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The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers . . . Gospel Workers, p. 352.

Are You a Robber?

By J. R. Spangler, Secretary
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Whenever a sermon is delivered on the subject of stewardship, the minister invariably reads Malachi 3:8: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Usually an attempt is made to stir the believers to action proving them to be robbers unless they contribute faithfully tithes and offerings. I do not question this as being an effective method. Most people will do anything to avoid being branded a thief and a robber.

Yet, when you study this entire passage, it seems that a refusal to give of our tithes and offerings far exceeds the crime of robbery. To refrain from giving systematically involves much more than just theft. After all, God owns the entire universe. He makes it embarrassingly clear to the human race as to the existing situation. "If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine and the fulness thereof." (Psalms 50:12) For the richest Adventist in the world to steal from God the tithes and offerings he owes Him would have less effect on God's bank account than the loss of a thimble full of water would have on the ocean.

I hear someone ask, "If that is the case, then why is it such a terrible thing to hold back our tithes and offerings?" In the first place, for a church member to be an unfaithful steward not only robs God of money but also robs Him of the faith and trust He expects and deserves from that member. The man who refuses to give his financial support to the church on God's terms exhibits a lack of faith in the promises of God! This is the greatest insult a man can give to anyone, let alone God. If my own child would steal money from my pocketbook, naturally I would be terribly grieved. But if that same child, either by action or word, said, "Father, I don't trust you or have any faith in you," then my grief would be immeasurable! My personal feelings over my child's stealing my money would be insignificant compared to the latter experience.

In the second place, the financial backslider robs God of the privilege of opening the windows of

heaven and pouring out limitless blessings upon the faithful, believing tithe payer. How would a kind, loving husband feel if he bought a beautiful gift for his wife and when he presented it to her, she refused to accept it. That wife is literally robbing her husband of the pleasure and joy of expressing his love for her through a gift. In fact, that type of robbery is the worst possible kind. Money can be replaced, but to rob a person of the privilege of giving a gift or a blessing is irreparable.

In the third place, the unfaithful steward robs God of the privilege of rebuking the devourer. What does the Bible mean when it says, "I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes." (Malachi 3:11) Usually we equate this "devourer" with grasshoppers, worms, and locusts. It certainly means this, but I feel it means far more than this. The devil is the greatest devourer in the universe. 1 Peter 5:8 states, "... your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour." God will rebuke this devourer, not just grasshoppers!

Now think of a child who is in mortal danger, and the mother rushes out to save her child from death by a marauder. Then watch that mother's heart crushed as her child exclaims, "I don't want your help." Think of the agony she endures as she watches her child perish. She was robbed! Robbed of her privilege, her duty, of her right to show her love in the act of saving her child from the devourer. May I ask you, dear reader, how do you think God feels when we so relate ourselves to Him that we make it impossible for Him to exercise His power in our behalf to save us from the devourer of all souls? Have you robbed God?

In order for our members in the Far Eastern Division to fully enjoy the benefits that are derived from paying a faithful tithe and the giving of regular offerings to support the church, we have set aside Sabbath, November 11, as a special STEWARDSHIP SABBATH. This has been done in harmony with the General Conference recommendations which are being carried out over the entire world field. On November 11, or a date as near as possible to this as designated by your union mission field, we are asking all of our

pastors and church elders to present sermons and talks on STEWARDSHIP in every church in the entire Division. Material has been sent out to the field through the **Ministerial Bulletin**. Those of you who receive the **Review and Herald** will find excellent information in the September issues. The September number of the **Ministry Magazine** will feature articles on this subject also. This will be a day when every member in our Division will have the opportunity of checking his personal relationship with God and determining if he is robbing Him, not only of tithes and offerings, but of His rights and privileges to do great and wonderful things for Him.

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The Door Is Wide Open

By F. M. Arrogante

Success in the Ingathering campaign depends upon the willingness of every Ingatherer to participate in this particular errand for our Lord. When the mind is willing the body will go into action. In the days of Nehemiah, the work of rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem prospered because the people were willing to work. The record says: "So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof; for the people had a mind to work." Nehemiah 4:6.

We are happy that our Ingathering permit has again been renewed thus giving us the privilege of continuing our yearly solicitation of funds beginning on October 1 up to November 15. The Philippine Election Code does not permit a fund-raising campaign, during the two months preceding a regular or special election. Through the providence of God, we have been granted our permit by the Social Welfare Administration and this opens before us a very wide door of opportunity.

Ingathering is God's work and He expects all to participate in this work—men and women who are ready and willing to go out in faith believing that it is "... the

God of Israel . . . that giveth strength and power unto his people." Ps. 68:35. Again David says "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, . . . —Ps. 110:3.

As the signal is given on October 1, God calls upon every church member to enter into His service. The entire church, acting as one, blending in perfect union, and moved by the Holy Spirit will again experience a victory far greater than any previous victory.

Espana MV Youth Camp

By R. B. Castro, MV Secretary
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Si, Senor, this time we had our MV camp in Espana! No, not in Spain of the Iberian Peninsula but Espana, San Fernando, Romblon, Philippines, on the rocky but picturesque palm and forest-mantled island of Sibuyan. Date? April 24 to 29, 1961.

Coming by different routes, braving rough seas, 94 young people (71 seniors and 23 juniors) from the islands of Tablas, Romblon, Sibuyan and Panay converged on Espana to hold what we surprisingly discovered to be the very first MV youth camp to be held on this island since the beginning of the work in the West Visayan Mission, and the largest group of campers to get together the past four years. We had hardly expected to have such a large group for barely two weeks had elapsed since the Far Eastern Youth Congress. The fact that these youth came in spite of the unpleasant experiences they were sure to undergo en route should make every serious-minded church member realize that our youth will let nothing stand in their way in seeking Christian fellowship if only the church will take the pains to sponsor worthwhile activities for them to the end that they may be "saved from sin and guided in service."

A challenge was presented to the camp staff, namely Pastor O. C. Aguirre, mission treasurer and camp finance officer and swimming instructor; Pastor N. F. Fadri, district leader and camp pastor and instructor; Miss Villa Fetalino, church school teacher and camp matron and instructor; Dr. Nena Morada, camp medical officer; and the writer who was the camp director.



Craft and hobby time! A group of campers making hats from coconut palm leaves.



A class meets under the trees and listens to instruction by Pastor Fadri on how to conduct youth efforts.

The campers built their own shelter, a thatched roof of palm leaves, slept on cots or on mounds cushioned with leaves. They did their own laundry and kept their quarters spick and span. All did their duties as fire wardens, camp rangers, kitchen police, sanitary inspectors, etc., without a complaint. Instruction was given on the organization and operation of Pathfinder Clubs, Tell Twenty Youth Evangelism, Voice of Youth efforts, and the MV classes. The usual camp activities were entered into so heartily that before they realized it the week was about to close.

Twelve Pathfinder units were formed at the camp and these vied with each other for top rating in cleanliness, neatness, promptness, memory work and cooperation. The unit which got top rating was privileged to raise and lower the flag during the morning and evening ceremonies and they also got top priority in service at meal

time. Dormant talents were brought to the surface during the evening social hours.

The solemn heart-searching message and the subsequent tearful consecrations which climaxed the Sabbath spirit-filled sermon by Pastor O. C. Aguirre wherein he called on all youth to renew their consecration to the Lord, shall remain etched, nay, seared in the hearts of every young man and woman who attended the camp.

