

## FAR EASTERN DIVISION

# OUTLOOK

"THE ISLES SHALL  
WAIT FOR HIS LAW"



The group who attended the council and workshop for auditors, secretaries, treasurers and Book and Periodical Agency managers which was held at Mountain View College August 15-20, 1961. Representatives were also present from union and local mission institutions.

## *Council and Workshop*

By A. E. Gibb, Secretary  
Far Eastern Division

A council and workshop for auditors, secretaries, treasurers, and Book and Periodical Agency managers of the North and South Philippine Union Missions was held August 15-20, 1961, at Mountain View College. The total attendance was 60 with representatives present from the union mission offices, the local missions, Book and Periodical Agencies and union and mission institutions. Also in attendance were: E. L. Becker, General Conference auditor, W. L. Pascoe, Division treasurer, G. O. Bruce, assistant Division treasurer, A. E. Gibb, Division sec-

retary and H. D. Johnson, Division auditor. H.D. Johnson was the chairman of the council and workshop and G. O. Bruce served as secretary.

A full program had been planned for this council including a daily devotional period, council sessions for general discussions, separate group meetings for Publishing House and Book and Periodical Agency representatives, educational and medical institutional representatives and mission and union mission auditors, secretaries, and treasurers.

The devotional speakers were M. M. Claveria, V. M. Montalban, T. C. Murdoch and A. E. Gibb. Special papers were prepared and read as follows: "The Treasurer As a Financial Administrator," by E. L. Becker; "The Auditor's Report," by R. C. Ferrer; "The Secretary and His work," by A. E. Gibb; "Office Management," by B. O. Gravino; "Denominational Budgeting," by W. L. Pascoe; and "Personal Relationships," by H. W. Bedwell. Following the presentation of the papers there was a general discussion and questions were answered.

The day following the close of the Workshop and Council the delegates were taken on a guided tour of the Mountain View College campus and industries. In the

evening the college faculty entertained the delegates at a faculty-delegate banquet in the Kern Memorial Auditorium.

All the delegates were unani-

mously of the opinion that the council had been most helpful and that similar meetings should be held at regular intervals in the future.

## *Weeks of Prayer With Our Bangkok Youth*

By C. D. Martin  
Division MV Secretary

Not only is Bangkok the cultural and political center of Thailand, but it is also the center of activity for our church program throughout the country. Here we have our large Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, the Thailand Mission office, and our Adventist Training School at nearby Aekamai.

The church's hope for Thailand is its youth. Many of these fine young people are in training in our institutions. It was a real inspiration to spend two weeks recently working directly with them.

Sabbath, July 22, marked the opening of the Week of Prayer for the students of the Aekamai school. This week seemed to confirm a growing feeling that a bright experience is ahead for our church in this country. There was shown among the 500 students, most of whom are Buddhists, a renewed interest in following Christ, an interest which has been growing during the past few months. This spirit was felt particularly in the Thai section of the school, though it was also apparent in the English section as well. The response of the students to the spiritual appeals was encouraging. When the baptismal and Bible study classes were organized, well over 100 were included. God has blessed the spiritual program carried on by Principal Clyde Ondrizek and his staff of teachers. We appreciate what has been done.

The next week was also filled with rich experiences as a program of spiritual emphasis was conducted for the students and staff of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. Every morning at 7:30 o'clock over 300 persons filled the hospital church, requiring extra chairs to be brought in. It

was a pleasure to associate with Pastors W. A. Martin, Chester Damron, John Harris and E. B. Smith in these meetings. Not only in the twice-daily services, but also in the many personal interviews the Spirit of God was seen working. Special appreciation is expressed to Gumjorn Sriratprasas and Pleng Vitamyalakana for their faithfulness in translating the daily studies.

Already this year, two baptismal services have been held for the hospital group and in the very near future a third baptism will take place. As a result of previous work, climaxing in a Week of Prayer, nine individuals have requested a part in the next baptism. More than 30 young people joined the baptismal and Bible study classes.

Eternity alone will reveal the results of the seed sown and the decisions made. On the closing Sabbath, August 5, it was inspiring, as the Thai Voice of Prophecy quartet sang, to see the scores of people come forward in consecration and in response to the call for special prayer. As someone remarked, "It is encouraging to see so many empty seats." Yes, God's work is going forward and growing in Bangkok and throughout Thailand.

Positive plans are being laid by Dr. Louis Ludington and his fine staff of workers at the hospital for the continued strengthening of the spiritual program in this institution. Encouraging results have been seen, and as this light shines brighter and brighter the impact on this stronghold of Buddhism will be felt as never before. May we continue to pray for our work at Bangkok and throughout all of Thailand.

