

FAR EASTERN DIVISION

# OUTLOOK

"THE ISLES SHALL  
WAIT FOR HIS LAW"

Pastor W. R. Beach



March, 1961

## *"Come; for all Things Are Now Ready"*

By Chris P. Sorensen

Years ago plans were laid for a Division Youth Congress. Then these plans had to be pushed aside for a time due to a change in leadership. With the arrival of Pastor Charles D. Martin, as our Division MV secretary, the plans for a Youth Congress were revived. For about three years now plans have been formulating and every effort bent toward the realization of this the first Division-wide Youth Congress.

We want to assure our young people and their leaders that the Division is fully in favor of this gathering for our youth. From year to year funds have been appropriated to help defray the expenses of such a meeting. Our interest is also evidenced by the fact that itineraries and appointments have been so planned that, God willing, all the members of the Division staff will be on hand in Manila to attend the Congress and to participate in its program.

In Singapore, Pastor Martin and various committees have been more than busy as they have planned the details of the program. Other committees have been active in Manila planning for our comfort and entertainment. Nothing is be-

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ing spared in anticipating our needs.

Recently while in Manila attending the yearly union executive committee meeting, we visited Philippine Union College. What a beehive of activity! The folks there are determined that all must be in readiness and we are assured that everything is being done that can be done to make for the comfort and happiness of the young people who will be coming to their campus.

As we have travelled about in the Division, we find enthusiasm mounting as "C-Day" draws near. The delegates have been chosen, passports secured and transportation arranged. April 4 will soon be here and the way it appears to us is that "All things are now ready!" All we can add at this juncture is "Come!"

As we all look forward to this feast of good things, let us pray for a real outpouring of the Spirit of God. We can rest assured that all heaven stands ready to grant us the riches of God's grace. Far Eastern Division youth, we eagerly anticipate the pleasure of greeting you in Manila on the opening day of YOUR CONGRESS!

## *A Million Dollars for Missions*

By G. R. Nash, Secretary  
Sabbath School Department  
General Conference

To Our Sabbath School Members throughout the World Field:

The 1960 Autumn Council took the following action relative to the Investment Offering:

"WHEREAS, The Sabbath School Investment Offering has proved to be a most successful method of raising funds for our world mission program—bringing in US\$676,636.67 during 1959; and

"WHEREAS, This is our hour of unparalleled opportunity, with unanswered calls and openings abounding in all mission fields around the world;

"We recommend, 1. That we request the Sabbath School Department to promote in a most

effectual manner the 'Investment Offering'—realizing that this is one offering that comes through the wonderful prospering hand of God as a direct result of our investing for Him.

"2. That we set as our goal for the world field for the year 1961, one million dollars (US\$1,000,000.00) to be raised through the Investment Offering.

"3. That we request our conference workers and Sabbath School officers to encourage and lead the church membership everywhere into a 100 per cent participation in this worthy project."

The coming of Jesus and the close of probation must be very

near, and yet there are millions of human beings still in heathen darkness, upon whom the light of God's message has never shone. What shall we do about trying to reach them during this year. Jesus has warned us that "the night cometh, when no man can work." Very soon our opportunities to save men will be forever past.

"A short work will the Lord make upon the earth (Romans 9:28)." Surely we are living in solemn but thrilling times. "The end is near, stealing upon us stealthily, imperceptibly, like the noiseless approach of a thief in the night . . . The truth is soon to triumph gloriously."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 135. "The power which stirred the people so mightily in the 1844 movement will again be revealed. The third angel's message will go forth, not in whispered tones, but with a loud voice."—*Ibid.*, vol. 5, p. 252.

"The Lord designs that the means entrusted to us shall be used in building up His kingdom. His goods are committed to His stewards that they may be carefully traded upon and bring back a revenue to Him in the saving of souls unto eternal life."—*Ibid.*, vol. 6, p. 448.

"A MILLION DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS" is a call we believe will set in motion an ever-increasing soul-winning movement that will contribute to the "short work" the Lord will make upon the earth. What a wonderful privilege the Lord has given us in having a part in finishing the work. This message we love is to be given as a witness to all the world, and "then shall the end come."

The One who long ago said, "Let there be light," and later multiplied the five buns and two fishes and fed the multitude, wants to bless your consecrated efforts and give you something EXTRA for your Sabbath School offerings during 1961. However, before the Lord can do His miracle, so to speak, you must step out in faith.

This is an urgent appeal for 100 per cent participation on the part of our membership around the world. If we do our part, truly God will do His part. This is not an ordinary appeal. It is made with the conviction that this is our day of final opportunity.

## *"We Must Depend on Them"*

By G. Arthur Keough  
Public Relations Secretary  
Middle East Division

The following is an imaginary conversation between Moses and Elijah, who are at present in heaven and presumably can see what is happening in the Middle East, the area in which both of them had important parts in teaching the truth and to which the overflow of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering has been allocated this quarter.

**Moses:** Have you noticed, Elijah, that the lands where you and I used to work so many years ago are still rather difficult places to work in?

**Elijah:** Yes, Moses, I have noticed that these lands called Bible Lands because you and I and other Bible characters lived there, and called the Middle East by geography books and atlases, have not changed very much down through the centuries. It is never very easy to stand for the truth and to bring about a reformation. I wish we could do something to change the situation.

**Moses:** I am afraid there is not very much we can do from here. We must depend on the church to take a knowledge of the truth to those who are ignorant of it. But have you noticed that the Sabbath Schools in the Adventist church are praying for the Middle East this quarter, and they hope to have a large overflow offering to help the work there?

**Elijah:** Yes, I have and I, too, hope it will be a large one. You know there is nothing more important than letting people know who is the true God and giving them a chance to choose whom they will serve. The truth needs to be preached today just as emphatically as in the past.

**Moses:** I agree with you. It is surprising how few people know the privilege of having the Ten Commandments written in their hearts so that they can live in harmony with God's will. They must know that Jesus is coming soon and get ready for that great event.

**Elijah:** That is right. I was happy to notice a group of Adventists holding a Sabbath School in Doha,

Qatar.

**Moses:** You mean in that part of Arabia where 99.9 per cent of the people are Muslims?

**Elijah:** Yes, and there is power in the study of God's Word. You remember what Jesus said: "Where there are two or three . . ."

**Moses:** Yes, indeed. God bless them. And there is that training center for Adventist youth, Middle East College, Beirut, Lebanon. I wish something could be done to help more of those Adventist young people to train quickly and get out and preach the gospel.