Twenty-one precious souls, all the results of Missionary Volunteers' dedicated labors, accepted Christ and were baptized on Sabbath afternoon in the cool, sparkling waters of the creek beside the campsite amid natural grandeur. What a fitting ceremony with which to close the camp!

A recent report from the Romblon district tells us that under the tutelage of Pastor Fadri four Voice of Youth efforts have been held. The Lord be praised!

God's Adventurers

Fear gripped the hearts of our magazine workers as they ventured forth in the towns and villages of the fearless Maranaos living on the shores of Lake Lanao. Heavily armed with strong faith and confidence in God's guidance and protection, God's adventurers pushed forward flashing the message of health and salvation in the Moslem villages. Our brave magazine evangelists worked at a pace far beyond our expectations. Many unentered municipalities in the provinces of the Maranaos were visited and canvassed. During two weeks the consecrated group of fifteen magazine workers under the leadership of Miss Emma Poblacion was able to sell subscriptions worth more than two thousand pesos.

The language barrier was one handicap that confronted the colporteurs. They realized that their knowing the language of the people would mean for greater success. The Lord provided the help they needed in the person of an educated Muslim, a post office employee. He wrote out a brief translation of their canvass into the Maranao language. This the ladies memorized and through the medium of a few sentences they had learned, the natives understood the nature of their work and the benefit they would get from having the magazines.

In places where there were Philippine Constabulary camps, the ladies stayed with the families of the executive officers and they were decently accommodated and securely protected. In places where they needed special protection, two police men were assigned to accompany each canvasser while the drive was on.

When the colporteurs had to stay in the homes of the natives, they adapted themselves to the traditions and customs of eating and sleeping the Maranao way.

As a tribute of appreciation to these devoted ladies in the cause of God, we named them "God's Adventurers."

—F. M. Arrogante

He Found the Truth

By M. M. Claveria, Secretary
South Philippine Union Mission

The Jose church with a membership of about 30 is situated about four kilometers from the



Seen in the front row is Eleuterio Igot with his two small boys on his lap. His wife is seated next to him. Workers and friends were entertained in this home during the church officers' convention.

main road of the town of Lupon, Davao, in the territory of the Southern Mindanao Mission. A church officers' convention was held in this church July 19-22, 1961, just two years after the organization of the church. About 170 believers attended the last meeting which was on the Sabbath and seven precious souls were baptized in a nearby river. These were won by our laymen.

Nine workers including the writer were entertained in the home of Brother Eleuterio Igot, a 39 year-old former U. S. army scout who saw action on Okinawa during the last world war. More than a dozen brethren from the neighboring churches slept and ate at the home of this brother and his wife and eight children from Wednesday evening till the close of the meeting, Saturday evening. This number was increased when scores of brethren from the neighboring churches arrived on Friday evening. The number of occupants then swelled to 70. Brother Igot's house is built of wood and has a galvanized roof and the floor space measures about 80 square meters. At night every available space was occupied, but we slept comfortably for the house is located at the foot of a wooded hill which made the nights refreshingly cool.

I was surprised to learn that the brethren who stayed in this home did not pay anything in spite of the royal entertainment they received. Neither would they permit the conference workers to pay. When I learned that Brother Igot

had accepted the truth just two years ago, I remarked to an older member, a cousin of his, that this might weaken him spiritually because of the financial burden he assumed. "Oh, no," he answered. "With his twenty-four hectares planted with cocoa trees, not to mention his rice fields and fruit trees, he can well afford to feed the brethren."

Eleuterio Igot was the village chief before he accepted the truth. During fiestas he used to feed the whole village. Not being satisfied with the Roman Catholic faith, he invited the ministers of different Protestant churches to teach him their doctrines. But this did not bring satisfaction. Then he met one of our laymen. Now he and his wife and their oldest daughter are faithful church members.

SPUM—News

● We are happy to report that at the close of the second quarter of 1961 we had a total membership of 48,036, a gain of 1,419 over that of our membership at the beginning of the year. The number of baptisms in the five missions is as follows:

East Visayan Mission	298
Northern Mindanao Mission	301
Southern Mindanao Mission	360
Western Mindanao Mission	273
West Visayan Mission	388

● Two hundred and ninety-nine evangelistic efforts have been held. These include longer and shorter evangelistic efforts, short spearhead efforts, and church revival efforts.

● One new church was organized during the first part of the year and 24 church buildings were built and 15 were enlarged.

● Manuel Tortal, a ministerial intern in the Southern Mindanao Mission, has gladly accepted a call to Cambodia. He and his wife are busy making preparations for their departure to this foreign assignment.

● Lorenzo Lacson, Jr., formerly employed at the Philippine Publishing House, accompanied by his wife, visited the SPUM headquarters recently on their way to visit their parents before leaving for Bangkok, Thailand. They have responded to a call for teachers for Bangkok.

● A council for auditors and treasurers for both the North and South Philippine Union Missions is in progress at Mountain View College. The meetings began August 15 and will continue till the 21st. E. L. Becker, General Conference auditor, and W. L. Pascoe, A. E. Gibb, H. D. Johnson and G. O. Bruce, representing the Division, are attending this meeting.

● The first semester Week of Prayer was held at our four academies July 28 to August 5, resulting in the organization of baptismal classes for students who surrendered their lives to the Lord. The speakers were as follows: East Visayan Academy, A. A. Villarin; Mindanao Mission Academy, B. R. Arit; Southern Mindanao Academy, P. M. Diaz; West Visayan Academy, P. P. Ramos.

● The enrollment at Mountain View College this year has grown to 776, of these 511 are college students, 177 are in the academy and 88 attend the elementary school.

● Miss Ruth Reyes, formerly the dean of women at Philippine Union College School of Nursing, has accepted the call from Mountain View College to serve as assistant librarian and Filipino language teacher.

● Florentino Aguilar, instructor in the department of Theology at MVC, and Miss Concordia Sumicad, a graduate nurse from the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, were married during the summer vacation.

● Miss Marietta F. Claveria, formerly instructor in the Spanish and Filipino languages at MVC recently became the wife of Nathaniel Macarine, a 1961 ministerial graduate from Mountain View College.

● Building plans for the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital have been approved by the South Philippine Union Mission committee and recommended to the Far Eastern Division for approval. Building operations will start with available funds at the beginning of the new year.

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Kumiko San Persecuted for Her Faith

By C. B. Watts, President
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Early this year persecution flared again for young people desiring to attend our church in the village of Okuma in the northern part of Okinawa. After having attended some evangelistic meetings and receiving instruction from Pastor Chinen and other members of the Okuma church, Kumiko San, like several other young people, desired to keep the Sabbath. Even though schools are operated six days in the week, which includes Saturday, Kumiko San had been coming to the church. Then one day her parents, who are greatly

opposed to our faith, determined that she must give it up. First she was scolded and ridiculed but without effect. Then she was beaten but she persisted. Finally the father, who was the village veterinarian, took the iron chains which were ordinarily used to bind the animals he worked on and with these chains he beat his daughter across her back, on the head and face, arms and legs. Bruised and suffering from pain, she was driven into a room. The door was nailed shut. There he left her for a day and a half. But still she clung to her faith and the promises of Jesus.

When opportunity came, she fled from home and appeared at our mission office in Shuri. We contacted her parents, indicating that she was safe and attempted to arrange an appointment when we could meet them. They refused. Kumiko San went to stay with one of our members near her village so she could still continue her school work. We visited the principal, a very honest and considerate man, though not a Christian, and he agreed to permit her to attend school even though she did not come on Saturday.