## Operation "Liberation"

By J. R. Spangler, Secretary  
Ministerial Association

In 1786, the Malay Sultan of Kedah, one of the states of the Federation of Malaya, ceded the lush tropical island of Penang to the East India Company. At that time its tree-crowned hills and studded beaches were practically uninhabited. Therefore, it was converted into a penal settlement. Strangely enough, in 1961 Penang along with the rest of the world is still a prison camp filled with captives whom Satan claims as his. Yet, God in His mercy 175 years after this island was founded, sent a messenger and his family to Penang who carried with them special instructions which would bring freedom to everyone who would obey.

These instructions were given to the public by Pastor Milton Lee, Division evangelist for the Chinese. During an eight-week period, forty nights were dedicated to the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The first four nights in each week, the meetings were conducted in the Khék Association Hall, which is strategically located in the center of Georgetown, the leading city on Penang Island. On Saturday nights, the services were transferred to our lovely Burmah Road church and were converted into youth nights. The attendance was most gratifying in both places.

Associated with Pastor and Mrs. Lee were Pastor Wu Seng Teck, pastor of the Penang Chinese church, Mr. and Mrs. Chin Kong Loi, and Mr. Chuang Kwei Yung from the Malaya Mission.

The audience was composed mostly of Buddhists along with a sprinkling of Christians. The public liberation program ended on July 2. A baptism followed when 24 former prisoners of Satan came forth from the baptismal waters free in Christ Jesus. The writer had the privilege of preaching in the Chinese church on Sabbath, July 8. It was a thrilling sight to see the church well filled with faithful believers and many interested guests. We trust that at least another ten or twelve will take their stand as a result of these meetings.

Sixty individuals graduated from the "Life of Christ" course. Of special interest is the fact that Pastor Lee was invited to speak



**Twenty-four men and women were baptized as a result of the meetings held by Pastor Milton Lee and his evangelistic team in Penang, Malaya. Pastor Lee is seated second from the right and to his right is Wu Seng Teck, pastor of the Chinese church in Penang.**

in four Chinese public schools where permission was granted to secure enrollments for the Bible School. Four hundred enrollments were turned in.

Another aspect is the financial success of the meetings. Only M\$3,070.00 of the budget set aside for this effort were used. Nearly half of this amount was returned in offerings. The increase in tithes and offerings will surely more than pay for the effort in due time. Evangelism always pays regardless of the cost! Think of the rejoicing of those who have found freedom from fear and freedom from sin! No price can be placed upon a soul won to the Lord. We trust a liberation program of this type will be repeated in every city and town in the Far Eastern Division.

## **Active Youth Program in Ubol**

**By C. D. Martin**

For the past four years an active program has been carried on for the young people of Ubol, Thailand. Directed by Pastor Palmer Wick and supported by many loyal helpers, the MV society has grown and become stronger and an active Pathfinder Club has been operating. It was last December that 12 Master Guides were invested along with 68 others who were presented pins in the various MV classes.

Friday, August 11, another colorful investiture service was conducted during the MV meeting

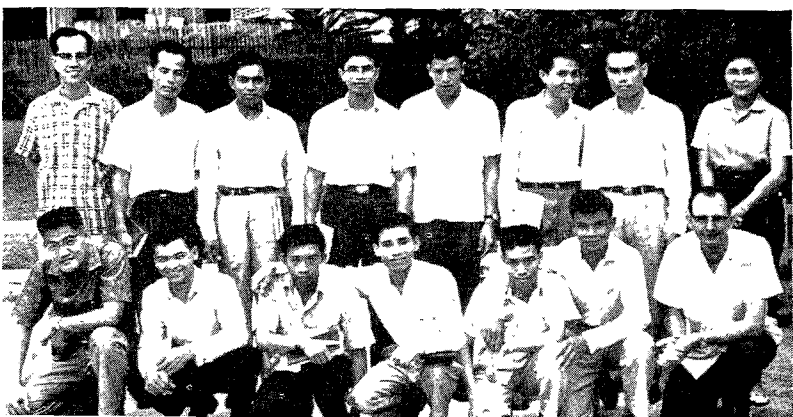
held in the Ubol church. Following the excellent program, in which the young people demonstrated the skills and features learned in earning their pins, four Master Guides were invested along with 46 others who received insignia. It gave all a thrill to see the smartly-dressed Pathfinders march in carrying their national flag and the club flag. The program was well organized and moved along smoothly. We wish to congratulate MV Society Leader Srirat Sorajakul and her associates who planned this program, as well as Gumjorn Sriratprapas, mission MV secretary, who was on hand to lend strong support. We will be watching with interest the continued march of Missionary Volunteers in Ubol.