**Elijah:** Well, I hear there is a plan to start an industry there, and this will help more young people earn their way through school. You know it is always a profitable venture to invest in young people and give them a Christian education.

**Moses:** Do you know that there are some young people in training in that college who came from the Adventist Mercy Home in Egypt? Who knows where they might have been today but for the Christian nurture and direction that they received from consecrated missionaries and teachers. Do you know, Elijah, Sabbath School members have accomplished an untold amount of good through their prayers and offerings. By the way, Joseph lived in the area where that Mercy Home is when he was first married.

**Elijah:** Really, Moses? Oh, yes of course. He married the daughter of the priest of On. I should have remembered that from the book of Genesis which you wrote. But getting back to our subject: it is too bad that one of the countries of the Middle East has been closed to the Voice of Prophecy for some time.

**Moses:** Yes, Elijah, I have noticed that some changes are taking place, however, doors that have been closed are opening again. Thanks to the good witness of our members and leaders, the authorities are beginning to see that Adventists are loyal and law-abiding citizens. I believe it will not be long before the truth can

reach that part of the world as elsewhere.

**Elijah:** One other thing that I would like to mention, now that we are on this subject. I do hope it will be possible to have a church and school in Jerusalem. So many thousands of people come to Jerusalem every year. How wonderful it would be to have a center of light and truth right at one of the crossroads of the world. You remember that Christianity spread in the early centuries because churches were placed in the important cities and centers. We ought to do the same today.

**Moses:** Did you say "We"? It **it** they. They will have to do it. **We must depend on them.**

## *The Jordan Calls*

By G. Arthur Keough

The doors for service are wide open in the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan. What we need are those who will pass through them to do the work that needs to be done.

Again and again, people in responsible positions in the government have asked for a mobile clinic to go from village to village to help the inhabitants with their various ailments.

In Madeba a group of people is asking for a preacher. They have heard of Adventists from four girls who travel sixty kilometers each day in order to attend the Adventist school in Amman. The girls heard of the school because last year ninety percent of the pupils who entered for government examination passed. The school has a very fine reputation at the Ministry of Education.

The above school is in dire need of expansion. It needs a library and a laboratory. We also need a school for boys since the present school is only for girls. The Ministry of Education does not permit a co-educational school in Amman. It is hard to see our Adventist boys compelled to go to a non-Adventist school.

We need a representative church and school and clinic in Jerusalem. Is it not a pity that in this much-visited center of three faiths there is no witness to the third angel's message except the resident minister there? We have the opportunity to purchase a piece of land on which to build a church. Will

you help meet this need and other needs in the Jordan? May the Lord richly bless you in your giving this coming Thirteenth Sabbath.

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### Branch Sabbath School Enjoys Summer Camp

By Mikuni Terui  
 Summer Camp Leader

The Amanuma (Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital) Sabbath school conducted for the first time a youth summer camp for branch Sabbath school members. The purpose was to give these children religious experience through group activities, as well as sound recreation among the things of nature. Inasmuch as this project was primarily not for the children of the church members, 90 percent of the children who participated in the activities were from non-Adventist homes. Another purpose of the camp was to bring the religious atmosphere into the homes through the children.

The camp was held at Izu Shira-hama Beach July 25-July 28, 1960. Twenty-four children (aged 8-12) were in attendance and we had 25 leaders—doctors, nurses, dieticians, branch Sabbath school teachers and our pastor.

Nourishing food was served to the campers. The dietician directed the local workers employed in preparing vegetarian meals.

Six worship periods were conducted. The children were told about the origin of sin, the present desperate condition of the world, what to do to be saved, how the redeemed will live, and about the heavenly home being prepared for us, etc. We especially appreciated Pastor Hatanaka's efficient leadership.

Movie films were shown at the Community Center. The films were borrowed from the British Embassy. In addition to our group, 25 who had been invited came to see the pictures.

Our farewell party consisted of a campfire, games, fireworks on



The branch Sabbath school members who enjoyed a summer camp sponsored by the Amanuma (Tokyo) Sabbath school. Twenty-four children were in attendance.



In the picture we see some of the children at the camp enjoying the nourishing vegetarian meals prepared for them.

the beach near our lodging, and to close, as we sat under the starry skies, we thanked God for His protection during our stay at camp.

There have been definite results from this new venture for our branch Sabbath school members.

1) The children who participated in the summer camp continue to attend the primary and junior Bible classes being held on Sabbath afternoons in the Amanuma church and they enjoy the good spiritual experience. 2) One of the children's mothers has taken an interest in our educational work and she has expressed the sincere desire to send her son to our school. 3) We had the opportunity to introduce vegetarian cooking as well as Christianity to the people of the community. 4) We announced our plans beforehand to our Sab-

bath school and also at the prayer meeting and asked an interest in their prayers. Thus the work of the branch Sabbath school is now better understood by our church members.

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**The Time:** April 4-9. **The Place:** Manila, Philippines. **The Event:** The first Far Eastern Division Youth Congress in history. **The Congress Theme:** "Christ Our Guide." **The Delegates:** Chosen from the more than 54,000 Seventh-day Adventist young people in our Division. **The Purpose:** To inspire and challenge every Adventist youth in the Far Eastern Division to follow Christ without reserve and so to hasten the completion of earth's final harvest and the coming of our Saviour.

—W. I. Hilliard, Jr.



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## Ordination Service

By C. C. Cleveland

A very inspirational ordination service was held in connection with the Indonesia Union Mission annual committee meeting on Sabbath afternoon, December 17, 1960. The three workers ordained were: M. H. Wauran, West Java publishing secretary; J. J. Tomasowa, a faithful worker with wide experience from Ambon; and B. J. Dompas, director of the Union Mission Voice of Prophecy and assistant MV secretary. A fourth candidate for ordination, E. E. Missah from East Java was delayed for the ordination service by transportation difficulties and he was ordained the following Sabbath at the Indonesia Union Seminary.

Pastor J. R. Spangler, Division ministerial secretary, gave an inspirational sermon, stressing the seriousness and importance of the rite of ordination. The charge to the candidates was given by Pastor Pangarisan Sitompul, ministerial secretary of the Union Mission. Pastor M. Patty, president of the Ambon Mission, offered the ordination prayer and led out in the laying on of hands on the candidates.