Gradually the parents' hearts were softened and they wanted Kumiko San to come home. She complied but when the Sabbath came, once more her father grabbed her by the hair, dragged her into the kitchen, shoved her down under the water faucet and forced water into her nose and mouth until she felt sure she could not survive. Her hands were tied and she was guarded by the mother the rest of the day. During the week she again fled from her home.



Brother Chinen, pastor of the Okinawa church in northern Okinawa, who befriended Kumiko San (right). The other girl is a loyal friend of the persecuted girl.

Now the mother visited a neighbor who was caring for another girl, also sixteen years of age, who was an orphan. The mother of the first girl, after telling many untrue things about the members of the Seventh-day Adventist church, succeeded in arousing the neighbor's hatred also. The orphan girl was put out of the home with only the clothes she was wearing. Now there were two girls who needed help.

The church and mission made it possible to purchase some school clothes and found a place for the girls to stay. These two girls, faithful to their conviction, pray that God will through His Holy Spirit soften the hearts of their parents and those with whom they lived. They want to return home but more than that they want that those who have persecuted them may also come to know the love of Jesus and at last find a place in His kingdom. These two girls are thankful for the words of Jesus as found in Matthew 5:10. "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Evangelism on Okinawa

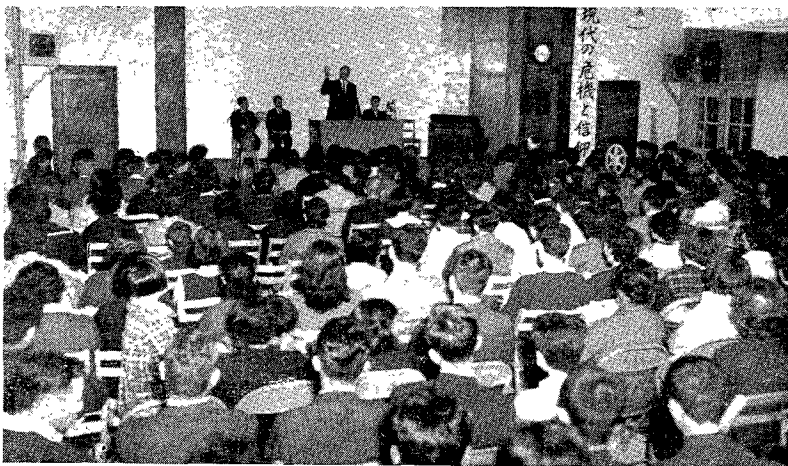
By C. B. Watts

Pastor P. H. Eldridge, radio secretary of the Japan Union Mission and speaker for the Japanese Voice of Prophecy, as well as director of the Osaka Center, helped to launch two evangelistic efforts on Okinawa, each of six weeks' duration.

The first began February 19 in the city of Naha with nearly 500 people in attendance. Pastor Koei Aka and Pastor Chinen assisted in these meetings. Pastor Eldridge spoke the first four nights after which Pastor Aka and Pastor Chinen continued the meetings with a good attendance and challenging messages from God's Word.

The Naha meeting resulted in 41 decisions for baptism. These 41 people are now studying in a special class with that objective in view.

The second series of meetings was held in Koza, sometimes referred to as the Sodom and Gomorrah of Okinawa, and the first meeting was held on February 27. Pastor Eldridge spoke the first two nights in a large hall where more than 750 people had gathered. At the end of the first week, the meet-



Pastor P. H. Eldridge, speaker for the Voice of Prophecy in Japan, addresses a large audience at one of the two efforts which he helped to launch on Okinawa.

ings were transferred to our new Koza Seventh-day Adventist church where Pastor Arakaki and Pastor Tsukayama preached the gospel with a power that comes only when the Holy Spirit is in attendance. At the close of six weeks, 38 individuals stepped forward and signified a decision to prepare for baptism and membership in God's remnant church.

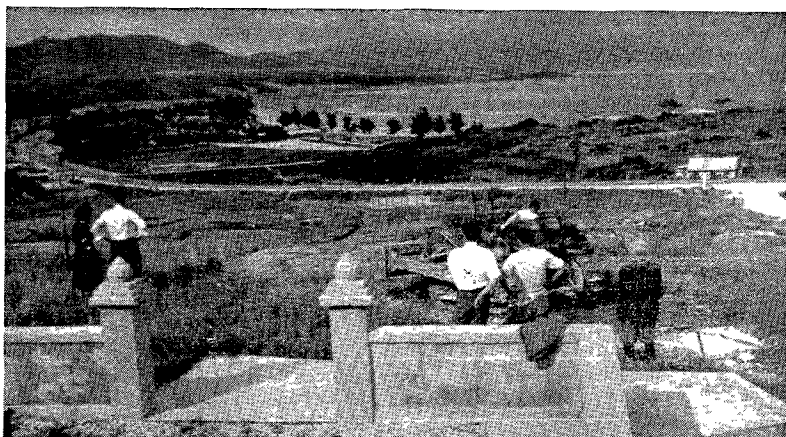
A Boarding Academy for Okinawans

By C. B. Watts

Pastor Koei Aka and Brother Emoto, secretary and acting treasurer of the Okinawa Mission, respectively, accompanied the writer to Na Kaiho to meet with the nine members of the village council to discuss the final specifications to

be included in a contract for property on which the Okinawa Mission expects to build a boarding academy. At the end of a three-hour conference, agreement was reached and the contract signed making available nearly 15,000 tsubo of land on the basis of a fifty-year lease with option to lease again for the next fifty years.

Mr. Yahiku, who came to Okinawa nearly ten years ago as a self-supporting worker and who is now the owner and operator of the "Best Soda" bottling works in Naha, in an effort to hasten the day when our school can become a reality, pledged to pay the lease on this land for the first twenty years. He gave the mission a check for US\$2,000 the day the contract was signed, and promised to pay the balance of the twenty-year-lease-payment within a year.



Overlooking the city of Ishikawa and a beautiful bay is the site of the Ishikawa Seventh-day Adventist church.

Mr. Yahiku was born in Na Kaiho village but migrated to Hawaii where he became a Seventh-day Adventist. He has a great desire to see the work of God go forward on Okinawa. He is thrilled to have a part in the establishment of the school near his home village. We are grateful for the Spirit of God which works upon men's hearts and minds and blesses them with physical means that they may further His work by giving so generously.

One of our greatest needs in Okinawa today is for a Christian school where many young people, who are now being forced to attend school on the Sabbath, may secure the kind of education that will fit them to be citizens of this world and of the world to come.

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Hong Kong's "Roof-Top" Branch Schools

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The stairway was narrow and dark, and the higher we climbed, the more difficult it was to see the way. I followed closely behind my guide, wondering how he could be sure he was in the right place. The entire block of these tall apartment buildings in Hong Kong looked the same to me as we approached them on the street, and every door led up a narrow stairway just like this one.

It was a bright sunny Sabbath morning, but here we were in near-total darkness until a door was opened on the third floor and we entered a room just large enough to contain the 80 school desks that were crowded into it. This one room was the "school building" to which these students came for classes six days a week.

But on this Sabbath morning we found a very immature-looking young man standing teaching them the Sabbath school lesson. The day-school teacher of these 80 junior-aged pupils stood at one side listening while the young student from our Seventh-day Adventist mission school efficiently

conducted a branch Sabbath school.

As interesting as it was, we could not remain long, because I had requested Brother Handel Luke, the Hong Kong-Macao Mission Sabbath school secretary, to take me to as many branch Sabbath schools as we could visit that Sabbath morning. So we hurried on several blocks farther to a similar line of apartment buildings with dark stairways.