Another very encouraging feature of our work in Thailand centers in Ubol; it is our workers'



**The four Master Guides who were invested are here seen with MV Society Leader Srirat Sorajakul (left), Pastor P. G. Wick and MV Secretary Gumjorn Sriratprapas.**

**The twelve students enrolled in the Ubol Training School. Pastor Soh Sek Tong (back row, extreme left) is the principal. Pastor P. G. Wick (front row, extreme right) is the district leader and also teaches in the school. All the students are from Thailand except John (back row, fourth from the right) who is from Laos. Gumjorn Sriratprapas (extreme left, front row) is the MV secretary of the Thailand Mission.**



training school. Though it is on a small scale, still its influence is being felt now and will be felt more in the future. In May, 1960, Pastor Soh Sek Tong, an able young evangelist, was called to conduct the school. There are only 12 students but they are enthusiastic. There is 21-year-old John from Nam Tha, Laos, baptized by Pastor Richard Hall in 1959. John is training to go back to work for his own people. Then there are Kel and Charn from Chiangmai, Northern Thailand, also preparing to be workers. The others, including one young lady, are from Ubol, all of them with one purpose—to help finish the work in Thailand.

The training school program has a busy morning schedule. Pastor Wick conducts a Bible Doctrines class in the morning and this is followed by Pastor Soh's classes in evangelism, pastoral work and English. Mrs. Wick has been giving valuable training in music for the students, making it as practical as possible.

It was a privilege to spend a few days with this fine group in Ubol. During this visit considerable time was devoted to studying our MV program, youth evangelism, Pathfinder Leadership, and other related subjects. It was encouraging to find all of these students eager to learn better ways



**Mrs. Hardjosentono and her two children. Superstition is now replaced with the love of Jesus Christ.**

of working for our youth.

This training program is not all in the classroom. Very soon now these young people will be associating with Pastor Soh in an evangelistic effort in the nearby church. Then to further strengthen their training, Pastor Wick plans to use them in an effort that he will be conducting a bit later.

These young people are of good courage. They are receiving more and more of a vision of the great work to be done in this part of the world field. It is quite apparent that the time and financial support devoted to the training of these youth will bear fruit for the kingdom.

like that of scalding water thrown in her face caused unutterable agony. Next, she felt three spear-like stabs in her nose. Rushing to the elders of the village, she plead with them to tell her what was wrong. The evidence they presented caused her to realize that a spell had been cast over her and that evil spirits were doing this work.

It is customary in a case like this to search out another spirit doctor who possesses superior power over the one who is causing the damage. Money is paid to this doctor to counteract the horrible prescription of the enemy. This she did, but no doctor in the village seemed to have the power of the one hired by her spurned admirer. Nearly a year passed. Her face slowly disintegrated. Finally her nose completely collapsed and the area between her eyes turned into a sunken hollow. There was no infection, no drainage, and most amazing of all, no pain whatever following the experience of lighting the incense.

As I looked at this woman and heard her story, I could not help realizing that physical disfigurement is strictly secondary to the greatest disfigurement of all—the disfigurement of the soul resulting from sin. Every human being in this world suffers from this inward deformity. There has lived on this planet only one soul who escaped this tragedy—Jesus Christ. His escape is our salvation. I saw what this salvation could do for a person. Here, standing before me was a woman, who at one time, suffered both tragedies of having not only her face but her heart scarred with sin, ignorance and unbelief. Had her life ended then, perhaps those who know not

## *Disfigured Face But New Heart!*

By J. R. Spangler

Her name is Mrs. Hardjosentono. The story takes place in a small village on the island of Java, Indonesia. Until six years ago, she had never heard of the Bible, Jesus, apostles, cross, or salvation. Fear and superstition were her gods. The fact that she knew nothing about the love of Jesus Christ was the first tragedy. The second tragedy took place when her only earthly security, her husband, fell ill and died. She had been a widow only a week when one of the village men asked her to marry him. Her love for her husband made this offer repulsive. Marriage was unthinkable when her husband had been dead only a few weeks. However, to refuse this proposal would inevitably bring trouble.

The suitor became enraged and threatened her, but to no avail. Anger turned to revenge. His re-

taliation followed an ancient custom which strikes fear in the hearts of those who believe that evil spirits can cause bodily harm if the proper procedures are not followed. He contacted a spirit (or witch doctor) and paid money to this agent of Satan to cast a spell over this poor, defenseless soul who could look to neither God nor man for help against this nefarious power.

Within hours after the ritual and incantations of the spirit medium were finished, a boil-like growth began in the victim's nose. Nothing she did could stop this monstrous evil. At this time, she was totally unaware of what was taking place. She appealed to her god,—superstition! Finally, one Friday morning—to her a sacred day—she burnt incense to appease the wicked spirits. The moment she lit the incense, a horrible sensation

Christ would have claimed it was all for the best.

God, however, in His mysterious and remarkable way, had a plan for this dear soul. First, He led Mrs. Hardjosentono's sister, Mrs. Lewis, to a knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Secondly, Mrs. Hardjosentono with her children finally moved in with her sister, Mrs. Lewis, and then the great miracle took place. The deformed and sinful heart of Mrs. Harjosentono was cleansed and purified by the blood of Jesus Christ. She was restored to full health and strength spiritually and physically. Today she stands as a witness to the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. True, her face bears the awful scars of what Satan can and will do if given the opportunity, but her heart has been rescued from the clutches of Satan. Today she is a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

This story could have been different—far different! Suppose our mission offerings had stopped. Suppose no one had been willing to leave the comforts of the homeland to share with those in other countries the message of salvation. Liberation from sin and fear would never have taken place in the life of this former prisoner of Satan.

