer people meet in the Khao-I-Dang church. The former Bang Pho Church members were required to move to a new camp just inside Cambodia, but before they built their own homes they built a church to worship in. The Vietnamese SDA continue on page 3

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Church on the border has about 350 people attending services. The Ampil church Site II has a group of 65 with a planned baptism soon of 71 people. Smaller new church groups are being formed in the large Site II camp. We praise God for the continuing spread of His message among these Khmer refugees by the Nong Samet Cambodian church members.

In the Vietnamese section of the Phanat Nikhom refugee camp another miracle in God's modern day Book of Acts is in progress. Stanley Maxwell, son of Dr. and Mrs. Mervyn Maxwell from Berrien Springs, Michigan, came in 1983 to volunteer his services as a Bible and English teacher. The camp consists of transit refugees and young defectors from the Vietnamese communist army. Though Stanley often has only a short time to get acquainted with these people, it does not deter his efforts to share his faith. This year 204 Vietnamese have been baptized largely through Stanley's work. We praise God for the privilege He gives to each of us to be a part of this modern day miracle experience on Thailand's borders.

— Judy Aitken, Bible Worker for Thailand's Refugees



A group of Vietnamese refugees at Phanat Nikom refugee camp. Stanley Maxwell, their teacher, is in the center of the front row with a friend's arms around his shoulders.

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Dr. Steve Bassham, Ministerial Director, reports that following the union wide leadership Day of Prayer and Fasting on January 3, all the churches of SAUM will hold revival meetings over a long weekend the later part of January. We are praying for the Holy Spirit's outpouring as we begin Harvest 90.

— Calvin Smith, Communications Director, SAUM

## SAUM SENDS AIDE TO COLOMBIA

In recent months, one disaster has followed another, with hundreds and thousands of people losing their lives in airplane crashes, the Mexico City earthquake, the Colombia volcano eruption, and other tragedies.

Christ taught that in the last days "there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; and sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear...."

Just as a thief in the night, the Colombian volcano sent a sea of mud to cause death and destruction to the town of Armero. Among the thousands of dead were an estimated 140 Adventists, including the Adventist church pastor's wife and two children, and the families of several other church workers.

Immediately following the disaster, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency International (ADRA) sent two airlifts to Colombia carrying 300 tents, 2,000 blankets, medical supplies, generators, clothing, and flashlights -- a total of 136,000 kg. or relief supplies. In addition, ADRA set up centers to feed and clothe disaster refugees and feed volunteer workers.

Elder Ralph S. Watts, Jr., the Executive Director of ADRA, stated, "Our resources have been strained with this disaster following so closely after the one in Mexico, but we are committed to doing whatever we can to help these people rebuild. We count upon the continued generosity of our donors to enable us to be of assistance in this crisis."

Seventh-day Adventists around the world received the invitation to share in giving aid to the stricken ones of Colombia. Here in the Southeast Asia Union, several of the missions and institutions have responded to this appeal through an offering of thanksgiving to the Lord for His protection and an expression of sympathy to our brothers and sisters in Armero and Lerida.

At the SAUM year-end session, the Union Committee took an action to allocate S\$1,000 of disaster funds to the Colombia-Venezuela Conference for use in relief to the volcano-hit area of Colombia.

Southeast Asia Union college donated S\$500, Penang Adventist Hospital gave M\$500; Thailand Publishing House and the Thailand Mission have each pledged baht 5,000, and the Sabah Mission has given M\$400. The total amount thus far sent from the Southeast Asia Union is S\$3,095.

The Colombian government has requested the Seventh-day Adventist church, through ADRA, to remain very active in the post-tragedy efforts. Rescue work is over, family members have been reunited insofar as possible, the temporary shelter has been provided. Now the task remains of helping the survivors to rebuild their homes and their shattered lives. Workers in the SAUM feel it is a duty and a privilege to be able to contribute in some small way to the efforts of ADRA in helping these suffering brothers and sisters.

— George Johnson, President, SAUM

## VOLUNTEERISM — A WAVE OF THE FUTURE

In Singapore recently, Elder Richard Barron reported that during General Conference in New Orleans the need was discussed for full-scale volunteerism. "We need a greater variety of calls from the world fields," the men exclaimed.