These roof-top schools, as they are called, are conducted by private individuals for the hundreds and thousands of overflow students who cannot get into the crowded government schools in the colony of Hong Kong. These schools are required to abide by government regulations and operate six days a week—Monday through Saturday. For lack of adequate buildings and space, they use any available rooms that can be found. This confines many of them to these apartment buildings.

The second branch Sabbath school we visited was up on the fourth or fifth floor. Sixty students were sitting at their crowded desks, intensely interested in a flannel-graph story being told by a young man.

"Who is that young man?" I inquired.

"He's a ninth-grade student from our mission school. He comes from a heathen home and is not yet baptized, but he is very sincere and just waiting for baptism."

From this room we could hear children's voices just across the hall, singing "Jesus Loves Me." This was a group of 40 tiny tots, some only four years old, in their first grade of school. They were just closing their branch Sabbath school, and I was curious when I saw the day-school teacher handing each child a copy of our Chinese **Little Friend**. Again I turned with questions.

"How does this happen, and who pays for these **Little Friends**? Surely, the children can't afford them, can they?"

"No, the teacher buys them and gives them to his students."

"Is he an Adventist?"

"Oh, no, but he greatly appreciates our Bible lessons and urged us to come over and conduct a branch Sabbath school here in his school after he had seen it in other places. He thought these lessons valuable enough to see that each child gets a copy."

The largest school we visited occupied five floors of an apartment house. Branch Sabbath schools were being conducted on each floor at the same time, with programs adapted to the different age groups from kindergarten to junior. Think of it! Three hundred children meeting in branch Sabbath schools at one time and in the same building.

The Pioneer Memorial church Sabbath school alone is now conducting 18 branch Sabbath schools. If you could be so fortunate as to visit these schools you would find that in each one the leader is a young person from our mission school. Without question, one of the best investments Seventh-day Adventists make is in the building of schools for our young people. Your Sabbath school offerings help make this program possible.

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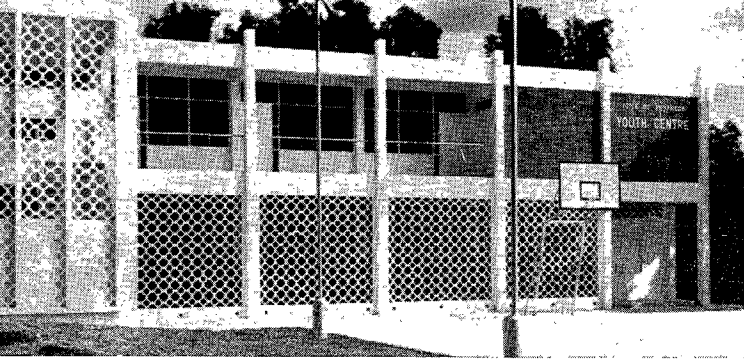
By B. A. Martin, S. S. Secretary
Vietnam Mission

To make a start has always been the most difficult point in most any project launched. We talked about the possibility of conducting a Vacation Bible School sometime in March this year before the schools closed. Just then there were vacations coming up, and a trip had to be made to the northern provinces, and there were other mission activities that crowded in during the vacation period. It was June 5 before we started our Vacation Bible School project.

Miss Mildred Bergren and Mrs. B. A. Martin, with the help of some Vietnamese young people to act as interpreters, conducted the Vacation Bible School. Classes were held five days each week and there were one and one-half-hour class periods. Choruses in both the English and Vietnamese languages were taught. Prayers were offered at the close of the song service and before dismissal. Stories with good moral lessons were taught and then pictures de-

Singapore

By Jam
Balestier



The new Youth Center which was formally opened on Sunday evening, August 13, 1961. On the ground floor is a large auditorium and on the first floor are Sabbath school rooms.



Some of the members of the Kindergarten Division. Miss Marion Barlow, second from the left, is the leader and the teachers are (left to right): Mrs. Spencer Tan, Mrs. C. K. Chung and Miss Signe Nelson.

Mrs. Spencer Tan teaching an interested group in the Kindergarten Division. The Cradle Roll and Kindergarten rooms have been attractively decorated, and the furniture painted pink, blue yellow, etc.



The Balestier Road Youth Center was formally opened on Sunday evening, August 13, by Mrs. Lena Guild, wife of the church pastor. Situated at the rear of the Balestier Road English Church, it consists of a two-story building and a concrete court for outdoor games.

Years ago it was felt that such a center was an urgent necessity. Our social standards as a denomination are high. Our young people are repeatedly warned of the degrading and demoralizing influence of the so-called recreation and amusements of the outside world. However, the urge in the youth for periods of diversion and social activities is normal. To ignore them is to send them into the wilderness of frustration and a group of frustrated, unhappy youth in the church poses a serious problem. How then can this problem be solved? Definitely, its solution lies in the church having a youth center where uplifting programs are carefully planned to meet the needs of the young people.

Elaborate plans were then drawn up and hopes were raised high but the leaders of the church met with one great stumbling block—the finances for such a project. Building costs are sky high. The local mission had enough financial burdens to bear without the strain of fathering another project. So the plans, though for a worthy cause, had to be shelved to wait for a brighter day.

Happily the dawn of a brighter day did arrive with the coming of Pastor D. R. Guild to the Balestier Road Church. As pastor of the church he saw the crying need for such a center, not only to serve the young people of the church, but also as an effective evangelizing agency through which the teeming youth of Singapore could be reached. So with tireless energy, he set out to conquer the giant Goliath—the money problem. A special fund was set aside for this project. Toward this fund the church members contributed willingly and regularly. The local mission and the union mission were approached for Ingathering appropriations. The approval came and when the news became known, the members of the church worked sedulously during the 1960 and 1961 Ingathering campaigns to

A. Youth Center

Associate Pastor
S.D.A. Church

make them record-breaking ones. In this year's campaign particularly, never in the Ingathering history of the church have so many hands solicited and so many business firms, offices, and homes been contacted. Even the children from the primary division of the Sabbath school went out to gather their little mites.

The financial Goliath was finally conquered. Money flowed in and now the Center is completed. Plans are being laid to have a strong, consistent program for the



youth. Vacation Bible Schools, Bible classes, crafts, musical programs, and hobby classes—these we hope will become regular features of the centre. For the exuberant youth, there will be time for outdoor games, such as volley ball, badminton, basketball and roller skating.

With its official opening, we feel that a flame has been lighted—a flame which we hope when fed by the consecrated energy of the church will blaze a trail through the spiritual darkness of metropolitan Singapore and guide the inexperienced feet of the youth into the kingdom of God.

The Voice of Youth

By Daniel R. Guild, Pastor
Balestier Road English Church

Under the direction of Pastor James Wah, associate pastor of the

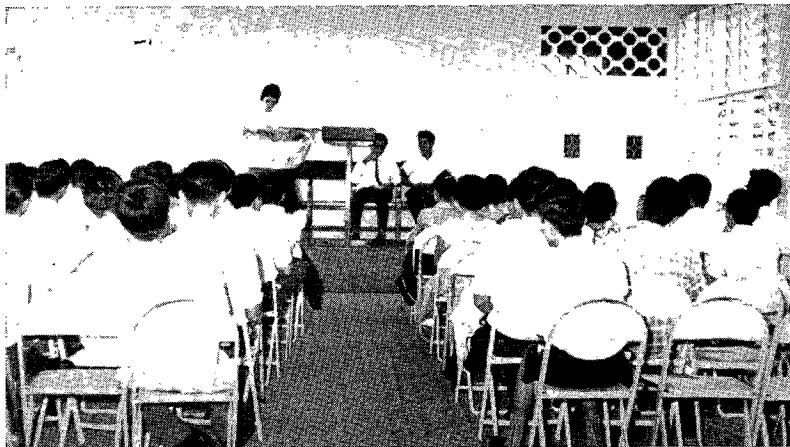


Franklin Poh and Lim Kok Lian, two of the young men who participated in the Voice of Youth meetings. The sign advertising the meetings was made by one of the young ladies, Miss Anna Lim, and she also did the art work on the handbills which were circulated.