Three brief welcoming addresses were given. Pastor C. C. Cleveland spoke on behalf of the Indonesia Union Mission, Pastor A. L. Lesiasel on behalf of West Java Mission, and Pastor M. Patty on behalf of the Ambon Mission.

Eighteen ministers were present and knelt for the ordination prayer. At the close of the ceremony, ordination certificates were presented to the three newly ordained ministers by Pastor C. C. Cleveland. All present at the service came forward to shake hands with the three ordained men and their wives.

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## The Wonderful Conversion of the Subanos

By I. Bello  
 Mission School Teacher

Beyond the blue Malindang Mountain of Western Mindanao, a group of 62 Sabbath school members has been organized because of the simple faith of a brother named Mandag (Macario Capobres).

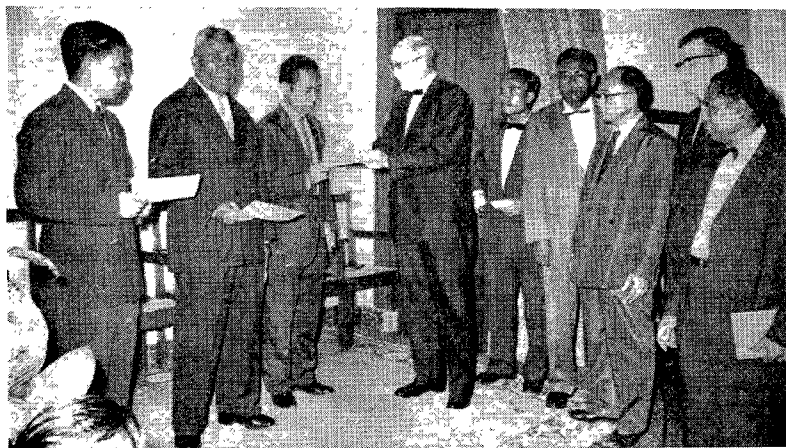
God selected Macario upon whom to demonstrate the power of His limitless love. He lives with his clan far away from civilization in one of the mountains

of Mindanao called Malindang. One night he had a clear but mysterious dream. In his dream he saw an angel descend from the sky. The angel presented to him the message of salvation for mankind as taught in the Bible. Macario was then instructed by the angel that without delay he must go to find the people of God. In that same dream this illiterate Subano, who knew no other people than his own, and who spoke no language but his own, was able to understand the Visayan dialect, the dialect spoken by the Christians in the town.

The next morning Macario gathered his family together and related the wonderful dream he had had the previous night. He told his mother and brothers he must leave, as instructed by the angel, to find the true people of God.

Macario set out at once on his journey which was to take him many hours of hiking from his family and clan. He arrived in a small village, and for the first time in his life came in contact with a God-fearing Christian named Dionesio Monteverde. While in this small village with Dionesio Monteverde, he related his dream. Brother Monteverde assured him he had found what he was looking for. As Macario slept that night, he dreamed again and saw the same angel who had appeared to him in his first dream. He was told that the true church of God would be revealed to him the next day by a colporteur who would come to his house. When he woke up early in the morning, he hurried back to his home to see if his dream was really true. To his surprise, he found the colporteur waiting at his home. The colporteur said, "I am here to sell books. I am a Seventh-day Adventist." Then Macario said, "This is the true church of God. I must find the truth regarding this church." He went back to Dionesio Monteverde and there he studied the Bible for several weeks and as a result became a Seventh-day Adventist.

Later Macario's elder brother and his wife accepted the message. After this Macario was instrumental in converting many more Subanos. Today we have a Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath school with



Pastor C. C. Cleveland, president of the Indonesia Union Mission, presenting the ordination certificates to the three newly-ordained men, M. H. Wauran, J. J. Tomasowa, and B. J. Dompas.



**This is a typical Subano house. I Bello, the mission school teacher, is holding a Subano bamboo guitar.**

62 members among the Subanos beyond the blue Malindang Mountain. Twenty-eight of the company are baptized Seventh-day Adventists. Surely this remarkable experience should convince us that God is now working in marvelous ways to shed the light of truth into darkened hearts.

In 1959 the Western Mindanao Mission established a mission school in the vicinity of Macario's village. These people had long had a thirst for learning. Was this their opportunity to satisfy their thirst. Fortunately it was.

When the school opened in June of 1959, there was a class of about 24 members, six of whom were baptized the latter part of December. When the writer arrived at the school, there were no permanent buildings, only a couple of pole-and-bamboo houses with grass roofs. On my first Friday night at this place, I could not keep back the tears as I saw the large gathering of people—dirty and

in many cases their bodies were marked with sores and tattoo. They believed that these body

sores were from the evil spirits. The Subano priests, of whom Macario was one before his conversion, would offer rice and eggs to the evil spirits in order to heal the people of their sores.

After my talk that evening, each one told me the story of his or her life, how God had intervened. It touched my heart to hear of their experiences. What joy I felt when I realized that it had been through the beautiful name of the "Rose of Sharon," and the "Altogether Lovely," that they had been healed.

Thus the message of salvation is slowly but surely reaching out into the unentered places of Mindanao. We believe there will be many souls in the kingdom of God from among the Subano tribes. We take courage as we view the prospects.

## **Manalac Branch Sabbath School**

**By T. V. Gulfan, Sabbath School and Home Missionary Secretary, Western Mindanao Mission**

The Seventh-day Adventist church at Calamba, Misamis Occidental, is an old church, organized before World War II. The membership of this church was at one time 200. This was made possible because fifty percent of its members were soul-winners. They love to launch out in active work—open air meetings, Bible studies,



**The pupils enrolled in the mission school. Formerly they were devil worshippers but now they worship the true God.**



**A group of Subanos who are studying the Bible preparatory to baptism at some future date.**

branch Sabbath schools and other missionary activities.

Their diligent efforts were rewarded by the Lord in giving them a group of believers who were baptized and now compose the Manalac church. This church is located eight kilometers away from the town of Calamba toward the hinterland. One of the members of this church is Brother Vicente Mutia. He lives in a barrio called Bautista, eight kilometers away from Manalac. Because of this distance, Brother Mutia found it hard to attend the church services regularly in Manalac. He decided to organize a home division Sabbath school right in his own home. This home division Sabbath school has brought a lot of surprises to the people of the barrio. This was the first time these people saw this new form of worship and heard the new truths.