Teaching English has for some time been the accepted mode of service for almost all student missionaries. "Let's talk about diversification," urged Elder Barron at the November English Languages School Advisory held in Singapore. Ahead of this expressed need, God was already working to bring diversification to Singapore. Lana and Gloria arrived in October to fill two brand new volunteer posts of service.

Lana Smith, a senior Loma Linda University nursing student from Provo, Utah, is serving in the publishing department of Southeast Asia Union Mission. Being the first student missionary to serve in Singapore in recent years, Lana is often asked, "What are you doing here?" In her winsome way she replies, "I'm working in the publishing department helping to develop a teaching curriculum for the new Literature Evangelist Seminary here in SAUM."

She is transcribing lectures from a dictaphone and developing art work and overhead projector transparencies for illustration purposes. She has learned to use the computer and computerized type-setter at the publishing house to aide her work.

Gloria Duncan is a registered nurse on a two-month vacation from her work at Total Health Foundation in Yakima, Washington. Hearing of Youngberg Adventist Hospital's Newstart program, she inquired as to the possibilities of her being able to help. The answer was "Yes, please come!"

In addition to helping with the December 1-8 Newstart program, Gloria has organized two "Taste-in" meals for Newstart Alumni. Following each meal Gloria has handed out recipes and demonstrated some dishes. The response from the participants has been very enthusiastic and now they are asking for more.

Diversified volunteerism has brought new life and energy to two aspects of Singapore's outreach. We thank God for His foresight in sending these volunteers to us and pray that throughout the world field many more will find new ways to donate their services to the Lord during Harvest 90.

— Lorilyn Horning, Managing Assistant, Messenger

**Heaven and earth are no wider apart today than when shepherds listened to the angels sing**

**But we must individually hear Him speaking to us. When every other voice is hushed, and in quietness we wait before Him, the silence of the soul makes more distinct the voice of God.**



Gloria Duncan (left) and Lana Smith.

**Take time to hear His voice this holiday season.**

**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

*from your*

*Resource Friends*

*in*

**SAUM.**



## AWR ASIA NEWS

With lots of sunshine to dry out the soil and a big push by the road crew, the half-mile long AWR access road was completed November 10, two months after it was started. Nearly 4,000 cubic yards of coral were required to complete the 20-foot wide road to the construction site. PVC conduit has been laid underground along 400 feet of this access road. Now that the road is finished the utility lines can be laid into the site.

A sales contract was signed with Thomson CSF of France for the purchase of two transmitters on November 5. The two 100,000 watt, shortwave transmitters will be made in Paris and are expected to arrive in Guam some time in May, 1986. Two additional transmitters will be purchased when funds are available—perhaps next year.

Memorial funds for Adventist World Radio have recently been established in memory of Anna E. Steele, mother of Allen Steele, and Catherine Dower, wife of N.R. Dower. Donations to these funds may be sent directly to the General Conference communication department.

## HIGHLIGHTS ON WEST MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE.

### SAN YU HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETES ANOTHER CHAPTER

San Yu High School recently completed a second four-storey building for classroom and administrative offices. To date, the total existing plant includes 15 classrooms, administrative offices, staff room, canteen, library, an enlarged basketball court and assembly ground, and a large church hall. The campus will soon be enhanced by a government-funded park directly behind the school.

Since the school's beginnings in 1957, the school has acquired the status to teach in the pre-university arts, English, and commercial streams. It was appointed as an examination centre for GCE 'O' and 'A' levels. To date, it has graduated 1804 students and baptized 287.

Past achievements are good. But we want to strive for greater academic achievement and enlarged evangelistic outreach during the next year of this school to which we so proudly belong.

— Daniel Lim, Chaplain, San Yu High School



San Yu High School with the completed four-storey wing in the background.

**O**ur Heavenly Father,  
empty us of self  
and fill us with Thee.

—Glenn Clark (1882-1956)



Seashore baptism for students of Singapore SDA School.

### MILESTONES IN 1985 FOR SINGAPORE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOL

In 1985, Mr. Samuel Teo, teacher at San Yu High School, accepted the principalship of Singapore SDA School. Mr. Teo has taught science and health courses for several years in Singapore and Sarawak. He received his nurse's training and Master's in Public Health from Loma Linda University.