The Cradle Roll Division of the Sabbath school has a very attractive room in the new Center. Mrs. A. E. Gibb is the leader and in the picture we see Mrs. T. K. Goh, one of the teachers, with her small group seated around the table and sand box.

Speakers at the Voice of Youth Crusade held in the Balestier Road English Church. Some of the young people who participated had left for the States to attend one of our colleges when this picture was taken.





The Youth's Division of the Balestier Road Sabbath school with a membership of about 100 now can enjoy their programs in a spacious and attractive room in the new Youth Center.

Singapore Balestier Road English Church, some 80 young people were organized for a Voice of Youth Crusade. The Missionary Volunteer leader, the Youth Sabbath School sponsor, and the Youth Brotherhood president, along with five other youth formed a steering committee.

The steering committee chose the following committees: music, social, usher, finance, advertising, and technicians. All of the advertising was planned by the youth. They did the art work on the hand-

bill and the large sign in front of the church was also painted by one of the young people.

The meetings were held for ten nights with four youth speaking each night. During the meetings several young people expressed a desire to become ministers. We marveled at the power-filled speaking of our consecrated youth. Only eternity will reveal the effect these meetings had on the youth who took part and on all who attended. The messages presented brought a revival to the hearts of all.

Vietnam Did It
picting the leading characters of the stories were given to the children to color. Following a brief recess, more Bible stories were told and more pictures given out to color.

Fifty students, ages ranging from six to ten years, were enrolled. Almost all of the students came from non-Adventist homes. On the afternoon of June 29 the closing exercises were held in the Phu-Nhuan Seventh-day Adventist



Ly Tran Hung leads out in the song service during one of the class periods of the Vietnam Vacation Bible School.

church and 32 children received their awards. Due to the fact that our Vacation Bible School started so late, some of the children had to enroll in the day school before our closing exercises. The closing program consisted of talks by Pastors R. K. Tilstra and Le Huu, choruses by the children and the reciting of memory work, which included the story of creation and the fourth commandment, by the children.

One of the important things accomplished was the fact that we had made a start. From this experience, we became determined to push on with this soul-winning agency to a larger extent. Materials are now being prepared in the Sabbath school department of Vietnam Mission to introduce and implement the holding of Vacation Bible Schools throughout the mission field.

News from Malaya Mission

● The evangelistic meetings conducted in Penang by Pastor Milton Lee for the Chinese were very well attended. On July 15 a baptism was conducted and 15 were baptized. Another 35 are receiving Bible studies.

● Pastor C. M. Meng from Hong Kong is conducting a three-week effort in Kuala Lumpur in the Chinese Assembly Hall and Brother E. C. Saw began an effort for the English-speaking people on July 30. The meetings will be held in the Kuala Lumpur church.

● To date this year, there have been 42 baptisms in the Malaya Mission. The workers in the mission are encouraged to work hard the last six months of 1961 to the end that their goal in soul winning will be realized.

● The tithe received from the members of the Malaya Mission the first six months of 1961 amounted to M\$85,967.43, a decrease of M\$1,636.55 over that of 1960. Sabbath school offerings for the same period of time amounted to M\$18,803.11, an increase of M\$ 414.25 over that of the first six months of 1960.

—W. Y. Chen
Secretary-Treasurer
Malaya Mission

I Love Borneo*

I love the hills of Borneo,
So restful to our sight.
I love the trees and cooling breeze
That often comes at night.
I love Mt. Kinabalu
Stretched upward to the sky.
Its brow seems raised in daily praise
And prayer to God on high.

I love the trails of Borneo,
Tho slippery and steep.
The way may be weary but never dreary
For brothers and sisters we meet.
I love the streams and rivers,
For often on their banks
Our courage has risen, with precious baptisms,
To God be praise and thanks!

I love our friends in Borneo,
With heart that is sincere.
Through every day, they've smoothed the way,
And filled our lives with cheer.
Each teacher and each worker,
Is earnest, good and kind.
In work or play—where e're we stay,
They loyal are, we find.

I love our home in Borneo,
So dear it has become.
A place of peace and sweet release,
From care when trips are done.
I love the open windows
That give a view so wide.
The songs of birds, so near are heard—
They seem to be inside.

I know that God loves Borneo
For He is very near.
His loving hand is in this land—
He dries the falling tear.
From heathern minds He casts out fear,
Forgives their every wrong.
He is their light, and hope grows bright
When they to Him belong.

We must say Goodbye to Borneo,
To mountain, home and friend.
Our tears will start, as we must part—
But we hope to come again.
We will pray for Borneo,
And ever like to tell
Of things we've seen, of souls released,
In this land we've loved so well.

Verneita Oliver

*At a reception given Pastor and Mrs. C. G. Oliver and Ronald by some of the churches in the North Borneo Mission as they were leaving for their well earned furlough, Mrs. Oliver read this poem which she had written for the occasion.

NORTH PHILIPPINE UNION MISSION

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One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-four Baptized

By A. J. Robbins, President
North Philippine Union Mission

Totals for the baptisms for the North Philippine Union Mission for the first six months of 1961 as reported by the mission presidents are now in. We are happy to report that 1,354 souls were won to the third angel's message in our field during this period.

The totals are listed as follows:

Central Luzon	484
Mountain Province	105
Northern Luzon	216
South-Central Luzon	342
Southern Luzon	207

From all parts of the field we hear reports of increased interest in soul-winning evangelism. As we visit the several missions, pastors, district leaders and evangelists are busy with public efforts and church revivals. They tell us that our members are responding loyally and wholeheartedly in this program and that many are being prepared for baptism.

We solicit an interest in the prayers of each one that God will make 1961 a year of victory in soul-winning.

"I've Learned a Lot about Jesus

Recently I attended the graduation exercises of the Vacation Bible School at San Pablo, Urdaneta, Pangasinan. This was the very first of its kind ever held in that place. Parents, most of whom were non-Seventh-day Adventists, as well as some of our own church members, came to witness the graduation.

The members of the graduation class were all dressed in white and they were all very happy to have a part in this program. Parents, not of our faith, were proud to see their sons and daughters as members of the graduating class. During the program, they witnessed their children's ability to recite

poems, repeat memory verses, make speeches and sing songs. The climax came when the certificates were issued to the children.

After the close of the service, I approached a fine little girl, not of our faith, and asked her what she had learned during the Vacation Bible School. Her reply was truly heart warming: "Sir, I've learned a lot about Jesus."

The success of this Vacation Bible School was due in a large degree to the untiring efforts of Miss Justa Pascua. Mornings and afternoons she was busy teaching Bible truths through stories and songs and also teaching several crafts.

Vacation Bible Schools are like spearhead efforts. At present Miss Pascua is preparing two of her pupils for baptism. A branch Sabbath school has been organized and most of the pupils of the Vacation Bible School are enrolled in this branch Sabbath school. Truly the Vacation Bible School is a wonderful agency for winning souls for Christ.