One day, to the surprise of the people in the barrio of Bautista, a delegation of children was sent to the home division Sabbath school of Brother Mutia and family on the Sabbath. These children found a new system of worship. They listened attentively to the Sabbath service. After the Sabbath school, they inquired why

this meeting was being held. Brother Mutia's wife responded by telling the children that it is the will of God that the people, as God's creatures, should worship Him and that worship should be on the Sabbath and not on other days.

The children went home to break the news to their parents. As a result, the mother of one of these children attended the next service. When she returned home with her little girl, she told the story to her husband—all that they had heard at the Sabbath school, telling him that it was all very nice. Upon hearing this, the husband became angry at his wife and child. The mother and daughter were told not to attend the Seventh-day Adventist services. The wife suggested that he should not be angry but that he should rather attend the service and observe for himself. Still he was angry. The wife and child kept pleading with him to come and see for himself.

On the next Sabbath the father went to observe. He listened earnestly to the program presented and it all appeared to him to be favorable and good. Upon seeing that the house of Brother Mutia was too small for the worship services, he suggested to Brother

Mutia that the Sabbath school be transferred to his home not far away in order that they might have good accommodations. Brother Mutia consented to this.

On the following Sabbath, the service was held in the spacious house of this unbeliever. The neighbors became interested and five families were added to the number already attending. In the course of time a lot of doctrinal questions were asked and Brother Mutia being new in the faith himself, could not answer these. He appealed to the Manalac church members, but they, too, were not grounded in the faith. So where did they go? They went to the Calamba church and appealed for help. Two lay preachers, Gorgonio Yutong and Ruben Baliton of Calamba, answered the call. For three months these two brethren hiked every week to Bautista, a distance of 15 kilometers. They preached to and taught the members of this Manalac branch Sabbath school. They answered every question on doctrines to the best of their ability. Through the consecrated efforts of Brother Mutia and the untiring labor of Brethren Yutong and Baliton, 17 precious souls are now waiting for baptism in the barrio of Bautista as fruits born by the Manalac branch Sabbath school.

## **Beginners' Literature Evangelists Institute**

Fifty book and magazine workers in the Western Mindanao Mission were blessed with sales instruction in the early part of this year during the beginners' literature evangelists' institute conducted by Pastor A. N. Santiago, of the publishing department of the South Philippine Union Mission. The meeting was held in Molave, Zamboanga del Sur, January 11-14, 1961. Present also at the meeting were members of the mission personnel. Pastor E. L. Lamera, the mission president, Pastor Z. B. Fernal, the mission publishing secretary, and Brother S. C. Cui-zon, the mission treasurer and B&PA manager, helped to inspire the colporteurs through their devotional studies each morning of the institute.

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# FAR EASTERN YOUTH CONGRESS

*April 4-9, Manila*

Theme: Christ Our Guide

## *Program*

### Tuesday, April 4

2:00 P. M. Registration  
7:30 Grand Opening — Torch Ceremony  
Speakers: C. P. Sorensen  
C. D. Martin

### Wednesday, April 5

6:00 A. M. Morning Watch:  
T. C. Murdoch  
8:00 Hour of Devotion  
Speaker: C. P. Sorensen  
9:15 "Youth in Action"  
11:00 Youth Ideals Hour  
Speaker: Milton Lee  
2:45 P. M. Youth Want to Know  
Panel Discussion  
4:00 Literature Evangelists in Action  
4:45 Temperance High Lights  
7:30 Speaker: T. H. Blincoe

### Thursday, April 6

6:00 A. M. Morning Watch:  
L. E. Montana  
8:00 Hour of Devotion  
Speaker: H. M. S. Richards  
9:15 "Youth in Action"  
11:00 Youth Ideals Hour  
Speaker: L. A. Skinner  
2:45 P. M. Youth Want to Know  
Panel Discussion  
4:00 Voice of Youth—Public Evangelism Feature  
7:30 "Panorama of Youth and Advent Message in the Far East"

Youth will wing their way to Manila from all parts of the Division.

### Friday, April 7

6:00 A. M. Morning Watch:  
W. K. Nelson  
8:00 Hour of Devotion  
Speaker: L. A. Skinner  
9:15 "Youth in Action"  
11:00 Youth Ideals Hour  
Speaker: J. R. Spangler  
1:30 P. M. Master Guide Investiture  
2:15 Pathfinder Feature  
2:45 Medical Cadets—"For God and Country"  
7:30 Speaker: H. M. S. Richards

### Sabbath, April 8

6:00 A. M. Morning Watch:  
E. C. Saw  
9:30 Sabbath School  
Supt: H. E. McClure  
11:00 Worship Service  
Speaker: H. M. S. Richards  
1:00 P. M. Moments of Music  
2:00 Plan of Salvation in Music  
3:15 Echoes from the Campus  
4:00 "Trophy Hour"—Share Your Faith—Pageant of Youth  
7:30 Commitment Service

### Sunday, April 9

6:00 A. M. Morning Watch:  
Milton Lee  
8:30 Sight-seeing Tour  
7:30 P. M. "Queen Esther Cantata"



L. A. Skinner



H. M. S. Richards



C. D. Martin





Rizal Memorial Coliseum—Manila, Philippines

## *"Youth in Action" Workshops*

9:15-10:30

(Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

VOY Public Evangelism	— —	W. K. Nelson, Chairman
Personal Evangelism	— — —	R. E. Klimes, Chairman
Pathfinder Leadership	— — —	P. H. Romulo, Chairman
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## Some of the Youth Congress Speakers



C. P. Sorensen



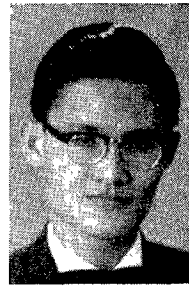
I. B. Spangler



Milton Lee



W. K. Nelson



E. C. Saw

V. A. Schaefferborg



**Book and magazine workers who attended the literature evangelists' institute in Molave.**

Pastor Ferenal, E. L. Demiar, the assistant publishing secretary, and Miss Cathie Tuburan, the magazine leader, assisted Pastor Santiago in the sales instruction through drills and demonstrations.

On Sabbath morning, Pastor Santiago again addressed our literature evangelists and the brethren from Tambulig and other neighboring churches who came to attend the meeting. The more than 350 members who attended that Sabbath morning meeting arose in response to a call for re-consecration. In the afternoon, soul winning experiences were told by our consecrated colporteurs who had brought 29 souls into the truth during the year 1960 through the literature ministry.