A Bible camp early in the year resulted in two seashore baptisms off St. John's Island and East Coast Parkway. During a week of prayer for the Primary school many students gave their hearts to the Lord, resulting in a continuing baptismal class of fifteen young people. Bible study classes of various sizes are being conducted by several of the teachers for the secondary students. It is the aim of the school to have every teacher conduct a Bible class in 1986.

The school has plans to improve its physical facilities by building two new blocks of classrooms. Financial assistance is greatly needed to help these plans materialize. Appeals are being made to parents, administrators, church members, and friends to establish an endowment fund of \$2 million. We solicit your support and prayers as we look forward to this project and the new school year.

— Michael Lim, Teacher, SDA School, Singapore

## JURONG SDA CHURCH IN PROGRESS

"Let us arise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work." Neh. 2:18.

The new Seventh-day Adventist church located on the west side of Singapore in the new town district of Jurong is continuing to progress toward completion. The super structure of the three-storey Kindergarten/Community Services/Pastors' residence block is done. The social hall and sanctuary are well in progress. General construction by the contractors will be finished by March, 1986. Worship services will begin in June after finishing touches to the complex are completed.

— **Danson Ng, Associate Secretary, WMSM, and Jurong Church Project Manager.**



The new Jurong Seventh-day Adventist Church in later stages of construction.

## TRAGEDY RESULTS IN JOY

The evening of November 23, 1984 was just like any other Sabbath. The young people were looking forward to the AY fellowship. Dennis and a friend were on their way to the meeting, when his motorcycle skidded at a corner throwing Dennis to his sudden death.

The tragedy brought untold sorrow to Dennis's family, particularly his mother. It was a shock to all his fellow workers at Penang Adventist Hospital. They deeply missed his friendly cheerfulness and ready, willing spirit. Mrs. Hannah Lai and Pastor Jimmy Toh from the Chaplain's department went to minister to the grief-stricken family. In their sorrow, the Choo family appreciated the comfort these two Christian workers brought to them. They began to see God's love revealed through His promises. Threads of hope and joy shown through the tangled maze of sorrow.

On September 21, 1985, less than a year later Dennis' mother and sister were baptized. Today they are joyfully sharing their new faith.

— **Albert Phua, Chaplain, Penang Adventist Hospital**



Pastor Jerry Chang greets Pastor George Johnson in lobby following the meetings

## JERRY CHANG MEETS WITH SUCCESS IN SINGAPORE

Pastor Chang, former pastor of the Thomson Road Chinese Church, returned in October during his annual vacation from present duties as associate pastor of the English church in Vancouver, Canada, to hold an evangelistic series.

This city-wide crusade was conducted Monday through Thursday nights for three weeks. Pastor Chang preached in Mandarin with translation given by Pastors Daniel Lim, Ng Gan Theow, and Mr. Ee Teck Ee. During the day Pastor Chang, accompanied by the Singapore pastors, visited interested persons.

Nearly 600 people attended on the weekends with some less during the week days. A total of 34 individuals came forward on the closing night to commit their lives to Jesus. They are studying now with the pastor of the Chinese church.

— **Alfred Low, Assoc. Director for Communications, WMSM**



A wide variety of music brought sweet richness to the meetings.

## NEWSTART AT YAH BEARS FRUIT

Upon invitation, Mr. and Mrs. Yip joined Dr. Clarence Ing's on-going Bible study group consisting of interested Newstart alumni and friends in July, 1985. The Holy Spirit convicted them of the love and care of a wonderful heavenly Father.

Mrs. Yip Siew Eng decided to attend the September 8-13 Newstart program to learn even more about a better lifestyle for herself and her family. The "Guidelines for Living" that she learned during the week she shared with her husband. They began at once to implement them in their home.

Their interest continued to deepen bringing them to a climatic Sabbath. November 2, Mrs. Yip was baptized into the SAUC Church after she and her husband spoke about the joy, happiness, fulfillment, and good health they have enjoyed since giving their lives to the Lord and putting into practice the principles learned during the NEWSTART program. Her husband plans to follow her in baptism soon.

There is nothing more joyous than seeing someone you have studied with and prayed for give their lives to the Lord and join His church in baptism. This is the reward the Lord offers to each of us as we work for Him.

