

# Okinawa Mission Begins Work on Off-Shore Islands

By C. B. Watts, President Okinawa Mission

On Wednesday, February 22, 1961, Mr. and Mrs. Fukushima and their two children moved to the small island of Ikei Jima where they began to teach the people about the soon-coming Saviour. This event marks the beginning of an effort on the part of the Okinawa Mission to advance the gospel to the people on the many small islands in the Ryukyu Group.

Fortunately on this occasion, Pastor T. Kajiyama, Sabbath school secretary for the Japan Union Mission; Pastor P. H. Eldridge, radio secretary of the union mission and director of the Osaka Center, and H. B. Ludden, secretary-treasurer of the Japan Union Mission, were visiting Okinawa.



A small three-wheeled vehicle called a "sanrinsha" hauls the belongings of the Fukushima family to the pier. Sister Fukushima watches intently as the boxes and baskets are unloaded.

Journey's end. The Fukushima family arrives at Ikei Jima Island, their new home. Their household goods are quickly unloaded and carried to their home.

> These men accompanied the writer as he and several other workers helped the Fukushima family make their move to the island which was to become their new home.

A small three-wheeled vehicle carried all of the household belongings of this courageous family to a pier in a protected little harbor on the Pacific side of Okinawa. Here many hands made light work of moving the household furniture and other belongings from the sanrinsha to the pier and then to a small boat which had been hired for the occasion. When all were on board, the skipper cranked the year-old but newly painted automobile engine which provided





One hour after arrival the Fukushima home is in order and they are ready for guests. Seated, left to right: H. B. Ludden, P. H. Eldridge, Mr. Ishikawa, Mr. and Mrs. Fukushima, T. Kajiyama and 🤅 B. Watts. Second row, same order: Two friends of the Fukushimas, Mr. Toyama's sister, and Mrs. Tsukuyama. The nephew of Mr. Toyama is seen in the doorway.

power and the little boat moved away and out into the deeper water. After a pleasant voyage of about two hours and a half of winding in and out among islands and coral reefs, we arrived at Ikei Jima.

Ikei Jima is a very small island. having only one village with about 400 homes. It was chosen to be the headquarters for the Fukushima family for several reasons. First of all, it is the home of the well-known Mr. Toyama, editor of The Citizen, a newspaper in Hawaii. Mr. Toyama is a member of our Seventh-day Adventist church in Honolulu and for many years he has looked forward to the time when someone would carry the message to this small island where he was born. Having visited the island recently himself, considerable interest had been created among his relatives and friends. This opened the way for our work to begin. Secondly, even though this island is small, it is very near to other islands where there are a number of villages to be evangelized.

As the little boat pulled up to the pier, the first passengers to disembark were the two little boysone with his tricycle riding up the concrete peer toward the shore. Already he was happy in his new environment. Bedding, cooking utensils, chests of drawers-everything was carried by hand from the pier up into the village and to the house which had been rented previously for this purpose. Within an hour, everything was in place and the Fukushimas entertained their first guests! How simple life can be but how complicated many of us make it. Before bidding the Fukushima family goodbye, they once again pledged their allegiance to the Master and indicated their determination to represent sigiven much in time and money Him rightly among the people of Ikei Jima. Pastor Eldridge offered a prayer in their behalf. A new outpost had been established.

# Far Eastern Division Nurses Attend the International Council of Nurses By D. Lois Burnett

Nine Seventh-day Adventist nurses attended the quadrennial session of the International Council of Nurses held in Melbourne, Australia, April 17-21. Those who attended from the Far Eastern Division were: Bessie Irvine, Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital; Mary Nygaard, Penang Sanitarium and Hospital; Marjorie Greive, Youngberg Memorial Hospital and D. Lois Burnett, consultant, nursing

service and School of Nursing, Manila Sanitarium and Hospital.

Following the Far Eastern Youth Congress, April 4-8, Bessie Irvine and the writer left for Australia. It was our privilege to visit some Seventh-day Adventist mission stations in New Guinea-Papua en route to Australia. Beryl Marx from the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles met us in Port Moresby. The three of us travelled together for the following month.

Our New Guinea destination was Wabag where the new hospital is being constructed to which a thirteenth Sabbath overflow offering was assigned last year. Meanwhile Doctor and Mrs. Roy Yeatts, American missionaries, are there caring for patients in a temporary dispensary.

The health and spiritual needs of the primitive people of New Guinea are some of the most acute in the world. The nursing service of the Leper Colony is supplied largely by nurses from the Aus-tralasian Division. They train na-tive helpers on-the-job and also secure some workers who have been trained as dressers at Omaura, a Seventh-day Adventist training center. The dressers title in Pidgin English is "Doctor Boi."

This was our first visit to Australia and we were inpressed with the abundant hospitality of the people and the great opportunities in this vast country. This continent is larger than the United States but its total population of ten million is little more than the city of Tokyo. Immigration is encouraged and the Australians graciously speak of these newcomers as "New Australians."

The national nurses' association of Australia, known as the Royal Australian Nursing Federation, had to make the I. C. N. session an enjoyable occasion. Each overseas nurse was met at the airport or ship by one of the Melbourne nurses. Furthermore, each was written to in advance and notified who would meet her. There was social function each evening а which made it possible for nurses to become acquainted. One afternoon was left open for visiting a nursing service or an educational program in Melbourne.

The opening meeting of the I. C. N. on Monday, April 17, was a colorful affair. The Royal Austrahan Air Force band played while the nurses were assembling. The flags of the sixty countries represented in the I. C. N. membership and the autumn flowers, which were used profusely in decorating, added much to the beauty of the occasion. Sir Dallas Brooks, Administrator of the Commonwealth of Australia. who is appointed by the Queen. marched in with Agnes Ohlson, president of I. C. N. They were followed by Lady Brooks and the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Sir Bernard Evans. After a short address, Sir Brooks declared the the I. C. N. officially opened. Sir Brooks spoke with warmest regard of the work of nurses and showed an insight into the need for the profession to maintain the human element in this technical age. He concluded by saying, "I pay trib-ute to a profession for which I Mile. Alice Clamageran of France was elected president of I. C. N. for the 1961-1965 period. Miss Daisy Bridges, who has endeared herself to nurses all over the world while she has served as I. C. N.'s general secretary the past thirteen years, is retiring. She is being succeeded by Helen Nussbaum of Switzerland.