Thank God our sacrifices for missions result in saved souls for the kingdom. This present fourth quarter, the 13th Sabbath overflow offering once again comes to the Far Eastern Division. Half of the overflow offering will go to the very island where the above story took place—the island of Java. It will be used to help erect a lovely evangelistic center in one of the large cities of the world, Djakarta, Indonesia.

The prominent site allocated to us by the government plus stringent building codes as to area and height have forced us to build on larger dimensions than anticipated. However, this is not a deterrent but rather a sign that God is causing the Indonesia Government to compel us to build on a scale that we should have built on originally had our faith been sufficient!

This coming 13th Sabbath, we earnestly pray that you as well as we will have an experience similar to that of Moses on Mt. Nebo. An experience where

our eyes of faith will be able to see across the ocean. To see the capital city of Djakarta. To see the multitudes who have no hope in God. To see those who were born into the world just as we were. To see them eat, drink, laugh and cry just the same as we! To see their insecurity, their fearfulness, their total ignorance of God's grace! Let us put ourselves in their place. Let us remember when we knew not the sanctifying power of Christ and then remember what it did for us when we found it. If we can feel with them, we can no more refrain from sacrificing on the 13th Sabbath than we can refrain from breathing!

Come with me to our modern prophet. She is in vision. A terrifying scene is taking place. She sees a company of people whose hair and garments are in a deplorable state. Look at their faces—see the despair and horror branding them. They come closer to Mrs. White. She tries to avoid them, but their wretched garments touch hers and in agony she sees large spots of blood appearing at the contact points. Slowly her own garment begins to disintegrate. Listen to her speak. "... I felt like one dead, at the feet of my accompanying angel. I could not plead one excuse." Now listen to the reply of the angel. "This is not your case now, but this scene has passed before you, to let you know what your situation must be **if you neglect** to declare to others what the Lord has revealed to you. But **if you are faithful** to

the end, you shall eat of the tree of life, and shall drink of the river of the water of life." (Early Writings pp. 76, 77)

If we neglect—if we neglect—what a cruel but deserving experience will be ours! Ah, but if we are faithful—if we are faithful! Water of Life! Tree of Life! New Jerusalem! Fellowship with Adam, Abraham, Paul! Companionship of Angels! Personal contact with Christ! If we are faithful! Djakarta will have its center. If we are faithful! Citizens of that city will hear this message! Many will be baptized. If we are faithful, we will stand on the sea of glass and beside us will stand someone from Indonesia. Remember the 13th Sabbath!

## Our First Islamic Conference

By F. M. Arrogante, President Northern Mindanao Mission

A select group of official delegates from the General Conference, Far Eastern Division, Indonesia, South Philippines and Southeast Asia Union Missions and a large number of visitors and observers met for the first time in the history of the Far Eastern Division at our headquarters in Singapore for the Islamic Conference, September 7 to 12, 1961. The purpose of this meeting was to study ways and means of more effectively reaching the Moslems with the message of God. We endeavored to synchronize our methods and efforts with

**Delegates to the first Islamic Conference to be held in the Far Eastern Division. The meetings were held at the Division headquarters in Singapore September 7 to 12, 1961.**





that of the other Division fields with the hope of reaching the 413 million Moslems in the world today.

Thrilling experiences in evangelism and miraculous circumstances of conversion were rehearsed and these ignited a greater interest by way of enlightning the Moslems with the message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Pastor C. P. Sorensen, the president of our Division, was the chairman of the meeting and he was assisted by Pastors J. R. Spangler and E. A. Brodeur. The meeting was well organized. We were privileged to have Pastor R. S. Watts from the General Conference as one of our counsellors and he helped us lay plans for the evangelizing of the Moslem population. Our daily sessions began with an inspirational study by Pastor Watts at our morning devotional hour.

Every delegate enjoyed the association and fellowship with the families on the Division compound who accorded us the kindest hospitality, good accommodations and entertainment. All went back to their home fields energized with a new spirit and zeal for flashing across the Moslems fields that Light which emanates from the Cross.

Brethren, let us unite our efforts and prayers for the salvation of our Moslem friends and neighbors.

## Korea

### Hiked 60 Miles to MV Camp

By Rudy E. Klimes  
MV and Educational Secretary  
Korean Union Mission

The first training camp for MV officers in the Southeast Korean Mission had been successfully concluded and we were just preparing camp for the multitudes when two lonely young men walked into camp and asked: "Where do we sleep?" We looked up a bit surprised but went coolly about their registration.

"And where do you come from?" we inquired.