— Clarence S. F. Ing, MD, Youngberg Adventist Hospital



Mr. and Mrs. Yip (center) with Dr. and Mrs. Ing before the baptism.

Perfectly to will what God wills,  
to want what He wants,  
is to have joy.

Meisten Eckhant, 14th Century.



Miss Mary Ng, Associate Director, Sarawak.



Mr. Steven Kan, Associate Director, Singapore.

## ASSOCIATE PUBLISHING DIRECTORS STRENGTHEN WORKING FORCE

The publishing department is pleased to announce the addition of two new associate publishing directors to recruit and train literature evangelists.

Miss Mary Ng is the new associate for the Sarawak Mission. She has been a faithful literature evangelist for over five years. After her baptism in 1979, she decided she wanted to do more for the Lord than work as a servant in a home. The Lord has richly blessed her outreach as a literature evangelist. It has been thrilling to see her grow from a timid girl into a strong witness for the Lord.

Mr. Steven Kan accepted the associate publishing directorship for the Singapore area. Mr. Kan left the printing trade years ago when he decided he wanted to be more active in witnessing. Since then the Lord has blessed Mr. Kan's service as a literature evangelist, assistant, and publishing director. We are happy to once again have him on the leadership team.

The work of the literature evangelist offers opportunity for church members to leave secular employment and share their faith full time with the people of the community. No matter what your background, the Lord can use you in the literature ministry. For more information, please write your local publishing department.

—Randy Horning, Publishing Director, SAUM

## LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SEMINAR AT YAH

Department heads and supervisors of Youngberg Adventist Hospital attended a two-day Christian Leadership and Management Seminar held at the hospital auditorium on September 18 and 19, 1985, sponsored by the Far Eastern Division Departments of Health and Education.

Under the theme, "Causing Others to Want Your Leadership", Dr. Everet Witzel, FED Health Director, Mr. D. Laurence Dunfield, FED Associate Health Director, and Dr. Don Sahly, FED Associate Education Director covered such topics as management styles, dealing with negative criticism, decision making skills, temperament analysis, dealing with stress, how to deal with difficult people, and time management.

According to Dr. Witzel, it is the first seminar of this nature the team has conducted for hospital department heads. He hopes to extend this service to other hospitals in the Division.

The most interesting part of the seminar was the temperament analysis from which participants could see why they react in certain ways to the various situations of working life. Hospital President Ken Reimche expressed his appreciation for the valuable services of the team when he presented tokens of appreciation during the closing ceremony of the seminar.

—Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, Youngberg Adventist Hospital.



Dr. David Thomas of Walla Walla College speaking at the seminar.

## SELF DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR AT YAH

Self Development Seminar, a monthly in-service education program started in January 1985 sponsored by the Nursing Service in co-operation with the Chaplaincy Service, received excellent response from nurses and office staff.

Discussion topics consisted of developing a healthy self-image, family communication and relationship, communication skills and good nursing, temperament analysis, learning styles and leadership, overcoming feelings of inferiority, transactional analysis, and total healthful living. Supporting Chaplain Jonathan Ng, who served as the seminar's main speaker, were guest speakers: Dr. Victor Valbuena, professor of communications, University of the Philippines; Dr. Linda Koh, head of SAUC Education Department; Mrs. Doreen Ng, SAUC Registrar; Mrs. Patricia Fong, from the National Youth Leadership Institute of Singapore, Dr. David Thomas of Walla Walla College, and Miss Gloria Duncan of Total Health Foundation in Yakima, Washington.

Miss Judith Newman, Director of Nursing Service, strongly felt that the excellent response is an indication of the willingness of nurses and staff to participate in personal development. It demonstrates the need for more in-service education programs in the future for staff development.

— Jonathan Ng, Public Relations Director, Youngberg Adventist Hospital



Seminar speakers (left to right): Dr. Witzel, Mr. Dunfield, and Dr. Sahly.



Nurses show their appreciation for Self Development Seminar.