It was voted that the next International Council of Nurses meeting will be held in Germany in 1965. One of the considerations given in selecting the meeting place for the I. C. N. is that such a meeting does much toward the development of nursing in the country.

The meetings were concerned with the improvement of nursing in all parts of the world. Some of the topics considered were: the



Nine Seventh-day Adventist nurses who attended the International Council of Nurses in Melbourne, Australia. Left to right: Marjorie Greive, Bessie Irvine, Beryl Marx, Patricia Swarbrick, Agnes Barclay, Lois Burnett, Mrs. Rita Rowe, Mary Nygaard, Edna Mitchell. Miss Greive, Miss Irvine, Miss Burnett and Miss Nygaard are connected with medical institutions in the Far Eastern Division.

have nothing but unstinted admiration."

An inspiring scene was the Roll Call of Member Nations called by Miss Daisy Bridges, the General Secretary of I. C. N. As each country's name was called its representative stood and the acclamation arising manifested the feeling of pride and welcome by the member nations gathered with one common aim and purpose. Approximately 2,500 nurses attended. The largest number of delegates represented Australia and the United States. growth of the International Council of Nurses and the respective national nursing associations; the international code of nursing ethics; improvement of the quality of education of nurses and nursing service; legal responsibilities of nurses; sociological aspects of nursing service; and further need for research in nursing.

It was our privilege also to visit Brisbane, Sydney, Warburton and Canberra while in Australia. Warburton Sanitarium, approximately 45 miles from Melbourne, reminded us of St. Helena Sanitarium in California, both as to beauty of its geographic location and also clinically. Wahroonga, near Sydney, is the location of the Australasian Division office and the Sydney Sanitarium. The only School of Nursing in the Australasian Division is conducted at the Sydney Sanitarium.

En route home from Australia we visited Indonesia and Borneo. In Bandung, Indonesia, one of the most beautiful tropical areas of the world, a new Seventh-day Adventist hospital is nearing completion. The School of Nursing has been developed, under the leadership of Wilma Leazer, with a relationship with the Indonesia Union Seminary, utilizing as many of its educational services as possible. Currently, two of the graduate nurses from Bandung are studying in Manila. Augusta Tauran, who completed the baccalaureate program in nursing at Philippine Union College last year, is enrolled at the University of the Philippines for the Master's degree program in nursing. So Lan Tan has enrolled at Philippine Union College for the current year.

In Borneo there is no organized medical work in our mission program but wives of missionaries (Mrs. Thora Mountain and Mrs. Vernetta Oliver) being nurses have been very active in carrying on health services where they have been located. They have walked many miles into the jungles, wading through streams, and climbing over rugged terrain, to accompany their husbands in ministerial and medical work. Reports indicate that a portable dispensary service was the contribution of these nurses.

When the people in Borneo become Christians they move away from the heathen village and establish a Christian village. We visited several of these villages and what a contrast they are! In the heathen village many families live together in long houses in filth and squalor with pigs rooting in the mud under the house. In the village which the Seventh-day Adventists have established, each family has its neat, clean home. Flowers and vegetable gardens are being cultivated. A church school has been established and people appeared to be industrious in forwarding God's work.

How good God is to us in that the power of His Word changes lives to His honor and glory and for our own happiness. What a wonderful privilege is ours as Seventh-day Adventist nurses to go out into the world to help bring a better way of life to others.

# Spiritual Emphasis Week for Our Youth By J. R. Spangler

"Who made God?" "How do I know God is interested in me?" "How can I overcome my bad temper?" "Will my father, who was not a Christian but he was a good man, be saved?" These questions will give you an idea of the thoughts that run through the minds of many of the students in our schools.

The "answer-to-questions" period proved to be an interesting part of the Weeks of Prayer that it was my privilege to conduct in Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Professor P. G. Miller and his staff did everything possible to make the Spring Week of Prayer at Southeast Asia Union College a real success. God spoke to the hearts of many during this spiritual emphasis week. The same was true at our beautifully located school at Clear Water Bay in Hong Kong. Pastor D. W. Curry, principal, and his faculty set the stage for a real spiritual feast. Pastor Lo Heng So, leader of our 800student Boundary Street School in Kowloon and his teachers organized an excellent devotional period. Mrs. R. M. Milne, head of our Happy Valley School, prepared the way for another series of spiritual talks aimed at the English-speaking students. The principal of our Taiwan Training Institute, M. D. Lee, along with his faculty members gave superior assistance in making the Week of Prayer an outstanding success. Without exception, the students in the above mentioned schools responded ardently to the call of God. When the invitation was given for those who wanted to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, the response ranged from forty students to well over one hundred. Baptismal classes were organized and it is our prayer that a large majority of those who took their stand will not return to the prison house of Satan but by God's power keep their new found liberty in Jesus Christ.

A special Friday evening candlelight service proved to be impressive and heart-warming. The obvious reaction of those who either found Christ for the first time or those whose spiritual nature was revived was to share their faith with others. The small light of one candle was sufficient to light other candles which in turn spread throughout the entire room until it was literally ablaze with glittering light. May this simple illustration become a reality in the lives of our young people attending these institutions.

Our schools are rich gold mines for souls. The earnest appeals, the numerous prayers, the words of encouragement, and the tears of love produced by our Christian teachers give evident results when special weeks of prayer are conducted. The results of any Week of Prayer are largely dependent upon the faculty efforts during the days, weeks, and months preceding it. Surely God has used our Christian teachers in a mighty way as they have sown seeds of Christian faith in the hearts of their students. It was a real experience of joy for me to participate in this spiritual emphasis program and the blessings I received were far more than any given.

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#### After Many Days By Clyde C. Cleveland, President Indonesia Union Mission

More than 8,000 Seventh-day Adventists live in the northeastern tip of the Celebes Island in Indonesia. This is an area of only about 20 x 50 miles. An average of one in every sixty persons living there is a Seventh-day Adventist.