"We hiked from Sun Chon."

"Do you mean to say you walked? Sun Chon is a long way from here. It must be at least 60 miles away."

"You're right. But we had no money and we did so much want to come to camp. My friend here, Lee In Do, is a carpenter and he is out of work. I'm a tailor and I have tailored myself out of a job. O yes, my name is Pak Sok Kya."



Local MV Secretary Im (right) welcomes the two 60-mile-hikers to the camp.

And here they were, two MV officers at camp without money. But anyone who wanted to come to camp that badly could hardly be turned away and sent walking back the 60 miles! Somehow we found the money for their lodging and the local mission promised to pay their return fare by train.

Brother Im, the local MV secretary, and I welcomed the travelers officially to camp at one of the morning meetings.

"... We are glad for your enthusiasm but please do not all come walking to camp next year. We can't afford to pay your lodging and return fare!"

Evening came. Finished was the campfire consecration service.

Night settled over the now quiet camp.

"Who goes there?" shouted the night watchman into the dark.

"It's we, newly-arrived campers." Ten youth, among them four girls, dragged themselves to the kitchen tent. "We're hungry; can we have something to eat? We are sorry that we are late but we walked over 50 miles today to come to this camp."

And so they came by foot, by train and bus, by boat even from far-away Chai Chu Island. They gathered at the river; they made the woods ring with their songs, a mighty but orderly army of 250 Missionary Volunteers. Thanks to the well-trained officers and faithful cooks, the camp schedule ran according to plan and on time. They swam and played games, they prayed and worshiped, they studied. But more than that, they preached. Some 600 people came to hear God's Word preached at a special evangelistic meeting one evening. They not only preached that night at camp but they went out after camp to preach and teach in 60 bands with four and five youth in a band.

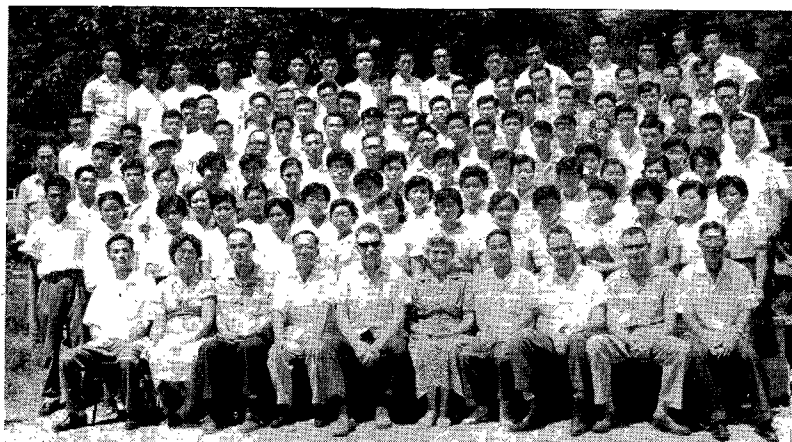
In other missions also, from the islands near Pusan to the mountains near the 38th parallel, Missionary Volunteers drew closer to their Guide this summer in the 12 MV training camps.

### Korean Union College Summer School

By Rudy E. Klimes,

The 1961 summer school at Korean Union College with an enrollment of 115 students, ele-

mentary and secondary teachers who enrolled for the 1961 summer session at Korean Union College. Rudy E. Klimes, educational secretary of the Korean Union Mission, is seated third from the right.



mentary and secondary teachers from all sections of Korea, served to emphasize the growth of God's work.

Brother Lee Chang Kyu ably directed the summer school and also served as one of the instructors. Miss Nellie Ferree, Division elementary supervisor, and the writer also linked up with the regular faculty members, Brother R. Johnston and Brother Lee Ki Dong, in giving instruction.

The three-week summer school provided an opportunity for the many new teachers who have just recently joined our church and have been pressed into service, to get a glimpse of our Adventist educational program. These new teachers have not had the opportunity to qualify themselves fully for the Master's service.

Miss Ferree's class in audio-visual education was especially appreciated. She conducted a laboratory-workshop in connection with her class which gave the teachers opportunity to avail themselves of the many and varied teaching aids.

Our elementary and secondary teachers have returned to their schools with renewed courage, with vision and with materials to help make the Seventh-day Adventist schools in Korea God's best schools.

## North Philippines

### The Youth Congress Did It!

By B. B. Alsaybar, Principal  
Northern Luzon Academy

Unmistakable proofs of the great inspirational effects of the Far Eastern Youth Congress are evident in the Northern Luzon Academy.

First a word about the on-campus MV activities. One hundred enrolled in the different MV classes. This is 74 percent of the total enrollment in the school, an unprecedented figure in the history of the school. A mammoth investiture is being scheduled for March, 1962, during the mission biennial session. Our young people's meetings are more lively and inspiring, congress delegates being at the helm. The Pathfinder work is being promoted more vigorously—all 64 juniors in the elemen-

tary school are member of the club.