## HIGHLIGHTS ON THAILAND

### EKAMAI THAI CHURCH CHOIR SHARES ITS FAITH

Twice this year the Ekamai Thai Church choir, under the direction of Mrs. Nursia Supunavong, shared their faith in surrounding communities. The first trip was to the Ubon Rachathanee area to share a theme entitled, "The Influence of the Church Hymnal in the Christian Life." The group sang hymns and testified to its influence in their lives. Many young people and adults promised to learn more songs from the Church Hymnal.

Mrs. Srirat Sorajakul, Home and Health Director of Thailand Mission, joined this trip. Together with Mrs. Nursia they led out in discussions for the wives concerning the "Duties of the Christian Wife" and "On Being a Pastor's Wife."

On Sabbath afternoon the group used the classrooms of the former church school for medical outreach. Drs. Somsak Supunavong and Amy Santimalapong, choir members, extended their medical and dental skills to the community. Nearly 134 individuals received medical assistance, and 52 persons received dental help. While the medical-dental outreach was in progress the rest of the choir team distributed tracts and conducted branch Sabbath School.

The second trip in September ministered to the Korat Church group. This programme was divided into two parts, the health talks in relation to the spiritual aspects, and singing. This trip not only provided the opportunity to encourage others, but also strengthened a close relationship among the choir members.

— Mrs. Nursia Supunavong, Choir Leader, Ekamai Thai Church



Ekamai (Thai) Church Choir in front of Ubon Church

### NEW EVANGELISTIC APPROACH FOR THE BUDDHIST PEOPLE

New methods for evangelizing the Buddhist people of Thailand are being researched by the Far Eastern Division, Southeast Asia Union Mission, and the Thailand Mission under the direction of Pastor Cliff Maberly, an Australian pastoring in northern Thailand. Hundreds of hours have been spent researching, studying, writing, and traveling to seek new ways to reach these followers of Buddha. Some materials will be completed by the end of November.

Recently Pastor Sapon, our pastor in Thailand's second largest city, Chiangmai, attempted a brand new method of outreach with much success. He rented a stall at the night market for a few weeks. Sabbath school picture roll pictures were framed and put up all around the booth wall. Magazines, tracts, books, and VOP enrollment cards were placed on a table. Hostesses greeted people, inviting them to sit and peruse the books and magazines.

Missionaries from other protestant churches came in wanting to know where they could get pictures like these to use in the same way. All together, 2,862 people came into the Adventist booth, and 635 enrolled in our three different Thai VOP courses. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will powerfully work on the hearts of these people as they receive the lessons.

— W. L. Wilcox, President, Thailand Mission



The Thailand workers hold up three fingers to indicate their decision to set aside January 3 for prayer and fasting.

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR HARVEST 90

The Thailand Mission workers recently met in Mae Taeng, North Thailand to discuss HARVEST 90 plans. They chose to follow the Southeast Asia Union's suggestion that Friday, January 3 be set aside for spiritual renewal, prayer, and fasting by the workers prior to celebrating the communion services the following day. The following week, our churches throughout the Union will be holding revival meetings in preparation for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as HARVEST 90 begins its forward thrust.

— Wm. Steve Bassham, Ministerial Secretary, SAUM

## BAH STUDENT NURSES SHARE THEIR FAITH

The last of October several student nurses together with Pastor N. M. Penaflorida visited five churches in the Panatnikom refugee camps. They enjoyed a very full and rewarding day cheering the refugee church members with their songs and words of comfort. Pastor Penaflorida baptized 15 individuals. Pastor Penaflorida encouraged these tired, homeless but precious people to keep their eyes on their heavenly home where their real citizenship is.

— Edwin Timple, BAH Public Relations Officer



A group of Karen young people responding through their songs to the challenge of the speaker.

## NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AT BAH

Work is progressing on the Physical Therapy Department at Bangkok Adventist Hospital. Rough plumbing and electrical work, brick and plaster are laid. A test made on the piling gave a good report. Now the last of the bore piles can be completed. Plans are to finish this phase by November. The building is being constructed according to schedule and should be in operation soon.

— Merritt Crawford, Construction Consultant, BAH



Construction of bore pile being done.