Rebellion against the central government of Indonesia has been in progress there during the past several years. As a result it has not been possible to hold general meetings for our believers since 1956.

At the time of the union mission committee meetings in Bandung, Java, last December, it was decided to make an all-out effort to gather our people for a long delayed spiritual refreshing. In March came the first evidence that God had heard our prayers. Word of a truce between the opposing forces was announced. Almost immediately Satan struck back. Two Dakota planes crashed within ten days of each other and there were no survivors. All civilian flights to the North Celebes were cancelled. Boat service is long and irregular and passage almost unobtainable. We continued to pray.

With less than three weeks to the scheduled opening date of the general meetings, the only hope of getting transportation for our three union mission delegates lay in an indefinite arrangement with the Military Air Force. Pastor T. D. Manullang and I were able to go to Makassar in the South Celebes for workers' meetings. While there we received a cable saying that only one seat in the military plane from Java was available. We quickly checked at the harbor and found that we could obtain definite passage on the only boat arriving in the North Celebes in time for the meetings. A cable was dispatched to our treasurer, Gordon E. Bullock, to come by the military aircraft, using the one seat available. A week later we all met in Menado, the capital city of the North Celebes and in good time for the meetings. To God we gave the praise but He still had more blessings in store for us.

At the very time we arrived, the military leaders of the two opposing forces were in consultation. A rough agreement for ending the conflict was worked out subject to later ratification. As a result several roads were opened and many of our people were able to come to Menado for the first time in over three years. A temporary bamboo and metal roof structure was erected adjoining our largest church and more than a thousand rejoicing members met together for the Sabbath services.

In many ways a civil war is the worst form of warfare. We visited homes where fathers and sons had been gone for years. In other cases whole families had moved to inaccessible small villages in the mountains. Sometimes whole new villages were started in remote areas.

Soon after our arrival a few of the rebel officers returned to the city. They were dressed in black.



In the front row are the five newly-ordained ministers in the North Celebes Mission, namelly (1 to r) Frederick Nimot, Alexander Kolibu, Wolter Raranta, Sukarni Medellu and Barnabas Malingkas. In the back row are the officiating ministers at the ordination service. (Same order) K. Walandonw, C. C. Cleveland, T. D. Manullang, A. Pasuhuk.



Delegates who attended the general meeting in the North Celebes, the first such meeting held since 1956 due to the war situation.

The ordained ministers in the North Celebes Mission. In the background are Pastors C. C. Cleveland and T. D. Manullang. The wives of the newly-ordained ministers are seen in the foreground.



It was a strange sight to see an officer in black walking down the street with another officer garbed in the green of the central government troops. On some occasions, the officer in black became an officer in green before nightfall.

We were granted permission to make two trips into the interior along a central road. One of these was to Kawangkoan, the site of our former training school. We were happy to find the buildings standing, only partially damaged due to the war. Until the previous week they had been occupied by civilians who had now moved back to their own villages. Extensive gardening had been carried on for almost no food had been procured from the city. We rejoiced to find the buildings in the hands of our own Adventist people. Electricity had been cut off a few years back and the prospects for future service were still dim. Some major repairs would have to be made and an electric generator installed but the school could be opened again soon.

On our itinerary we passed through recent battle grounds. One village, located in the so-called "Valley of Death," had been almost completely destroyed. On another road we passed through the "Valley of Hinnom," so named because of the dead men's bones after the battle.

The general meetings in Menado fulfilled all expectations. A deep spiritual interest was shown as our people renewed their consecration to the Lord. Tithes and offerings carefully saved for many months in the interior were brought in and presented to the Lord. Urgent appeals were made for financial aid to help rebuild eight Adventist church buildings destroyed during the fighting.

All of the meetings were well attended and the question box was much in use. Careful plans were made for public evangelism but the main discussion centered on the topic of saving our own young people. This placed the emphasis squarely upon local church schools.

A total of 16 new churches were accepted by vote of the delegates. This raises the total of organized churches in this one mission to 147.

One of the most important meetings was the Missionary Volunteer investiture service. Proper recognition was given for a total of 432 class requirements completed. These included 118 Friends, 78 Companions, 31 Explorers, 32 Guides, and 11 Master Guides.

The spiritual high point came on Sabbath afternoon with the ordination service. Hands were laid on five of the licensed ministers thus increasing the working force of ordained ministers to seventeen.

The last Sabbath was spent in the village of Kawili. Various services occupied most of the day but had to be concluded an hour before sundown so we could return within the last military outpost before dark. The bus load of happy singing members drove down the winding, mountain road back to Menado. We watched the huge red sun dip to the horizon. Without a word, our Adventist driver pulled over to the side of the road and stopped. Heads were bowed as a simple Sabbath-closing prayer was offered to our Father in heaven. It was a fitting benediction for our stay of nearly three weeks with our dear people in the North Celebes.

The goal was set for all of the stronger churches to establish their own church schools this year. An additional one percent of income over tithes and offerings was pledged for their support. The secondary training school at Kawangkoan is to be reopened the coming school term.

# MV Week of Prayer at North Sumatra Training School

#### By Paul Emerson, MV Secretary North Sumatra Mission

The week of May 19 to 27 I had the privilege of conducting the MV Week of Prayer at our North Sumatra Training School. Our theme for the week was, "Christ Our Guide to Heaven." We used the Far Eastern Youth Congress theme song. It was a most profitable experience to listen to the students pour out their heartfelt problems and then to counsel and pray with them for greater faith and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The faculty and students provided excellent music for each meeting.

Friday evening, May 26, an invitation was given to the students to come to the pulpit and give a personal testimony. Many students testified that they had determined anew to make Christ their Guide.



#### Paul Emerson with his translator speaking to the students of the North Sumatra Training School.

Sabbath morning as the appeal was made, 33 young people came to the front of the chapel thus signifying that they desired to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. We are grateful for the working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of these young people. A baptismal class was organized to further prepare these young men and women for the sacred step they will take in the near future as they unite with God's church on earth.