—J. C. Medina
Sabbath School Secretary
Northern Luzon Mission

The Truth Made Them Free

By Mrs. E. A. Villagomez

The effort at San Pedro, San Simon, Pampangan, conducted by Pastor Avelino S. Canlas, Bible Instructor Ramona Catap and Ministerial Intern J. B. Villagomez began on January 22, 1961, with an attendance of 600 adults and children at its first meeting.

Evangelistic efforts bring a thousand and one thrilling experiences and the San Pedro effort is not an exception to this. As I write this article, our hearts are filled with joy for a soul has at last decided to believe in none other than Jesus Christ. During the first weeks of the meetings, this woman, who was possessed with an evil spirit, often visited the meetings, not to listen but to bring disturbance. Morning, noon, evening and even at midnight she would disturb the pastor and her neighbors. She would look angrily at the Bible instructor and then look up, hands clasped, and murmur words which she alone could understand. After having studied and prayed with her she was healed



Baptismal scene at San Pedro, Pampangan. The evangelistic meetings began on January 22 and on April 22, eighty-seven converts were baptized, some of whom are seen in the above picture.

and was baptized in spite of her spiritist husband's opposition. The truth has made her free from the evil power.

As we were visiting with interested ones, we met a lady who confessed that she really wanted to accept our faith but she was sure she could not give up cigarettes.

"I cannot join your religion if you forbid cigarettes," she said sadly. But after listening to the message each night, hearing the blessed truths explained, she soon grasped it by faith and she is now free from the enslaving cigarette.

A distinguished man in this place also confessed that prior to his conversion he had been the leader of the people who always contradicted any religion that came to their town. He studied the Bible well, not for his own spiritual needs, but for the sake of debates. He is a brilliant man. After he had accepted our truths, only then did the pastor realize why so many people had asked him during the meetings if a certain man (they meant this man) had come to him to ask questions about his sermons. The pastor had no remembrance of a man by that name coming to him for he had not come. Many people marveled that the truths preached had made this man free from his unbelief.

An old man in the town surprised the people when he decided to join this "peculiar religion." This old man was respected by the townspeople and he had passed through many trials in his lifetime. He had barely escaped death at the hands of the Japanese and at another time at the hands

of a group who were members of the sect, "Iglesia ni Kristo." We were shocked as we listened to the story of the horrifying cruelty he had been subjected to because he would not accept the faith of the latter. He had been whipped and kicked in his own home, which caused the untimely death of his dear wife, yet he remained firm in not joining a church in which he did not believe. These hard experiences in his life had made him so hot tempered that even his own children were afraid of him when he got angry. Now these loved ones of his testify to the great change the truth has wrought in this old man's life. He gave up his vices without much suffering, saying, "What are these vices compared to the sufferings I've endured." His grandson was baptized on the same day he was and he has promised to do his best to bring all the members of his family into this wonderful truth. Many were converted because of the example of this man whom they highly esteemed.

All ministers will agree that the hardest week in an effort is decision week. I cannot forget how we visited homes till late at night trying to get decisions for Christ and the permission from parents to baptize their children who had accepted the gospel. We were tired at the close of that final week but there was joy in our hearts and we praised and thanked God for the 87 precious souls who had been won to Him. May the truths planted in their hearts take deep root and flourish till the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord. We request your prayers in their behalf.

Protestant Minister Accepts Bible Truths

By E. J. Tangunan, Secretary
SS & Home Missionary Depts.
Central Luzon Mission

May 20, 1961, was a memorable day for Pastor Gregorio de Sotto for it was not only a Sabbath during the biennial meeting of the Central Luzon Mission but it was also the day when he was baptized into the Adventist faith.

While still a young man, Gregorio had a love for religious matters and with it a desire to be used by God. The message of one of the popular Protestant denominations seemed to him to be the message of truth and he accepted it into his heart. He showed exceptional zeal in participating actively in the church activities. The church leaders saw in this young man the possibility of his becoming a leader in God's work. He was called to the ministry of said church. He humbly accepted this call and in 1951 he was ordained to the gospel ministry. He worked in many places as he was placed in charge of churches. In 1960 when he had served in the ministry of this church for 31 years, he asked for a leave of absence. His request was granted.

Gregorio de Sotto was a native of Dalandanan, Polo, Bulacan. He planned to spend his leave in Dalandanan. When his barriomates learned that he planned to be living with them for two years, he was requested to become their barrio lieutenant (a barrio ruler). Although he tried to refuse this offer, he was finally prevailed upon to accept.

God was watching over this man. When Mr. de Sotto had served two years as lieutenant, God sent His messengers in the persons of Pastor Carmelito Galang and Bible instructor Miss Eugenia Malilay to conduct evangelistic meetings in this barrio. Gregorio de Sotto had no intention of attending the religious meetings, believing that he had the full truth of God. But as a barrio ruler, entrusted with the duty of maintaining order and peace, he was bound to see to it that the same was maintained at the meetings. He strolled toward the meeting place just to look in. He did this for almost a week. Although he did not care to listen to the preaching, the clear and

positive presentation of the truth through the public address system found its way into his heart. From night to night he returned to the meeting place. The incontrovertible truth about the Sabbath finally led him to believe that the Adventists were teaching the Bible truths and he decided to join them. He advised his daughter to accept baptism first and then at the biennial meeting of the Central Luzon Mission, he and his wife would also be baptized.

When the denomination for which he had formerly worked learned about his decision, they tried their best to convince Brother de Sotto to return to the ministry. They promised him a higher salary and a better assignment. His answer to this was: "I have found the true church of God and I would rather be just a member and be in the truth and be saved than be a minister with good pay and not be saved."

At present Brother Gregorio de Sotto is 58 years old. He is now a most active member of the Polo Seventh-day Adventist church. He is anxious to give the truth to those who have not yet heard. He, his wife and daughter are indeed a great blessing to the church where they live.

The Gospel Penetrates the Prison Wall

By Mrs. A. J. Abawag

"Five more!" Those were the words heard during the baptismal rites held in the Legaspi church, July 1, 1961. It started this way. Brother Godofredo Miranda, fresh from his experience of spreading the gospel truth at the Canlubang Army Stockade, started to penetrate the prison walls of the Albay Provincial Jail with the story of the love of the Saviour. His enthusiasm aroused the interest of two churches, the Ligao church where he is a member, and the Legaspi church which is nearest the Provincial Jail.

It was rather difficult for Brother Miranda to preach for he does not speak the Bicol dialect, however, the best he could do was to sing for he has ability to do that. So what he did for the prisoners was to sing for them and teach them how to sing. He requested one of our church members in Legaspi to preach and lead out in the Bible

studies. Meanwhile, he began to recruit students for the Voice of Prophecy Bible course. This started the ball rolling for him. The interest grew and soon regular meetings were held during Sabbath afternoons. Slowly but surely the Spirit of the Lord worked mightily on the hearts of the inmates. Soon four of them took their definite stand for Christ.

It was on a Sunday afternoon when Pastor M. P. Arevalo was called by Brother Miranda to join him. They called in Brother Nathaniel Frias and other young people and they went to visit the inmates. That same afternoon, they sought permission of the Warden to baptize the four who had taken their stand. Permission was granted. They used the prison fish pond as their tank. These were the firstfruits of their efforts.