Off-campus activities. Nine branch Sabbath schools are being conducted. While this number may not be greater than in the past, more young people are participating and more enthusiasm for missionary activities is easily discernible. Some 200 children and a few adults attend these branch Sabbath schools regularly.

The Youth Congress did it! Yes, the youth in Northern Luzon Academy are keeping the congress ball rolling!

### A "Balanced" Teachers' Institute

By B. B. Alsaybar, Secretary  
Press Relations, Northern Luzon Mission

Teachers' Institute! With all of its concomitant blessings of fellowship, inspiration, etc., what teacher does not long for it!

One such institute was held for the benefit of the elementary teachers of the Northern Luzon Mission and the Mountain Province Mission from May 29 to June 3 in Baguio under the joint sponsorship of the two missions. Thirty-four teachers were in attendance.

The institute being primarily a teacher up-grading affair, a brief summer school for teachers as it were, the program they followed was such as to insure a balanced education—that of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. In this they were especially favored with a truly representative group of leaders: medical personnel in the persons of Doctors Louis and Eileen Ludington of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital; Miss Beryl Marz of the White Memorial Hospital, and Miss Lois Burnett of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital who gave lectures on health, the physical aspect of life; Miss Nellie R. Ferree and Dr. L. L. Quirante, Division and Union Mission educational leaders, respectively, whose professional lectures and studies gave mental up-grading to the teachers; and Pastors A. J. Robbins and J. A. Bangloy, Union and Northern Luzon Mission presidents, respectively, who, with Dr. Quirante, gave spiritual counsel which it will be hard to forget.

And because we as a people strongly believe in the training of the hand along with the training

of the head, the help of Pastor P. H. Romulo, Union MV secretary, was also enlisted. He taught the handicrafts the **do-as-I-do** way. This with the nature studies he conducted will surely strengthen the promotion of the MV classes and will undoubtedly enrich the work-education program in the church schools.

It was not all receiving on the part of the teachers either for they shared with one another the benefits of their experience in the form of papers read which were followed by discussion periods all geared toward the institute aim: More Effective Teaching and Guidance of Our Children.

Could you imagine a gathering of teachers without a social? Of course this was provided for in their daily program which was capped by their closing night affair when chocolate, cookies and ice cream (in cool Baguio!) were served.

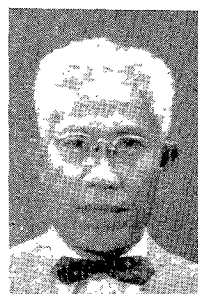
Leaving this "well-balanced" institute, these self-sacrificing teachers returned to their respective posts much inspired and better prepared to serve their God in their capacity as moulders of the characters of our children—the hope of the church.

## Indonesia

### A Very Important Event

By A. Pasuhuk, President  
North Celebes Mission

From May 19-25, 1961, we held the first mission session since 1956. This was a very important event for our mission. The gathering of our people for a campmeeting or youth congress is really a spiritual festival for them. They therefore always look forward eagerly to such happy occasions and



Pastor A.  
Pasuhuk

make the necessary preparations in order to be able to attend the meetings. They find joy, spiritual uplift and new courage when they listen to the reports of what God has wrought in our mission and as

the words of God as presented by His ministers. In the past we used to hold one such meeting each year but owing to the war situation locally for five years our people had been deprived of such a privilege. Therefore the session at this time was an eventful time for them.

Our meetings were held just at the time when the government and the rebels had reached some agreements to discontinue the enmity they had toward each other. This made it possible for many of the people who live in the rebel's territory to attend the meetings. We are certainly thankful to our merciful God for the long-awaited time of peace.

We were glad that three brethren from our Union Mission could be present at our session. They were C. C. Cleveland, president, Th. D. Manullang, home missionary and Sabbath school secretary, and Gordon Bullock, secretary-treasurer. We deeply appreciated their timely assistance and good counsel. On the other hand we were sorry that the Far Eastern Division could not be represented at this time. However, we were well aware of the fact that the difficulty in getting transportation to our field would make it hard for the Division brethren to fit this appointment in with their heavy program.

Our session was held in Menado, the capital city of Sulutong. Sulutong is an abbreviation of Sulawesi Utara Tengah which means North Celebes Mission. With adjacent islands, this makes one province under a governor.

Being unable to secure a large building for the mission session, we had to use our church building, the largest church building in the mission but too small for a large gathering. For this reason and also because of the difficulty in finding housing in the city, we had to limit the delegates to one for every one hundred members. However, because we had not had such a meeting for a long time, many people came anyway so the church was more than full. We had to build a shed in front of the church and this we furnished with bamboo seats and a public address system to meet this emergency. But all of the people insisted on crowding into the church

for they not only wanted to hear the speakers but they wanted to see them and all that was going on in the church.