# Souls Reclaimed for the Church By P. Sitompul

In our evangelistic efforts in the South Sumatra Mission, we have not only won a large number to the truths of God but we have been instrumental in reclaiming some who had lost the way. Because of World War II, a group of Seventh-day Adventists who lived at Saremsem, a village about ten miles from Tandjungkarang, had been neglected. They were young men and women when they were baptized by Pastors Ditmar, Drinhaus and others. About the year 1952 an off-shoot movement started in South Sumatra. The man who started this new movement came to Saremsem and tore down the church there and transferred all the material to Tandjungkarang. Our members were thus left alone. They had no church building and no leader. They became so careless in their spiritual life that they did not even keep the Sabbath. Some even began smoking again.

For about eight years no worker came to visit these folks. Because of their carelessness the Lord seemed to take away His blessings from them. Most of them became poor. Prior to this they had owned all the land around the village. But they had been obliged to sell their land and their coconut plantation. Some moved so as to work on other estates. Brother Tiadui was the leader of the group. He, too, sold his land. Though he himself did not live up to the Adventist faith, he refused to sell the land where once our church stood. When I visited the place, I could still see the foundation of the building. The land measured about 400 square meters. On the land was a coconut tree heavily laden with fruit, though there were thousands in the area which bore no fruit. Brother Tiadui expressed the hope that some day there might again be a church there.

During the evangelistic meetings at Tandjungkarang one of the handbills came into the hands of some of these former members. They were so happy to receive this and so one evening they hired a bus and about 20 of them came to the meeting. Outwardly you could not recognize them as Adventists. Some even chewed betlenuts. But inwardly the hope of meeting Jesus in the clouds of heaven still flickered in their hearts.

Because of the distance, they could not come to all of the meetings at Tandjungkarang, especially since they were now so poor. However, we were happy to be able to rebaptize one of the group. We need more workers in South Sumatra. There is an abundant harvest of souls in that land. From the group just mentioned, we can look forward to the baptism of perhaps 40 persons.

Transportation, or rather lack of transportation, makes it impossible to visit these folks very often. Pastor Mende is the only worker there now to look after these people and he is not a young man. The distances are great. Yes, the harvest is ripe but workers are needed.

#### We Visit the Island of Nias By Paul Emerson

On May 2 the following workers left Pematang Siantar for the island of Nias off the west coast of Sumatra; A. M. Bartlett, Wendell Wilcox, Paul Emerson, P. Napitupulu and V. Hutabarat. For transporation we used the writers' Volkswagen bus and in it we carried three passengers, four new bicycles, suitcases and Dorcas clothes, the latter to be distributed to the churches we would contact along the way to the seaport of Sibolga. Two of the above-mentioned workers with one bicycle had left on a bus three hours earlier. We were able to pick up these workers and the fifth bicycle at Tarutung after we had unloaded some of the Dorcas boxes.

A number of our believers have been molested by the rebel forces and they have lost many of their things so they have been and are very grateful for the help given them by our Dorcas societies.

We found that a ship was leaving for Nias the next day after our arrival at Sibolga and for this we were grateful. Nias is a very interesting and beautiful island. As we went inland through the many villages, we found that the people are very primitive in many ways. They are poor and do not have the means to buy the clothing they need. So there was much nakedness in evidence.

We are happy to report that the work is going forward on the island of Nias. We were with these people from May 2 till May 17 and during our visit three baptisms were held and 14 believers joined God's church. A new church at Lahusa was dedicated and we looked over the site for a new church building at Gunung Stoli. Three churches came together for meetings for three days at Hilistara. Pastor Bartlett visited these churches last November and he was the first overseas worker to pay them a visit in over 20 years. We shall not soon forget their enthusiastic singing and their desire to learn more of the message.

They were also anxious to receive instruction on church leadership. These people were so eager to talk with us that we had to prepare for bed at night in their presence before they would finally go to their homes. We will long remember meeting with these dear believers. We will also long remember the long hours of walking-40 to 60 kilometers a day-and the wading of rivers, some of which are infested with crocodiles. We had many bicycle problems and the blisters on our feet will long be talked about because of those five new bicycles.

Pray that a worker may soon be sent to the people on Nias Island. They need a shepherd.

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# A Growing Work in Northern Luzon By Juan A. Bangloy, President

One day Jesus was standing with His disciples before a great multitude. "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest (Matthew 9:36-38)."



Pastor A. M. Bartlett, president of the North Sumatra Mission, baptizing new believers in the river at Hilistara, Nias.

Northern Luzon Mission is a vast territory comprising nine provinces. Calls for workers come very often from various parts of the mission. The mission workers have tried their very best to cope with the situation and we are very happy to report that the year 1960 was a banner year in soul winning. We baptized 554 persons thus exceeding our goal by 54.

About three years ago Pastor Trofimo L. Atiga was designated as the mission evangelist and revivalist. Since then he has launched with his evangelistic team major efforts at Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya; Hagan, Isabela; and Aparri, Cagayan. These efforts garnered in a goodly number of precious souls to the fold.

Last February Pastor Atiga with his team of workers started an aggressive effort in Cuyapo, Nueva Ecija. He now reports that 41 souls have received the rite of baptism and there are many more who are preparing for the sacred service. One prominent lady, hearing the message of the soon coming Saviour, determined to embrace the truth regardless of what would happen. Her husband, sensing what he called queer movements on the part of his wife, started to per-secute her. In order to prevent his wife from going to the meetings, he would stay home but whenever the wife had the opportunity she would attend the meet-ings. We hope that the husband's prejudice will be broken so that even he will also embrace the truth.

Between these major efforts, the mission evangelist and his workers conducted revival meetings in various places with wonderful results. New members were added to the churches and many who had gone astray were reclaimed to the truth. One church in Cagayan province was about to be disbanded. The mission revivalist went there and conducted a series of meetings resulting in the reviving of the entire church and 17 new members were added. Yes, revival meetings are very effective in reclaiming lost members and getting new ones.

Aside from shepherding the flock, our district leaders conduct minor efforts with heartening and encouraging fruitage. Pastor V. C. Cacho launched two efforts in the province of Cagayan. As a (Continued on page 10)



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result two churches were erected as memorials to the message of truth. Cottage meetings are conducted where lay members have created an interest. Many of our lay preachers are conducting cottage meetings and a great number of our baptisms are the result of the work of these lay preachers.