The year 1960 proved to be a successful year for our colporteurs in the Western Mindanao Mission for the total sales of books and magazines amounted to P53,924.62. This was an increase of P2,209.12 over that of last year, 1959. We again solicit your prayers in behalf of our self-sacrificing colporteurs.

—The Publishing Department  
South Philippine Union Mission

### MVC News

Under the able leadership of secondary school principle, Mr. J. M. Tawatao and elementary school principal, Mrs. V. C. Diaz, and with the assistance of the members of the college class in Principles of Guidance under Dr. L. R. Downing, an "Academy Day" of orientation for grade six pupils of the college and nearby elementary schools is being planned for mid February. Academy freshmen will act as big brother and big sister

hosts for the visiting pupils and will escort them through an intensive half-day of classroom, industrial, and scenic visitation. The program will begin with the 7 a.m. chapel and prayer band appointment and will culminate with a post-lunch visit to beautiful Malig-on Falls and the college hydro-electric plant. It is anticipated that this experience for outgoing elementary school pupils will help to bridge the gap between their present and the high school program and encourage them to continue with advanced education.

**Irene Wakeman**  
**Review and Herald**

## Cotabato Relief Aid

**By Moises A. Sumile**

Early in October of 1960 when Cotabato sank into filth and four feet of slime, Southern Mindanao Mission moved in with relief clothing and foodstuffs to help relieve the unfortunate flood victims.

Pastor Diego Sabine and Pastor L. D. Duriquez, the Cotabato district pastor, personally supervised the dispensing of aid right at the flood scene. They were at the scene of disaster far ahead of the local government welfare agency. The flood waters were still rising as our brethren busily handed out 30 sacks of California rice, and bales and bales of relief clothing. An additional 15 sacks of rice and two more bales of clothing were given to the government welfare agency.

Continued rains soon crippled the local civic groups in giving relief to the victims. In addition, the roads were soon impassable and this greatly hampered whatever aid was underway. The relief goods from Davao City had to be carried across a partially destroyed bridge to a waiting passenger car at the opposite bank in Makilala, a border town connecting Davao and Cotabato.



**Workers in the Southern Mindanao Mission bring relief to flood victims. Seen in the center of the picture are Pastor L. D. Duriquez (left) and Pastor Diego Sabine, president of the mission.**

The flood area was crocodile infested. All about the place swarmed detectives, reporters, thieves, distressed civilians—the latter trying in vain to get help. Valuables would at times come floating by within easy reach. Then again dead pigs and human beings were seen carried away by the current.

In the face of this sordid condition and surroundings, the Southern Mindanao Mission stood ready with relief goods. The mayor of Cotabato congratulated our people as he saw the prompt way in which they administered help to the afflicted. He made the statement that our people were the first of any religious body to come to the aid of the flood victims.

We thank God for His guidance and His deliverance of our people though some of them were among the major sufferers in losses sustained.

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## **Manila Center 1960 Report**

**By R. C. Williams, Director**

Manila Center took its official place among the soul-winning institutions of the North Philippine Union Mission on January 17, 1960, as the first evangelistic effort began. These meetings continued until June 5. The Lord gathered 220 souls through the consecrated efforts of the workers and laymen.

Sabbath services began on April 2 with the church organization taking place on the afternoon of July 2. Forty-two charter members formed the nucleus of what promises to be a rapidly growing church. The present membership is 104.

Following the close of the first effort, meetings were continued two nights a week with a series of studies on the books of **Daniel** and **The Revelation**

The next strong evangelistic endeavor for the year 1960 was a four-week Voice of Prophecy Crusade headed by Pastor L. E. Tucker and he was assisted by a hard working group of ministers

and laymen. These decision meetings were blessed with 63 precious souls.

As the year closed the records show that 302 souls were baptized as a result of the work in this Center. We give all the credit and praise to the Lord for these results.

During the nine months of 1960 when church services were held at the Center, a total of 12,881.08 pesos in tithes and 5,430.23 pesos in various mission and Ingathering funds were passed on to the Central Luzon Mission.

As we look back over the year, we have so much for which to be thankful. The Lord has been good and He has given many evidences of His love and interest. As we look forward into the new year we expect another good year for this is God's work and His building. Our prayer is that we at the Center will so relate ourselves to the Master that He may continue to use us until the work on earth is finished and we may all be gathered home.

## **NPUM Secondary Teachers' Institute- Workshop**

**By B. B. Alsaybar, Principal  
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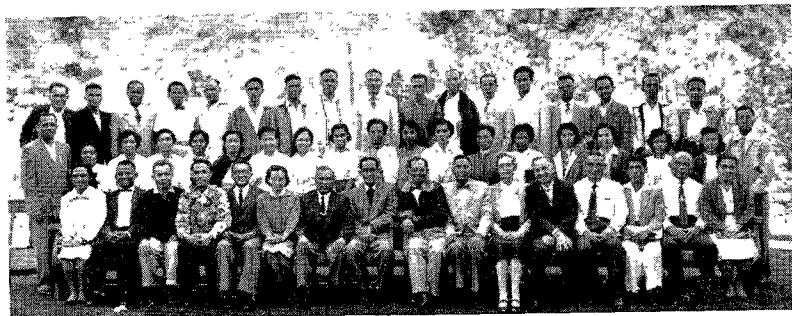
Baguio City, 5,000 feet above sea level and the summer capital of the Philippines, was the place chosen for the five-day North Philippine Union Mission secondary teachers' institute-workshop from December 15-21, 1960. The sessions were held in the Baguio Seventh-day Adventist church.

The cool invigorating climate of the "cleanest city in the Philippines" proved very conducive to hard work as 53 academy teachers and educational leaders subjected themselves to a busy daily program of devotion, workshops, reading of papers, open forums and sessions, all of which centered on the theme, "More Effective Teaching and Guidance of Our Youth."

Keynote speaker was Dr. Lawrence R. Downing, dean of Mountain View College. He spoke on the qualities of a successful teacher and sounded the call for greater dedication to the "nicest work" ever given to man. Pastor Andrew J. Robbins, president of North Philippine Union Mission, stirred the delegates to a life of fuller consecration to the unfinished task during the Sabbath morning hour of worship. Pastor H. W. Bedwell, secretary-treasurer of the North Philippine Union Mission, gave the teachers opportunity to publicly testify to the goodness of God during the Friday evening vespers. Everyone pleaded for more power and wisdom to become more effective workers for God.