The work of the church was strengthened when Dr. C. L. Miranda, the church elder of Ligao, and his brother, Dr. Prospero Miranda, took special interest in the work their brother, Godfredo, was doing. They both helped in the jail visitation together with some of the brethren from Ligao and Legaspi. Going to the Provincial Jail is a problem for there is no regular transportation. One has to have his own car or else hire a car to get to that place. However, the cars of the Miranda brothers were used. They went every Sabbath afternoon to strengthen the newly baptized and also to follow up the interest.

Then on Sabbath afternoon, July 1, "five more" were added to the number of baptized inmates of the Provincial Jail. The baptismal tank was surrounded with brethren from Legaspi and some came from Ligao to witness the baptismal rites performed by Pastor A. J. Abawag, president of the Southern Luzon Mission.

"Always At It"

By J. O. Bautista

Montano Trivino is an untiring preacher in Sampiro, a barrio of San Juan, Batangas, in the South-Central Luzon Mission. Since his conversion in 1931 he has been "always at it." Even before he yielded his heart to God in 1931, he was instrumental in getting others to join him in baptism. He has confined his missionary labors to the area around his own place.



Montano Trivino, untiring lay preacher, with his wife and grandson.

He goes from barrio to barrio in the southern section of the town of San Juan and the entire area is aflame with the third angel's message.

Some six years ago a Missionary Volunteer camp was held in Subukin. People who had the opportunity to observe the activities of



Pastor J. O. Bautista baptizing Alberto Giron

the Seventh-day Adventist young people were led to ask some questions about us as a people. Brother Trivino saw in this another opening for the preaching of the message. Cottage meetings were held in the home of a relative, one Alberto Giron. The meetings resulted in the baptism of Mrs. Giron and her two children.

A big surprise came to Brother Trivino and the rest of the brethren from the churches around who gathered for a rally which we attended in Nagsaulay on July 1, 1961. When it was announced that there would be a baptismal service after the morning worship hour, everyone wondered who it was that was to receive the rite. All rejoiced and thanked God when it was made known that Alberto Giron was the one who had decided, at long last, to cast his lot with God's commandment-keeping people. This man had known this message as told to him by Brother Trivino, to whom he is related, since 1934. As mentioned before, cottage meetings were held in his home in Subukin in 1955. He did not then accept the truth, only his wife and two children. All through the 27 years he had spurned the pleadings of the Holy Spirit but now he was ready to follow his Lord into the watery grave in Tayabas Bay.

Brother Trivino is now more than sixty years old. Of the 30 barrios south of the Lawaye River, he and his coworkers have proclaimed the message in 19 of them. Given more strength by the Lord during the remainder of his life, he might yet accomplish the task of enlightening the remaining eleven dark barrios in the southern section of San Juan.

1904—First S. D. A. Sets Foot on Philippine Soil

**By J. A. Bangloy, President
Northern Luzon Mission**

The first Seventh-day Adventist to set foot on Philippine soil was Pastor G. A. Erwin, who visited the Islands in the year 1904. He was on his way to the General Conference headquarters of Seventh-day Adventists in Washington, D.C. During his brief stay he conducted a short series of evangelistic meetings. He was urged to continue but declined for it seemed better not to create an interest and then leave it before it would show definite results in terms of converts.

A year later, in 1905, the Australian Union Conference, the Islands being a territory of that country, sent R. A. Caldwell, a colporteur. He succeeded in placing in the hands of the Spanish and English speaking people in Luzon quite a number of books. Thus the Sev-

enth-day Adventist message was introduced through the printed page. Brother Caldwell did not stay long for he was called to China to do the same work. Eternity alone will reveal the fruitage of his labor in this field.

Pastor J. L. McElhany, later the president of the General Conference, who with his wife was then working in Australia, was sent to the Philippines by the Australian Union Conference in 1906. He was instructed to confine his evangelistic work to the Americans who came to the Islands after the Spanish-American War. The plan was to raise an American church which would in turn help to bring the message to the Filipino people. A few of the American families accepted the faith but they were unable to give much assistance in advancing the work for they soon returned to their homeland. Pastor McElhany's labor was cut short to two years because of illness in the family and this compelled him and his wife to return to the United States. This man of God went home with the hope that in the future the whole Archipelago would be fully evangelized.

The year 1908 marked the actual beginning of evangelistic work for the Filipinos. On December 17 of the same year, Pastor L. V. Finster and his wife reached the Philippine shores. They were working in Australia when they received the call to go to the Philippines to continue the work started by Pastor McElhany.

Cottage Meetings

Pastor Finster's first year in the Philippines was devoted to cottage meetings and to the study of the Tagalog language. He was fortunate in having Sofronio Calderon as his language teacher. Before long Pastor Finster became acquainted with several young men who were attending the high school in Manila. Sensing that he was a missionary for a new sect, they invited him to go to Santa Ana (suburb of Manila) to conduct Bible studies. The aims of the young men were first of all to improve their English and secondly to learn Bible truths. Of course the aim of the missionary was to convert them to Christ. As the Bible studies continued from evening to evening, the minister noticed the deep interest the men were taking in the Bible truths. They informed their

parents of their newly-found doctrines, such as "The Coming of Jesus," "The New Earth," and the history of the world as given in Bible prophecy. Soon old men and women who did not understand the English language began to attend the meetings. One night, Mr. Bibiano Panis, one of the young men, noticing the presence of a great number of older people, offered to translate into the vernacular if Pastor Finster would preach in English. The missionary gladly accepted this offer for he had been longing for the opportunity to preach the message through an interpreter.

For several months the meetings went on with increasing attendance. In 1910 Brother Finster felt the need for a larger place to conduct the meetings. To his joy he was invited to move to a larger house owned by the Panis family. Soon people from different sections of Manila, having heard of the missionary with the new doctrines, invited him to conduct cottage meetings. The minister of the gospel found himself busy going from one section of Manila to another to hold cottage meetings.

The First Church in 1911

As a reward for about three years of strenuous cottage meetings, Pastor Finster saw the fruits of his labors when there appeared before him 16 persons who had definitely decided to follow the new faith. Eleven of these were baptized at Malate Beach on Manila Bay. The other five were received on profession of faith, having been immersed by another Protestant minister in Manila. Pastor and Mrs. Finster, the 11 baptized by him and the five who were received on profession of faith, were organized into a church at Santa Ana in the year 1911. We list here the names of these first members: Babiano Panis, Consuelo Manalo, Leon Z. Roda, Teodora Panis, Pilar Espino (Mrs. Daniel Balayo), Maria Panis (Mrs. Leon Z. Roda), Mrs. Morales, Diego Elioterio, Ciriaca Neri-Panis, Marcelino Pelajo, Catalina Neri (Mrs. Isaac Enriquez), Felix Manalo,* Jose Castro, Mrs. Tomas Manalo, Apolonio de Jesus, and Antera de la Cruz, the last four were accepted on profession of faith.

As this article is being written, there are four faithful members of the Santa Ana group still living

—Pastor L. V. Finster, Mrs. Daniel Balayo, Mrs. Leon Z. Roda and Mrs. Isaac Enriquez. This first church with eighteen members, including Pastor and Mrs. Finster, stands as a monument to the beginnings of the work of Seventh-day Adventists in the Philippines.

Later in 1911 the Santa Ana church increased its membership by 17 when at the second baptism at Malate Beach these individuals received the rite of baptism. The late Pastor Emilio Manalaysay, who was a public school teacher, and Pastor Isaac Enriquez were among the number.