One agency that we have utilized in the Northern Luzon Mission which has brought the message to hundreds of people is the Voice of Prophecy. Many of our people have completed the Bible correspondence course while an effort is in progress.

On the 23rd of May, Pastor L. E. Tucker, director of the Voice of Prophecy in our union mission, was the guest speaker at a Voice of Prophecy graduation in Caba, La Union, where Pastor Tito P. Atiga is conducting an effort. Twenty-seven received their certificates. The exercises were in the Caba municipal auditorium and a large number of people attended the program.

The following day Pastor Tucker was the speaker at an effort being conducted in Cuyapo by Pastor Trofimo L. Atiga. A large number of people attended this meeting and of these 64 were graduates of the Voice of Prophecy course.

The medical work is surely the opening wedge for our message. The Cagayan Valley Sanitarium and Hospital has broken down the prejudice of the people against our work. Since the opening of the doors of this institution, hundreds of people have been restored to health who were afflicted with various diseases. While patients in the hospital, the people learn of our truth through the efforts of the lady chaplain, Mrs. Maria Pasamonte, and the staff of the Sanitarium under the able leadership of Dr. Celedonio Fernando, the director of the Sanitarium and Hospital. When the patients return home they tell their friends and neighbors about this Seventhday Adventist Hospital and as a result hundreds and thousands get a knowledge of the soon coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. The Adventist church in Santiago had, three years ago, a membership of about 20 but today there is a membership of 118. This has been made possible largely through the influence of the Sanitarium.

Mrs. Maria T. Carbajal, our mission nurse, reports that in her going about in the mission helping the sick to learn the way to health large numbers of people learn about the Adventist faith. Yes, the medical department is greatly instrumental in bringing the message of truth to the people who know not God.

We pray God, the Lord of the harvest, to help our mission in its soul winning activities.

#### Temperance Oratorical and Jingle Contests By B. B. Alsaybar, Principal Northern Luzon Academy

The Northern Luzon Academy held its first temperance oratorical and jingle contests on the evening of March 22, 1961. Because it was "Academy Day," and the opening day of the mission general meetings, the program was especially well attended.

Nine orators underscored the necessity for temperance in one's life. Five of them received the coveted awards donated by the seven-member board of judges which had as it chairman Pastor J. D. Cristobal, executive secretary of the Philippine National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism.

The first, third and fifth prizes went to three juniors, namely Luz Lapona, Benjamin Pacudan and Alexander Eclar, respectively. The second and fourth prizes went to two seniors, Benjamin Sanidad, Jr., and Thelma Miguel, respectively. The winning oration by Luz Lapona was entitled, "Temperance and You."

The winning jingles in the jingle contest were announced with the five prizes donated by the faculty going to the following:

- Orlando Sanidad, first prize: "Live a life that is clean, Free from alcohol and nicotine."
- Eltogen Frias, second prize: "People who right think Neither smoke nor drink."
- Agustin Distor, third prize: "If to heaven you want to go, Touch not wine or tobacco."
- James Pastor, fourth prize: "Cigarette plus liquor Equals death and loss to the soul."
- Alexander Eclar, fifth prize: "They say these are lunatics Made by narcotics.

#### Oratorical contest winner Luz Lapona.

But I say all wise people Don't fool around with their souls."

The program was sponsored by the NLA Temperance Chapter. The principal of the academy was the sponsor and moderator. We plan to promote temperance even more strongly this coming school year and to have these contests yearly.

# He Thought They Couldn't Do It! By J. O. Bautista

"We cannot do it," declared Nicanor Tudla, church elder and lay preacher of Munoz, Nueva Ecija, with a tone of finality. This was his reaction to the suggestion that the church hold evangelistic meetings.

The first week of the year 1960, E. J. Tangunan, home missionary secretary of the Central Luzon Mission, was sent out by the mission president to the field on a special assignment. He was to visit all the trained lay preachers and help them plan their missionary activities in line with the mission's plan for a strong evangelistic program. After presenting the plan to the members of the Munoz church, the elder stood up and voiced the opinion that the lay brethren could not undertake the task. When asked why he thought so, he gave a seemingly plausible reason.

"You know," he began by way of explanation, "we are but humble farmers of this locality. During the planting season the townsfolk see us trudging the streets on our way to our fields with our work animals hauling sleds on which are our plows, harrows, and other farming equipment. These people wont listen to us, much less believe the message we will present to them when we begin an effort and preach to them."

He proposed an alternative. Could not the mission send an evangelist to hold the effort? If that were done, he assured us that all the church members would do their utmost to support the project.

It was rather disappointing on the part of the home missionary secretary to observe such an attitude on the part of one who about a year before received training and instruction at a lay preachers' institute which was held in that district. To all appearances, this lay preacher returned home from the institute still cherishing the mistaken notion that the task of preaching the message publicly belongs only to the mission-paid worker. So that visit of Pastor Tangunan to the Munoz Church in that month of January failed to stir them to action.

However, situations can change unexpectedly, and often quickly at that, especially if the Lord takes a hand in them. On the first Sabbath of the following month, a home missionary rally was held for the district in the neighboring town of Santo Domingo which was attended by the elder and a few of the other members of the Munoz church. Toward the close of the gathering, the home missionary secretary made a strong appeal on behalf of soul winning work and asked the leaders of the different churches in the district to set their goals in souls to be won during the year.

With some reluctance on his part, Brother Tudla accepted a goal of ten souls for his church. Nevertheless, as he went home from the meeting thinking seriously about it, he found himself asking, "Why not give the idea a trial anyway?" So he rallied the brethren and worked out a program. They were at last going to attempt the impossible.

They started out by visiting their neighbors to determine their spiritual condition, in harmony with instructions from the Spirit of Prophecy writings. To the surprise of the church members, many of the people they visited manifested interest in receiving Bible studies. Soon a fair-sized group came regularly to cottage meetings and later a baptismal class was organized in the church.

The second quarter's rally was held in the Munoz church on April 16. No group of persons was happier that day than Brother Tudla and the rest of the members of his church for five of the candidates that were baptized that day were the fruits of their labors. So the impossible had happened! That was the result of their first quarter's efforts and it was fifty percent of their goal for the year! Encouraged by this initial accomplishment, Brother Tudla, now bubbling over with enthusiasm, announced that they would try to reach the entire goal by the end of the second quarter.