## BAH DEPARTMENT HEAD RETREAT

In September another department head retreat was held in Wangkaew, Rayong. Prior to leaving the hospital grounds, Mr. Sathiraparb Phanpairoj, Public Relations Manager of Siam City Cement Co., Ltd. and counselor of Employers Association of Bangkok and assistant lawyer of Labor Court of Bangkok, spoke to the group concerning "Eleven ways to manage your subordinates." At Wangkaew the meetings dealt with the four important areas of our mental, physical, spiritual, and social development. The group learned many new things and the fellowship and beautiful surroundings remain a precious memory.

— Edwin Timple, BAH Public Relations Officer



Mr. Sathiraparb Phanpairoj speaks on "Eleven Ways to Manage Your Subordinates".

## ADVENTIST EKAMAI SCHOOL'S NEW ADMINISTRATOR

The Paul Essig family have returned to the Far East after spending two years at Michigan State University where Paul completed the course work for his doctoral program towards an Educational Specialist degree.

While hunting for spare minutes to complete his dissertation he now serves as the administrator of the Ekamai School in Thailand. We are happy to welcome Paul, his wife, Karen, and their two children back to the Far East and especially to Thailand.

— W. L. Wilcox, President, Thailand Mission



Paul and Karen Essig with their children, Skipper (12) and Shondalyn (10)

## HIGHLIGHTS ON SABAH AND SARAWAK.

### "SEED-BLESSING"

Nanga Tukap village in the Julau district of Sarawak is home to the newest group of Sarawak Sabbath keepers. Since they have no church yet, they meet on the veranda of their longhouse with their district pastor, Gilbert Tan. Recently these new believers held a service very vital to their daily needs. During the service, seeds for the next planting season were blessed.



Participants gathered at the Seed-Blessing Service.

### AYER MANIS SCHOOL

Ayer Manis just completed a good year with its Form 3 and 4 students after reopening in 1984. Form 5 commences next year. The curriculum now includes a two-year ministerial program for students graduating from Form 5. The local pastors thus trained will strengthen the work in the Sarawak Mission.

Much improvement took place to aid the appearance and operations of the school's physical plant. Bob and Rich Ondrizek and others worked hard sand blasting and painting school chairs. Much necessary maintenance work was done, and the buildings were painted. Negotiations to improve the school's water supply system are in progress. By the first of the year it will be hooked up to the Serian water supply system. The library was up-dated to function in a useful capacity.

God's Spirit was felt this year during the recent baptism of five young people. More young people are preparing for baptism in the near future. We look forward with confidence to another good school year with the Lord's continued blessing.

— Clyde E. Ondrizek, Ayer Manis School

### DEDICATION AT MIRI



Beautiful new chairs, table, and pulpit dedicated November 16, 1985 at Miri SDA Church in Sarawak.

### MASS BAPTISM



A mass baptism was held at Engkaruh where 93 people were baptized. Pastor Joseph Sapok, district pastor, was assisted by four other pastors.



Ayer Manis School in its newly painted look.



Pastor John Lee baptizing one of the ten candidates in the South China Sea near Kudat, Sabah.

### KUDAT EVANGELISM

Pastor John Lee, a Chinese speaking evangelist from West Malaysia, successfully completed a Health and Better Living Crusade in Kudat this last August. With the assistance of Pastor Wung Wei Kong from Kota Kinabalu the two men presented health lectures and showed Bible films. Everyone who attended was enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Health or Bible lessons.

Pastor Lee baptized 10 boys and girls at the beautiful Bal Bak sea shore. Nineteen other individuals joined the Bible class to prepare for the next baptism. The church members were encouraged to see God at work in the lives of their friends. They have continued to give Bible studies on Friday night and Sabbath to interested persons.

— George Lee, Pastor of Kudat Chinese Church



Another 18 persons baptized by Dr. Edmund Siagian on October 26 in follow-up from Pastor John Lee's crusade.

### BUILDING CHURCHES

The Chinese-speaking members of the Kuching Seventh-day Adventist Church are building a chapel to replace the meeting room they have used since 1980. This comfortable chapel will seat 100 people. The increased size will meet the needs of this growing congregation.

Just a short 1½ miles from Ayer Manis School the new Pasir Seventh-day Adventist church will be constructed. This modern church structure large enough to seat 380 persons will be a great blessing to the missionary outreach in that area.



Tan Too Kiang, a form-6 student in a junior college of 1,300 students, received a "letter of Merit" from the state Education Department for outstanding leadership in various school activities.

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