At the opening meeting we had the honor of being hosts to many important people from the army, civil and religious departments. These made commendable speeches about our work.

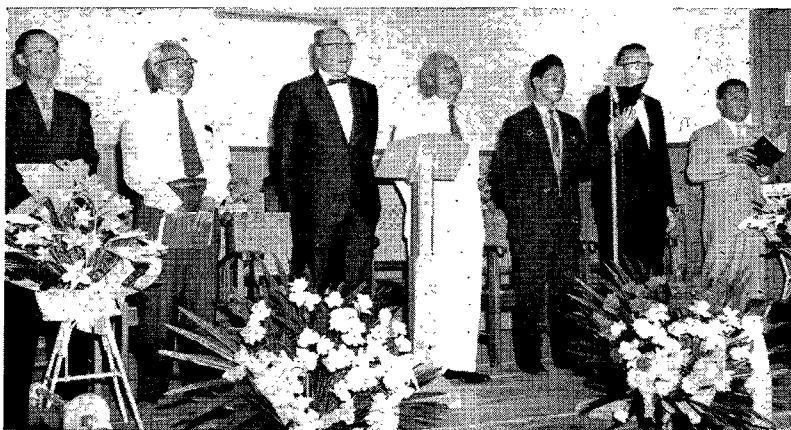
During the Sabbath morning service, which lasted for about three hours, many of our people unable to find seats were satisfied just to stand in any space they could find in the church and thus be able to participate in the Sabbath devotional meetings. Pastor C. C. Cleveland preached a very inspiring sermon. In the afternoon we had a very solemn occasion when

five young ministers were set aside for the gospel ministry by ordination.

The last evening of the session we had a special meeting for our young people. Many were invested as Master Guides, etc. Four hundred and thirty-two pins were awarded the youth.

At this mission session 16 churches were added to our mission which makes a total of 147 churches in our mission at the end of 1960 and our church membership is 8,609.

We certainly thank the Lord for His abundant blessings on the work in the North Celebes and for the peace for which we have



**On the platform for the opening meeting of the North Celebes Mission are Pastor A. Pasuhuk (center), president of the mission, and to his right C. C. Cleveland and T. D. Manullang. At his left, second from the right, is Gordon Bullock. The other men are local mission workers.**



**The mission president speaking words of welcome to the many delegates who had come for this important meeting, the first such meeting to be held in five years.**



all been praying. At this writing, our workers are now at full liberty again to hold public evangelistic meetings. People who were formerly very antagonistic to our message, because of the bitter war experiences the past three years, are now willing to listen to and accept the Advent message. We are looking forward to a great harvest of souls in the near future through the blessing of the Lord. We thank all of our brethren for the prayers we know have been presented to the Lord in behalf of our mission.

## Pearls of Great Price

**By P. Sitompul, Secretary,  
Ministerial Association of the  
Indonesia Union Mission**

"Don't hold your meetings in the church. People won't come. Ministers have tried it. Everyone in this city knows the Adventist church for it has stood here for more than twenty years." Such were the discouraging words spoken to me by members and workers alike when I arrived in Manado, the capital of North Celebes.

Everything was peaceful and normal again in North Celebes. The fighting was over for an agreement had been reached between the rebel forces and the central government. People who during the war months were desperately looking for heaven and were eager to accept and join any religion that would help them and give them hope, now seemed to forget God completely. "Religion? Not now. It is time for pleasure." Cinemas and pleasure halls opened their doors widely to the public nightly. Such was the condition when I prepared to launch the evangelistic campaign. Though things were back to normal, there was no hall in which to hold the meetings so we decided to conduct the effort in our own church.

In my advertisement I mentioned that the meetings would be held in "The Hall of Hope," and that everybody was welcome. As the people read the handbills, some wondered which hall this really meant. The address was given so they could not be mistaken. There was only one day between the opening night and the distribution of the handbills. People did not have much time to explore and many, especially those who came from the far corners of the city, seemed to know that the meetings

would be held in a Seventh-day Adventist church. Once they were there and saw the signs in front of the church and the crowd, they felt they had gone this far and so decided to enter and listen. The Lord's Spirit spoke to them and they came the next evening. Having entered our church two times, there was not much difficulty in getting the people to continue coming. Ministers who had labored in this city, were surprised to see the crowd as they came from night to night.

Providentially, the electric current in the church and the surrounding streets was low before we started. We all realized that the voltage must be increased in order to run the meetings successfully. By God's help, though it had seemed impossible, we were able to secure the needed cable that the electrical company required in order to increase the voltage. This extra cable was at-

church school building. We were very grateful to the church members from around Manado who came in turn to render special musical numbers from night to night.

After conducting meetings for five weeks we had a baptism. The baptismal service took place on Sabbath morning, August 12, at the beach called "Karang Ria," four miles from the church. Generous church members provided four lorries and one bus to transport the people. Others found their own way there. At least 1500 people, some estimated 2000, were present to witness the joyful occasion. Ninety-seven souls were immersed by six ordained ministers that day. Imagine their happy faces as they realized that the Lord had cast their sins into the depths of the sea! The following Sabbath four more were baptized.