When the next rally was held in San Jose on July 16, they presented eight more persons for baptism, making a total of 13 souls won within the first half of the year.

It was during the last part of October that we made our visit to the Munoz church. We discovered that the inspiration and enthusiasm generated by the success in the soul-winning activity was being reflected in other phases of the church work. The Ingathering season was just half over. In the past it had taken the Munoz church three weeks to reach its goal. But last year a new record was established for they had their goal after working four days. Without waiting for a worker to come and help them, as had been done in the past, Brother Tudla and his wife, together with several other brethren went ahead in the work of solicitation as soon as the official date for beginning the campaign arrived. It was a great surprise to these brethren that in spite of the poor harvest they found the people giving readily of their means for the cause of God. Now they look forward with a great deal of anticipation to future Ingathering seasons.

Now back to their evangelistic work. During that visit of ours two other persons were being prepared for baptism as a result of work done the third quarter. They have now set as their objective the holding of a baptism in their church every quarter. Since relating this experience of the Munoz church and presenting it to others as worthy of emulation, some churches and individual lay preachers have followed suit—adopting



Nicanor Tudla (center, second row from top) and some of the members of the Munoz church. They tried what they thought was impossible and succeeded.

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a similar goal. It's really wonderful! And to think that such a worthy objective should originate in a church whose leader at first thought it was an impossible thing for lay members to engage in public evangelism!

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#### The Guam MV's Did It By G. A. Haas, President Far Eastern Island Mission

The old adage, "If you want a job done, ask a young person to do it!" has been proven true again. During the month of February, the three MV societies on Guam banded together to try out the program "Operation Fireside," or "Youth Evangelism."

At first we planned to organize eight teams but so many of the youth wanted to help in the work that we had to have 12 teams and some teams had three participants, rather than just two. It was not easy to find twelve sponsors nor twelve homes in which to give the studies. However, the program was organized and the teams were assigned their topics. The teams were switched from home to home each Sunday evening until all the studies had been given. Many of the young people had never before given a Bible study. Everyone soon learned how and excellent work was done. One group made an excellent chart on the "Millennium." All the teams used the "Brief Bible Readings for Busy People." Some did supplementary work and gave very excellent studies.

Some of the parents of the youth admitted that their teenage children were braver than they; the parents had never given Bible studies and were afraid to try.

On May 20 a baptism of 16 persons was conducted by the three pastors on Guam. Seven of the candidates had been participating in the program by either giving or receiving the Bible studies. There is no doubt in our minds but that this type of youth evangelism works. All agreed that we must try it again.



A part of the group of Missionary Volunteers on Guam who participated in the "Operation Fireside."



Five adults and 11 young people were baptized on Guam on May 20, 1961, seven of whom had participated in the "Operation Fireside."

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# Work Among the Moslems in the South Philippines By D. M. Niere

Missionary to the Sulu Archipelago

More than two years ago, we were sent to work for the Moslems in the Sulu Archipelago. We replaced Pastor and Mrs. Francisco Cabansag who had worked in that field prior to our coming. We found a small company when we arrived but they were all Christians who had immigrated to Jolo. We were directed to work especially for the Moslems but we had difficulty with the dialect of the people. We therefore began working among the educated people who could speak English. Through the providence of God, we came in contact with a woman by the name of Mrs. Rosario Arasad, the wife of a Moro but her father was a Christian. She had been receiving Bible studies from the former missionaries but her husband's indifference to our message had prevented her from being baptized. One day word came to us that her baby was sick and she wanted us to visit her. Fomentations and

injections were given to relieve the baby of its fever. Thus we met the prejudiced husband and soon a friendship developed. As we visited this home from time to time we noticed that their kitchen needed immediate repairs. The husband was busy with a political campaign so we offered the wife that we would help her repair the house. When the work had been done, the wife was delighted and the husband was surprised to see this when he returned from his campaign.

Both husband and wife paid us a visit one evening. In the course of our conversation, Mr. Arasad made some complimentary remarks about our church. Not long after this he consented to the wife's request to be baptized.

Now that we had a translator in the person of Mrs. Arasad, we began to work for the inmates of the provincial jail and also among the lepers. We have now been working for these groups for a year, and, although there have as yet not been any baptisms we are confident that the seed sown will bear fruit.

Another thrilling experience in our work here is the conversion of a young man, a Moslem. We invited him to attend the Sabbath school and a year later he was baptized. During our series of Bible studies, we found it very difficult for a Moslem to believe in the Incarnation-how can God become a man. They believe Jesus was a great man and compare Him with the other prophets of the Old Testament, such as Adam, Abraham and Moses. It was hard for this young man, Laja Jalisan by name, to accept Jesus as the Saviour of mankind. His contention was that Christ was born, having a father and mother known as Yusop and Mariam in the Koran. It took him a long time to understand the Incarnation. Brother Jalisan's contacts with our workers who visit us from time to time and with colporteurs who have stayed in our home, have caused him to remark, "Why are you people so pleasant and happy?"

At this writing Laja Jalisan is at Mountain View College working as a self-supporting student. It is our prayer that when he has completed his education he will return to his own people and be instrumental in winning more Moslems to the gospel message. Our work in Jolo is going forward in spite of the fact that it is difficult to win Moslems to Christianity. Will you not pray that God will pour out His Spirit in a special way so that the hearts of these people will be moved to accept Jesus as their Saviour.

# Parent Council Graduation

#### By J. R. Obregon, President East Visayan Mission

The Cebu City church recently held a Parents' Council graduation under the able leadership of Mrs. E. S. Geslani. It was a unique class for its members came from a cross section of life—a doctor, a public school teacher, a manager of a mining concern, five nurses, two owners of pharmaceutical laboratories, grandmothers and unmarried young men and women made up the group.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Pastor A. Z. Roda, ministerial secretary of the South Philippine Union Mission. Others on the program were: Pastor T. A. Layon, chaplain of the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital, Mrs. C. C. Llaguno, Parent and Home education secretary of the union mission, and Mrs. J. R. Obregon representing the same department in the East Visayan Mission.