The Bureau of Private Schools was represented by Mr. Adriano M. Catbagan, Agno Valley District Superintendent-in-Charge, who spoke on the implementation of the 2-2 plan which calls for a common first-and-second-year curriculum and a differentiated third-and-fourth-year curriculum—a college preparatory and a vocational curriculum. An open forum followed his speech.

The Sabbath afternoon meeting featured the principals in a sym-



Secondary teachers and instructors who attended the Institute-Workshop at Baguio City. L. L. Quirante, eighth from the right, educational secretary of the North Philippine Union Mission, was the chairman of the sessions. Seated fifth and sixth from the right are Dr. L. R. Downing and Miss Irene Wakeham, dean and acting president of Mountain View College, respectively.

posium when they reported on the progress of their respective schools.

Believed to be the most significant action of the conference was the bold action to recommend to spread the four-year (ten periods a day of 40 minutes) academy curriculum into five years beginning with the school year 1961-1962. It is believed this will improve greatly the quality of future academy graduates and this five-year program will find smooth sailing with the Philippine Bureau of Private Schools and the NPUM executive committee. It should be stated that this action came about as the educators were discussing the deplorable state of our young people, who have to put up with such a heavy load, as they were reviewing the principles embodied in the writings of Mrs. E. G. White. She calls attention to the fact that a daily work program should be an integral part of the curriculum.

Dr. L. L. Quirante, NPUM educational secretary, assumed full leadership of this year's academy teachers' institute-workshop. Other consultants during the conference were Drs. R. G. and R. S. Manalaysay of Philippine Union College, Miss Irene Wakeham, acting president of Mountain View College, Dr. L. R. Downing, dean of Mountain View College, and Pastor E. A. Capobres, South Philippine Union Mission educational secretary.

To climax the institute, the group went on an educational trip to the Ambuklao and Binga Hydroelectric projects, biggest of their kind in the Philippines.

## Another Health and Welfare Center

### Inaugurated

By J. O. Bautista

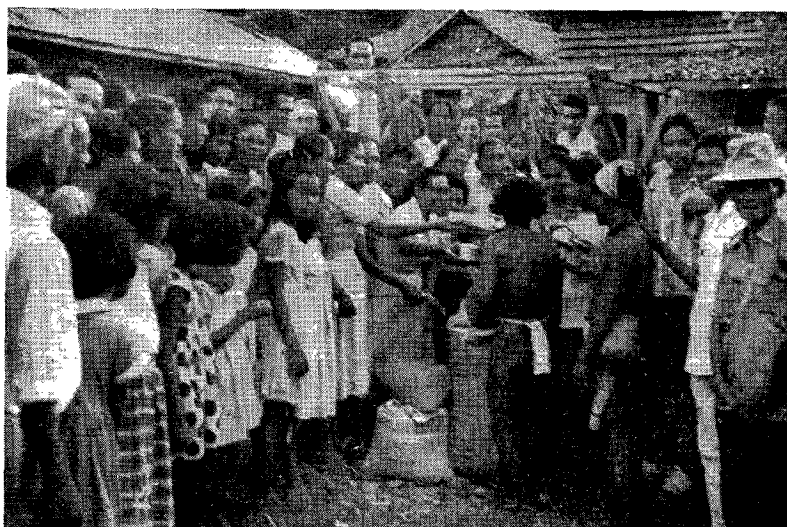
The latest addition to our growing number of health and welfare centers in the North Philippine Union Mission is the one that was formally opened in Bansud, Oriental Mindoro, with fitting ceremonies. The building is not as imposing a structure as those we have in other places but we believe it will serve its purpose well as a lighthouse for the message in a distinctly rural area.



Mayor Filemon G. Salcedo, Jr., delivering the main speech at the opening of the Welfare Center.

Bansud is one of the fastest-growing communities to be found in that rapidly developing section of the island of Mindoro. Because of the marked progress it has made in recent years, it attained the status of a municipality not very long ago. Happily, it can be said that the Lord's work in that locality has kept pace with the

growth of the town. The church has maintained for several years in this place a multigrade school which has contributed in a big measure to the stabilization and strengthening of the work. Also, lay workers have carried on a strong evangelistic program in the surrounding area which resulted in a good-sized church membership.



Food and relief goods were distributed to the needy after the opening ceremony of the Welfare Center. In the foreground are two Mangyans receiving their share.



Credit for fostering the health and welfare phase of the work goes to Mrs. Salvacion L. Castillo. It was through her initiative and resourcefulness that the dream of the brethren for a center became a reality. On the morning of the day the center was inaugurated, a Dorcas Welfare Federation meeting and rally was held in the church.

The brethren were fortunate in having the leading officials of the newly-created town as guests on this occasion. Vice mayor Paulino de la Pena and Justice of the Peace Epifanio Malapitan each spoke briefly commending us for our uplift work program. The mayor, Mr. Filemon G. Salcedo, Jr., gave the main speech in which he congratulated the Seventh-day Adventists for having outdone the municipality itself as far as this line of activity for the public was concerned. He mentioned the fact that the town's puericulture center was still in the planning stage while we, a comparatively minor group, had already established a center.

The speeches were followed by the traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony which was participated in by the wife of the mayor, Mrs. Sally Cuadra-Salcedo and Sister Castillo. The doors were then declared open for its humanitarian service to the needy in the community and its environs.

To conclude the program of the afternoon, a distribution of gifts was made to indigent families and several members of the Mangyan tribe living in that region.



One of the two Microbuses used by the Manila Sanitarium medical workers and others on their visit to the Aetas. There were no bridges on which to cross the rivers so the bus had to proceed through the streams.

## Medical Rally for the Aetas

By Remedios Domocmat,  
Mission Nurse  
Central Luzon Mission

"Here we are!" our guide announced. After travelling through the heavy clouds of dust and winding rivers along the foot of Zambales Mountains, we reached the Aeta settlement. The two Sanitarium wagons were loaded with doctors and nurses from the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital. Among

them were Dr. and Mrs. Ekvall and Dr. and Mrs. Kennedy, chief surgeon and chief obstetrician of said hospital, respectively. Jumping out of the bus, we shook off the dust that had settled on our clothing.