Public Evangelism

The year 1912 marked the beginning of public evangelism. A tent was erected for meetings. Meetings were held first at Benavides Street and then at Antonio Rivera Street. Pastor Finster was the lone preacher with Mr. Panis the translator. About 45 persons were baptized as a result of these meetings.

The Santa Ana church and the first two public evangelistic efforts gave to the Adventist church the men who proved to be real bulwarks in the work of advancing the evangelization of the Islands. After learning some preaching techniques from Pastor Finster, the young Filipino evangelists, Emilio Manalaysay, Leon Z. Roda, Bibiano Panis, and others scattered from the home church and began to preach, using both personal and public methods of evangelism. The activities of these young preachers will now be discussed year by year.

1912: As mentioned above, Mr. Panis served as translator for Pastor Finster in all of the meetings during the first public effort. He entered Kalanate Malolos, Bulacan, and stayed in the home of Mr. Sergio Manalaysay, father of Emilio Manalaysay. Mr. Panis conducted a series of meetings which lasted for more than a month and this resulted in the baptism of 30 people. The church was organized by Pastor E. M. Adams, a newly-arrived missionary. After the organization, Leon Z. Roda was sent to shepherd the new flock.

1913: Early in the year, Mr. Roda held public meetings at Malolos without a tent or a bench. Nevertheless, he closed his effort with good results. He next entered Paombong, Bulacan. His effort resulted in the conversion of

the owner of the house Roda occupied.

1914: In January of that year, Pastor Finster with Mr. Manalaysay and Mr. Panis, who alternated as translators, conducted a strong evangelistic effort at the corner of San Lazaro and Felix Huertas Streets, Santa Cruz, Manila. Every night 300 to 400 attended the meetings. This effort lasted for more than three months. They next launched an effort at the other corner of the streets with almost equal results as the first. The two efforts increased the membership in Manila by 100. One of the men baptized was Victorio Arevalo who was given a trial at preaching. He proved so good and successful that he was asked to join the working force in Manila.

Mr. Leon Z. Roda continued working in Bulacan. He entered Norzagaray where he created a big interest. At the end of the year he reported he had 60 people attending his baptismal class.

1915: In January, Mr. Leon Z. Roda and Miss Maria Panis were married in Manila. The young couple went to Norzagaray to prepare the interests for baptism. Later Pastor Finster conducted the baptism and with the assistance of Mr. Roda organized a church at that place with 60 members.

In almost all of the meetings conducted by national workers, Pastor Finster stood by to make suggestions as to the procedure to use in presenting the message to the people.

Mr. Panis was sent to San Pablo, Laguna, with his evangelistic team composed of Miss Juana Agustin and Mr. Isaac Enriquez as Bible workers. Mr. Agustin Panaga was the singing evangelist. In spite of strong opposition and persecution, after three months of hard work 100 people accepted the faith and were immersed in baptism.

From San Pablo, the team went to Nagcarlan and launched another tent effort. The tent was stoned and torn but the team never lost courage. The meetings continued and 60 persons were baptized.

Mr. Manalaysay held an effort at O'Donnell Street, Santa Cruz, Manila, with Guillermo Dionisio and Miss Victoria Javier as assistants. Meetings were held for about four months and when January came he organized a baptismal class
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NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. A. McLaren were happy to greet them at the Singapore airport when they arrived from Jamaica en route to Australia. Dr. McLaren offered his services to the Youngberg Memorial Hospital the two weeks they were here thus enabling Dr. R. J. Steele and family to take a short vacation. The McLarens are locating in Warburton, Victoria, Australia, where Dr. McLaren will serve as medical director of the Warburton Sanitarium and Hospital.

● Having completed her second term of service at the Youngberg Memorial Hospital in Singapore, Miss Opal Jean Whiteaker sailed for the States on the **Willem Ruys** on August 30. She plans to get her Master's degree in Nursing Education while on furlough.

● After many years of active service in God's work, Pastor R. A. Pohan recently asked for retirement from duty in the Southeast Asia Union Mission. On August 30, Pastor and Mrs. R. A. Pohan bade farewell to their many friends in Singapore and sailed on the **Willem Ruys** for the United States. They will locate near their three children, all of whom live in California. We thank them for services rendered and wish them God-speed as they continue to live and work for the cause they love.

● The Far Eastern Academy has once again opened its doors to the young people from the homes of our overseas missionaries in the Far Eastern Division. New additions to the faculty this year are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ondrizek and Miss Louise Roberson. The Ondrizeks have for a number of years taught in our school in Bangkok and Miss Roberson came to us from Oshawa Missionary College in Canada. We welcome these teachers to our Division compound family.

● Pastor and Mrs. Boyd E. Olson, Judy, Jean and John, arrived in Singapore on August 10. Pastor Olson immediately assumed his duties as educational secretary of the Far Eastern Division and is now on a tour of duty in the Philippines. Miss Anna J. Olson, a cousin of Pastor Olson, accompanied the Olsons to Singapore and will remain here with them for

an indefinite period of time. We heartily welcome all of the Olsons to our Division family!

● Mrs. W. G. Dick and daughter Lora were compound guests for a few days. Lora is a senior in the Far Eastern Academy. Dr. and Mrs. Dick have recently come to Penang where Dr. Dick is the medical director of the Penang Sanitarium and Hospital. We welcome the Dick family back to the Far East!

● E. L. Becker, General Conference auditor, spent the last week of August auditing the books of the Division treasury department. We were happy that Mrs. Becker could accompany her husband on this trip. The Beckers first came to Singapore in 1947 and the first house on the Division compound was their home for a number of years. Later they were transferred to Manila. Their many friends both in Singapore and in the Philippines were happy to again greet them.

● Word has been received at the Division office telling of the death of the infant son of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Hardin on July 18. Dr. Hardin has recently joined the staff of physicians at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital. We do extend our sincerest sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Hardin, and we know that we speak for the entire Division group of overseas workers in so doing.

● Pastor C. L. Meng has just concluded a three-weeks' series of evangelistic meetings in the Chinese church in Singapore. At the close of the series a baptismal class with 87 members was organized and Pastor Meng is studying with this class three nights each week.

● We have received word that Dr. Ben Bandiola is now en route back to Manila. He has been studying at the Iowa University and there received his doctorate. He will now return to Philippine Union College to resume his teaching career.

● Miss Nobleza Pilar is the latest addition to the faculty at Southeast Asia Union College. Miss Pilar will teach Voice and Piano. She formerly taught at Philippine Union College. With a new music studio and with well-qualified music instructors, great things are in store for the music department of Southeast Asia Union College.

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class and the next month 66 individuals were ready for baptism. They were baptized by Pastor Finster at Pasay Beach. Among those who stood for their faith and were baptized were Pedro Magsalin, Ricardo Magsalen, Flaviano Dalisay, and Valerio Garcia. After a brief training by Pastor Finster, these four men were invited to join in the proclamation of the gospel. Mr. E. Manalaysay transferred his tent to Antipolo for another series of evangelistic meetings. Before the rainy season set in he had won 30 persons to the truth.

Now Resting Peacefully

Pastors Manalaysay, Roda, and Panis are now resting in peace. The work which they began now has adherents in all parts of the Philippines. (At the close of June, 1961, the total membership of the North and South Philippine Union Missions was 74,871) The memory of the work of these three ministers will long endure and will always be read and reread in the annals of the Seventh-day Adventist church in the Philippines.

*Felix Manalo was one of the early workers of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in the Philippines but he severed his connection with the organization and established his own church and called it Iglesia ni Kristo.

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