This group is the first to graduate from the second course offered in this mission for parents. They have covered the lessons of five books in a year's time. They have met twice each month and all have enjoyed the lively discussions they have had at their Sabbath afternoon meetings.

With another course completed, we anticipate a great improvement in the homes of the members of this class and also a sound foundation for the future homes of the youth.

#### Gather the Children In By Eulalia Cabaneres

Feeling the responsibility of extending our Lord's invitation to "Come out of her my people" through His remnant church, I decided to organize a Vacation Bible School in the barrio of Gusa



Vacation Bible School graduates at Cagayan de Oro city with their teacher, Eulalia Cabaneres.



Parent and Home Council graduates at the Cebu City church.





The literature evangelists who attended the Bacolod City institute. Seated in the front row are the following (left to right): Dr. Gideon Mercurio, who is in charge of the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital Clinic, Calixto Artigas, Jr., Pastor J. A. Corpus, Pastor M. G. Yorac, Miss Rosenda Cordova, Pastor A. N. Santiago, Pastor T. B. Tortal, and A. L. Elumir.

in the city of Cagayan de Oro. I visited the homes of the people and asked the parents if they would permit me to gather their children together during the vacation period to teach them character-building stories, finger plays and songs and thus learn to fear God and obey their parents. The homes visited appreciated my offer to help them mold the characters of their children.

At first there were 40 children enrolled but for fear of accidents in crossing the streets, some dropped out and only 32 were able to graduate. On graduation day, many of the parents attended the program although only two pupils were from Adventist homes. They were delighted to hear their children recite poems, do the finger plays and sing the songs about Jesus. They were impressed when they saw the children fold their hands and close their eyes when prayer was offered. Two of these non-Adventist children, Naomi and Jetro Cabaneres, were able to do a number of finger plays and to sing songs and they could also recite the books of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. May the Lord help these lambs of the flock to find their way to eternal life through our Vacation Bible Schools.

### West Visayan Colporteurs' Institute By A. N. Santiago

Thirty-five literature evangelists of the West Visayan Mission attended the annual institute held at Bacolod City late in May. Fifteen of these were new recruits. Present to lead out in this meeting were: A. N. Santiago, union mission publishing secretary and the publishing leaders in the local mission, namely Pastor J. A. Corpus, Calixto Artigas, Jr., A. L. Lumir and Miss Rosenda Cordova, the last-mentioned is the magazine leader in the mission.

The president of the Mission, Pastor M. G. Yorac, and the district leader, Pastor T. B. Tortal, contributed much to the success of the devotional hours of the institute. Meetings were held each evening for the workers in attendance and the non-Adventist visitors who were regular attendants at the institute.

"Your Radio Doctor," a regular radio program by Dr. Clifford Anderson, and now sponsored by the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital over station DYCB in Cebu City. has been discovered by our colporteurs to be a very effective way to gain the confidence of the customers. Many of the colporteurs reported that the big orders they were getting at present were the result of the introductory card they carry which states that they represent the same church as that which sponsors the Radio Doctor program. The cards work like magic, especially among those who listen to the radio program.

On the Sabbath 500 members from the neighboring churches met with us. At the time of the second service on Sabbath the writer made an altar call and the colporteurs and brethren responded with a great determination to serve the Lord more faithfully. Four precious souls were baptized by the district pastor, one of whom had been brought to the truth by a colporteur.

Sabbath afternoon we listened to an interesting colporteur symposium and in the evening the Bacolod church gave a reception for the colporteurs. Games were played and after the social evening, the colporteurs were assigned to their new territories. To date West Visaya has an accumulated delivery of P10,109.95, a gain of P6,941.10 over the deliveries of 1960 for the same period of time.

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#### Regional Teachers' Institutes in Korea By Rudy E. Klimes, Secretary Educational and MV Departments Korean Union Mission

The first regional teachers' institutes in Korea were conducted during the months of May and June. Three such institutes were held in the Central Korean Mission and one each in the Southwest and Southeast Missions.

One of the institutes was for the teachers in the eleven schools in the southwestern part of the Central Mission. Twenty-five teachers gathered at our Kwangchon Junior Academy for two days of instruction and discussion. Many of these teachers have recently joined our educational work and are therefore not too well acquainted with our educational program. Emphasis at this and the other institutes was largely on methods and visual aids. Periods were allotted for free discussion and this gave the teachers the opportunity to have his or her particular problem or question studied and answered.

Each morning the first period was devoted to devotional talks and in the evenings instruction was given on the organization and work of the Home and School Association. The last part of the final afternoon was given over to sports and in this all of the teachers took a vigorous part. The teachers returned to their respective schools encouraged and inspired to lead the children entrusted to them on to the kingdom.



Rudy E. Klimes (center front) and the teachers representing eleven schools in the southwestern part of the Central Korean Mission who attended the institute at Kwangchon Academy.

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# Two New Churches Organized in Okinawa Mission By C. B. Watts

Sunday, April 30, 1961, thirtyeight members of the Okinawa Mission church became the charter members of the new Ishikawa church. Pastor C. B. Watts, president of the mission, and Pastor Koei Aka were in charge. In attendance also were Brother Sugiura, formerly assistant pastor of the Shuri church, and Mrs. Tsukavama, who has served as church leader for the Ishikawa group for the past several years. The growth of the Ishikawa church is largely due to the faithful work of Mrs. Tsukayama in giving Bible studies from week to week. In addition to the 38 members from the Okinawa Mission church, there were 25 individuals who met regularly with this group for Sabbath worship.

As yet, the Ishikawa church has no church building. They are meeting in the home of a believer. However, land has been purchased and recently levelled where they expect to build their new church home.

May 6, one week after the Ishikawa church organization, Pastor Winston Clark, president of the Japan Union Mission, with Pastors Watts and Aka, organized a new church to meet in the second story room of the Adventist Medical Center in Naha. Forty-eight former members of the Shuri church make up the Naha list of charter members. The Shuri church was full to overflowing which made it necessary to divide the congregation. It was interesting to note that on the second Sabbath after the organization, in addition to the 48 charter members in Naha, there were 18 others in attendance. At the same time the Shuri church seemed as well filled as ever.