The kitchen crew improvised a kitchen under the shade of a big santol tree. Carefully we prepared the food we had brought with us from town. Water, where could we get water? The artesian well near by was merely a mocking sight to a thirsty soul. We learned that the women fetch water in clay



Doctors J. Kennedy (left) and C. Ekvall examining patients who came to the open-air free clinic. A total of 260 persons were given free consultations, medicines and helpful advice on healthful living.

jars carried on their heads from a spring some meters away. For them water is not as important as it is for us. It is just used for drinking and for washing a few tin plates after their regular twice-a-day meals. Bathing and washing of clothes are seldom undertaken.

Immediately we felt very hot and thirsty. Quickly glancing over the place, we saw a handful of cogon huts built in an orderly way along the narrow roads that crossed the small community. A stone's throw from the center of the community was the public school where a few boys and girls attend school now and then. "Where are the natives?" someone whispered. There, behind the cogon huts one by one they appeared, men, women and children. They wondered

a sharp bolo in hand intending to kill his enemy. The music was coupled with shouts and words of encouragement from the increasing audience. During this time, Dr. Ekvall and Dr. Kennedy took pictures.

By this time many of the people had come out of their huts. Consultations began. There were many cases of skin diseases that covered the whole body. Some had suffered for months and others for years. "All they need is a good bath," Dr. Kennedy said over and over. Sure enough, their skin was very dry, their thick, kinky hair was gray with dust and their clothes were coated with dirt. The children carried on their mother's hips were a terrible sight. Nobody thought of cleaning their eyes, nose

the leaf. But we all enjoyed this treat.

We hurriedly left the place for we were thinking of our next stop. That same evening we offered free consultations at the municipal building of San Marcelino, Zambales. The patients kept coming till 11:00 o'clock that night. One hundred and seventy-five persons received free consultation, medicines and valuable advice on healthful living.

Surely there is much more that we can do. Many more places are needing medical help. How I wish we could have more opportunities like this.

## South-Central Luzon Mission—1960 Report

By P. C. Banaag, President

Once again the Lord has wonderfully blessed the work in the South-Central Luzon Mission in many ways. Last year, 1960, was a banner year, especially in soul winning. When we learned that the goal for baptisms given to us by the union mission committee was 500 souls, we mobilized our forces by holding five evangelistic meetings, setting our lay preachers on fire, and giving our churches and companies their respective goals. As a result we reached our goal in the month of September and at the close of the year we had 538 souls baptized.

One effective stimulus in spiritualizing and inspiring our people for aggressive evangelism is our regular annual revival meetings in every church throughout the mission. These meetings are carried on for three months immediately following the evangelistic season. The brethren always look forward to this time of spiritual refreshing with a great deal of anticipation and satisfaction. This is the time when all workers, field and office, go out two and two and hold three meetings a day—five o'clock in the morning for the devotional service, twelve noon for Bible study, and at eight o'clock in the evening for evangelistic preaching. The time between these meetings is spent by our revivalists in visiting the homes of our members, especially the backsliders. In some places, quite a number of these are reclaimed.

One very outstanding soul-winning success was the evangelistic



**A few of the Negritos with the nurses and the two Americans, Doctors Ekvall and Kennedy. The two Negritos in the center entertained the visitors with their bolo and bow and arrow dances.**

about us and doubted our friendliness. They were a sight to behold! Most of them stood four feet tall, some a few inches shorter. With our little knowledge of the Ilocano dialect we invited them to come for free consultation.

The tables were covered with clean white sheets and the instruments were made ready. An old man appeared wearing his G-string. Our guide requested him to dance in the native way. At the sound of the gong-gong music he challenged another man with his bow and arrow. Next he danced with

or mouth. The atmosphere was becoming so dry that even the air we breathed seemed void of moisture.

We saw 85 patients in that small community. After all the excitement was over we washed our hands thoroughly in the little water from the spring. Lunch was served from the naturally sterilized plates—banana stalks. You should have seen Dr. and Mrs. Ekvall and Dr. and Mrs. Kennedy trying to eat from these plates. The soup was dripping from both ends of

effort by the brethren at our headquarters' church in Lucena. They launched the "Operation Jail" by holding a series of Bible studies inside the Provincial Penitentiary. After more than a year of preaching and studying, 27 prisoners were baptized behind the prison bars. A very delicate problem arose soon after the baptism when our prisoner-brethren presented the request to the jail administration that they be permitted to choose and cook their food separately from the rest of the prisoners. The reason for this request was the practice that all the foods (viands) are cooked together at one time in a caldron. So what the brethren tried to do was to pick out the viands we eat and wash them under the faucet. This of course caused the food to become tasteless and flavorless. When the request was turned down because it simply could not be allowed, we made separate representation to the Provincial Governor, Provincial Fiscal and the Judge of the Court of First Instance. All of these provincial dignitaries would not make any decision one way or another, rather referred us to the Secretary of Justice of the Philippines. However, while we were preparing our letter to the Secretary of Justice for legal opinion, one morning we received a telephone call from the Provincial Warden telling us that inasmuch as they had observed a great change had taken place in the habits, conversation, and conduct of these Adventist baptized prisoners, they had decided to grant them the privilege of choosing and cooking their own food. Very soon we shall be baptizing another group of interested prisoners as the result of the personal work of these 27 baptized members.

Our 1960 Ingathering campaign was successful. We reached our goal of P8,000.00 within three weeks, and at the end of the campaign we had an overflow of about P4,000.00.

The work of our departments is carried on very efficiently and strongly by the respective secretaries. Our young people are doing their part in aggressive evangelism by participating in public meetings, house to house Bible studies, and in the penetration crusade of the Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence activities. Our education-

al work is being carried on in harmony with our policies when it comes to finances and enrollment. We have opened our first Junior Academy and we expect to add, if our request for authorization to do so is approved by the Union Mission, the second year and third year next school year. Also we are happy to announce that we are opening a mission school for the Mangyans in Occidental Mindoro next school year. We are thankful and happy that the Division has given us an appropriation to carry on the work two years. Our medical work is gaining prestige and wide publicity by the regular medical rallies we are holding throughout the Mission with the help of our mission nurse and medical staff at the Manila Sanitarium-Hospital. Usually we hold three of these medical clinics and treatments in municipal buildings so that the government officials are the ones looking after the gathering in of the people not only in the town but from the adjacent barrios.