We are thankful for the blessing of God and for the working of His Holy Spirit on the hearts of men and women in the Okinawa Mission. The members of these two new churches, with their new officers, are working with great zeal to increase their membership and to secure funds for the erection of church buildings.

# A New Church in Ishikawa

"We'll level your land for you and charge you only half price for the use of the bulldozer." The mayor of Ishikawa was speaking to Mrs. Tsukayama, Bible instructor and church leader at Ishikawa, Okinawa. The mayor, who is fortunate enough to own a bulldozer, was more than anxious to help this group in their efforts to build a Seventh-day Adventist church in his city.

It was a happy day for the members of the Ishikawa church when the bulldozer moved out on the newly acquired property and began to move the dirt and coral rock, according to instructions. This land is only a few hundred yards from the city limits, on the side of a hill overlooking a beautiful bay and sandy beach.

The thirty-eight members and nearly thirty others who regularly attend the Ishikawa church services are eagerly preparing for this year's Ingathering campaign. They are most anxious to see the blueprints of a lovely church turned into a reality on this spot. They ask an interest in your prayers.

-C. B. Watts

#### THE BOOK

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- A letter from heaven to mortals in need,
- A message of mercy devoid of a creed;
- A book of instructions to show the way,
- For youth and their elders for every day.
- It comforts the aged, encourages youth,
- Inspires the believers; its message is truth.
- Though rugged the pathway that many have trod,
- It lights us clear through to the city of God.
- When weary, discouraged, or ready to fall,
- It says that "in Him is no darkness at all."
- Look up, weary pilgrim, and courage renew;
- This message of comfort He meaneth for you.
- Oh, Book of all books, with its message so clear!
- While God is in heaven, His Guidebook is near;
- Receive it, believe it, be guided each day.
- O Father, give grace to sustain us, we pray.

—Author Unknown

#### NEWS FROM HERE& THERE

• Pastor Milton Lee has just completed a series of evangelistic meetings for the Chinese-speaking people in Penang. Forty meetings were held in a Chinese Association Hall and in the Penang Seventh-day Adventist church. There were 200 regular attendants and of these two-thirds were Buddhists. On Sabbath, July 15, 20 new believers were baptized and an additional 50 have requested baptism after further Bible studies.

• Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Hadley and their three children spent a weekend on the Division compound returning from Afghanistan where Dr. Hadley taught in the university in the capital city of Kabul for a year. Dr. Hadley is a teacher at the Loma Linda University but he had been given a year's leave of absence. They will visit a number of the medical institutions in the Division before returning to Los Angeles.

• Dr. Varner Johns, representing the School of Medicine at the Loma Linda University, is on a world tour making a survey of the medical institutions in the mission fields. He visited nearly all of the sanitariums and hospitals in the Far Eastern Division and left from Singapore for Bangkok. Accompanying Dr. Johns were two doctors and two third-year medical students from the Medical College. They will remain in Bangkok for a month to do research work there.

• Juan and Hope Valdez have completed their work at the Maryland University in the U.S.A. and both have been awarded Ph. D. degrees. They are now en route to their homeland, the Philippines, and both will join the faculty at Mountain View College in the South Philippine Union Mission. Congratulations and welcome home!

• The enrollment figures for Mountain View College this present school term are as follows: college, 511; academy, 178; and elementary, 92; total, 781. Two hundred and seventy-six new students have enrolled and of these more than 80 are from Catholic and other non-Adventist churches.

• Professor T. C. Murdoch writes that their students are able to grow most of the food served in their diningroom. Their crops this year are as follows: corn, 50 hectares; peanuts, 4 hectares; sugarcane, 6 hectares; mixed vegetables, 20 hectares. One thousand and nine hundred meals are served daily at the college.

• Dr. Luningning Caparas, a staff physician at the Saigon Adventist Hospital, became the bride of Mr. Alfonso Alejo in a wedding ceremony solemnized by Pastor B. A. Martin on the evening of July 2, 1961, at the Saigon Seventh-day Adventist church, Mr. Alejo, who hails from Sorsogon province in Southern Luzon, is employed by a private company in Saigon under contract with the Vietnam government.

• Recent new TV stations have brought the latest Faith for Today station count to a new high of 177 outlets, a substantial number beyond the highest previous station count since the program's inception in 1950.

• W. G. Dick, M.D., newly appointed medical director of the Penang Sanitarium and Hospital, is scheduled to arrive in Penang early in August. We are happy to welcome the Dick family back to the Far Eastern Division. Dr. Dick was connected with the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital during his first term of service in the Orient.

• Pastor R. A. Van Arsdell, presently the publishing secretary of the North Philippine Union Mission, has accepted a call to the South China Island Union Mission to serve in the same capacity in that field. The Van Arsdells will locate in Hong Kong.

• C. E. Stafford, M.D., department of surgery at the Loma Linda University, will be arriving in Taiwan soon to relieve Dr. D. A. Mitchell, Jr., medical director of the Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital, for a few months. Mrs. Stafford plans to accompany Dr. Stafford to Taiwan. A few years ago Dr. Stafford gave his services to the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital for about a year. We welcome the Staffords back to our Division.

• Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Rue are currently on furlough in the States. Dr. Rue established the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital five years after arriving in Korea in 1929. From a recent Religious News

# Bible the Best Seller in Japan

The Bible was the bestselling nonfiction book in Japan during 1960, with total sales of 1,886,900 volumes. This total is second only to Bible distribution in the United States of some 10,000,000 volumes. Since the end of World War II, 27,074,553 Scripture volumes have been sold in Japan, and Bible quotations are appearing with increasing frequency in Japanese newspapers."

#### --Signs of the Times April, 1961

Service bulletin, we glean the following: "According to statistics released by the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Mrs. Grace Rue placed 209 orphans with adoptive families in the U.S. between January, 1955, and September, 1960, or 6.2 per cent of the total 3,406 children placed by all agencies combined. This was more than the number placed by either the International Social Service, a professional social work organization with which Church World Service cooperates, or Catholic Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference. (CWS is the overseas relief arm of the National Council of Churches in the U.S.)"

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