Our finances are on the upward trend from year to year. South-Central Luzon Mission is happy to report that we have one hundred percent of our working capital. Our brethren are uniting in supporting the work of God through their faithfulness in tithes and liberal offerings. As a result we were able to employ three ministerial interns within two years and during 1961 we are adding to our working staff a Bible instructor who is graduating from the four-year course at Philippine Union College. If the union mission will allow us another ministerial intern, we believe we can afford to employ such a one.

For all of the above blessings spiritually, financially and physically, we would like to express first of all our gratitude to God, and then to the Division for their financial support and to the Union Mission for their guidance and help from time to time.

### Adventures in the Magazine Workers' Field

By R. N. Emralino

In the Philippines 175 magazine workers are venturing forth throughout the whole island of

Luzon, even to the remotest areas, hunting and fishing for souls. They use the journal, **Your Health and Home** as their weapon. They have different ways of hunting and fishing. This year they made successful ventures in different army camps, foremost of which was Fort McKinley. Arrangements were made with the commanding officer for the men who were in training in that camp to assemble in the lecture room. The following program was given:

Opening remarks by Captain S. Duque

Choir—"Dalagang Filipina" by the Magazine Workers

Lecture—"The Home," by Ruben Bontilao

Vocal trio—Magazine Workers

Lecture—"The Commandments of Health," by Rebecca Marquez

Choir—"Onward Christian Soldiers," by the Magazine Workers

Lecture—"Six Killers of Mankind," by R. N. Emralino

The program closed with the film on cancer, "One in Twenty Thousand," and subscriptions were taken. As a result of this program the men knew more about Seventh-day Adventists and their beliefs. The workers were given permission to solicit subscriptions in the homes. More than 800 pesos' worth of subscriptions and single copies were sold, including those taken during the lecture and in the house-to-house visitation. Our magazine workers were known in the camp as "Miss Your Health." This contact opened the way for the Ingathering.

The second venture was in a hospital with a nurses' training school. One nurse was so impressed with the work that she wanted to become one of the HOME HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICE representatives. She was informed that the first qualification was to be a Seventh-day Adventist. This was the first time she had heard that name. She did not know anything about Seventh-day Adventists. She bought a Bible when she was told that reading it would help her find eternal life.

The third venture was in business offices. Once a magazine worker was canvassing in an engineer's office. The engineer argued that

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## NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● Pastor A. S. Canlas, evangelist in the Central Luzon Mission of the North Philippine Union Mission, reports that he and his co-worker reached their goal of 140 souls baptized during 1960. During the same year these two workers were able to help the members of the district in which they are in charge in building two very representative new churches. They are laying plans for an even better year in soul-winning in 1961.

● Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Nelson visited friends on the Division and Union Mission compounds on their way to the homeland. They have labored in the Far East for forty-three years, having served in the educational work in Japan and the Philippines. They plan to locate in La Sierra, California, upon their return to the States.

● Pastor and Mrs. R. H. Wentland, Jr., and their three boys have arrived in Singapore. Pastor Wentland was recently asked to be the Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Southeast Asia Union Mission. The Wentlands have given many years of service in the Vietnam Mission and we know they will be greatly missed in the work there. We welcome them to Singapore.

● Mrs. H. E. Bedwell is visiting her daughter Carol and former friends on the Division compound. She is returning to Manila, Philippines, from the States where she went to be with her father during his last illness.

● The Division compound family was happy to go to the airport to welcome home Pastor and Mrs. H. E. McClure. Due to illness on the part of Pastor McClure their furlough had to be extended several months. We are thankful that he is well again and we know he will continue his strong promotion of the Sabbath school and home missionary departments of the Division field. He will be in charge of the Sabbath school program at the Youth Congress in Manila.

● Mrs. W. A. Hilliard and her two smaller children left for Hinsdale, Illinois, a few weeks ago.

She had received a long distance telephone call to the effect that her mother had suffered a stroke. Pastor and Mrs. Hilliard are due to go on furlough after the school year but it was thought advisable for Mrs. Hilliard to precede the rest of the family. We have since heard that her mother has slightly improved.

● Pastors W. A. Baines, C. R. Stanley, L. J. Laws and D. J. Self, evangelists in the Australasian Division, stopped off in Singapore en route to the United States and spent a few days with friends on the Division compound.

● Sunday, April 2, will be an eventful day in the lives of a group of young people. On that day the delegates to the Youth Congress from the Indonesia and Southeast Union Missions will emplane for Manila via Hong Kong. They are flying on a Cathay Pacific Electra plane and will be the guests of the Airline Company overnight in Hong Kong.

### Adventures in the Magazine Workers' Field

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there is nothing in this world that can prevent disease, nothing that can take away nor help in worry or other mental problems. It was gathered from what he said that he came from a broken home. He asked, "What can **Your Health and Home** do for us—my wife, my home?" The colporteur turned to the article, "The Man of the Matchless Charm," and said, "Sir, please read this article." Who knows but that some day this man may be in heaven.

God uses the influence of even people outside our denomination to help place our journals in the homes of very prejudiced people. One time a Philippine Constabulary commander went with a magazine worker into the Chinese section of Aparri. In three hours' time 377 pesos' worth of literature was sold. For the first half hour the P. C. commander listened to what was explained by the worker and then he took over the canvassing—the colporteur made out the receipts only. Provincial auditors, directors of Internal Revenue offices, unit heads of insurance companies, even provincial governors do not hesitate to give recommendations for our work.

Mr. Miguel Lorenzo before he was converted to the truth had many evil habits. After his conversion, he joined the magazine work and is now a faithful worker. When he married even his wife joined the magazine work. He led his younger sister into the truth and she has also joined the magazine workers.

Miss Naomi Israel who died last November of hydrophobia was a very faithful magazine evangelist. The day before she died from the dog bite she sold 50.00 pesos' worth of magazines. She came from a non-Seventh-day Adventist family but because of her faithfulness she converted her sister to the truth before she died. This sister is now taking up the magazine work that her sister has left. She hopes and prays for the conversion of her parents.

Our magazine workers travel every day from house to house, up and down hilly places, through barrios and towns, knowing that our literature is the opening wedge for people to know the truth. A total of 1,373 Voice of Prophecy coupons were sent in for Bible lessons through the **Your Health and Home** journal during the first 11 months of 1960. The total sales of magazines in the North Philippine Union Mission for the period January to November amounted to P125,929.15. This is an increase of P9,916.43 over 1959. Surely there will be a harvest of souls from the reading of these many journals.

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