When I left Manado to attend



**Six ordained ministers officiated at the service which took place on August 12 when 97 candidates were baptized.**

tached and the voltage raised to full capacity. Since in our meetings we used more current than before, the voltage in our neighborhood decreased greatly. Even before this it was hard to read in the evenings but now it became worse. So our non-Adventist friends decided to come to hear the lectures instead of staying at home. Yes, the saying, "Man's extremity is God's opportunity," was experienced during the campaign. The church which seats 500 people was full from night to night. Church members were asked not to take a seat or even enter the building, except the ushers. In order to make more room for the adults, a separate meeting was held for the children in the

the Moslem Conference in Singapore, 35 persons were attending the baptismal class preparing for the next baptismal service. Brother Sigar Maramis and local workers continued to instruct the candidates. A cable received a few days ago reports that 32 members of this group were baptized on September 9. This makes a total of 133 precious pearls of great price rescued from the shells of the power of darkness. This was the largest group of persons to be baptized in one city and as a result of a single campaign in the North Celebes, if not in all of Indonesia.

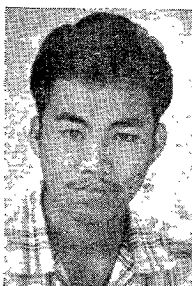
Now the question is, were the people sorry that we named our church "The Hall of Hope?" In

the testimony meetings which followed the baptisms some said that they would never have come to the meetings if they had realized that they were being held in an Adventist church. Now they were happy that before probation closes the Lord permitted them to find the Way of Truth and the Pearl of great price, which is Jesus Christ, the Saviour of mankind.

## How I Came to Love the Truth

By Anthony Rachman  
(As told to Rifai Burhanu'ddin)

I came from a very fanatical Muslim home. That part of Sumatra, Bencoolen, where I came from is a stronghold of the Islam faith. Almost all the members of my family are "Hajis" and highly respected in our community. (A Haji is one who has successfully performed the last of the five requirements of Islam—a pilgrimage to Mecca and



Anthony Rachman

Medina.) But the Lord has been merciful to me. He called me out of darkness and accepted me as one of His children through baptism in the water of the beautiful beach of Telok Betong, South Sumatra, on the morning of April 29, 1961. The baptismal rite was performed by Pastor S. Ritonga.

While studying in the elementary school in my home town, Bencoolen, I joined the Bible correspondence school, "Suara Nubatan." But pride and love for my own religion prevented me from continuing to study the course beyond the first six lessons.

To further my education, my parents sent me to Tjurup where I attended the Government secondary school. While there I stayed with my married brother. Earlier my brother's home had been visited by a colporteur, a certain Mr. Dj. Sihotang, from whom he bought two books: "Mari Tanja Doktor," and "Anak Durhaka." From the very beginning I knew that these books, especially "Anak

Durhaka," were Christian propaganda material and I hated such. But somehow curiosity got the best of me and I began to scan the pages and ere long I had read the books from cover to cover. Yet I found nothing of special interest in them.

Early in 1960, due to circumstances I could not control, I had to enroll in a Christian school at Tandjong Karang, South Sumatra. But I always kept myself away from subjects that dealt with Christianity. So in spite of the fact that I stayed in that school for over a year, I had not the slightest idea what the Christian doctrines were.

Coming out of a cinema one day, I saw a huge poster at a bus stand advertising public lectures called "Hope for Today," to be given by a visiting lecturer, Mr. P. Sitompul. I attended these lectures and soon knew that it was a Christian evangelistic effort. I wanted to stop coming but somehow a voice kept whispering in my ears, "Why not hear this man Sitompul pour out all his 'truth' first and then judge for yourself whether it is the truth or not." So I kept attending the meetings night after night.

The subject about the second coming of Christ stirred my heart. Knowing that this is mentioned in the Qur'an itself, I began to realize that not all that smells of Christianity is false. I asked many questions and to each one I received satisfactory explanations. Mr. Sitompul presented me with a copy of "Isa Dalam Qur'an" and told me that the writer, Mr. Rifai Burhanu'ddin was a Muslim before he was converted to Christianity. I read and reread the book. My heart drank in every truth found in it. I now longed for peace in God.

Though my baptism was only a few days away, I felt as though it was still ages away. I was very excited about and eager to "leave" the world then and there. At last that most glorious day of my life, Sabbath, April 29, 1961, arrived and I was buried in the watery grave of the beautiful beach, the "Beach of Hope," together with four ex-Muslims. We arose to newness of life. We all thank the Lord and praise His Holy Name for sending Brother Sitompul to teach us the way to salvation.

Though I am now considered

an infidel and an outcast by my own people, I do not feel the slightest regret for having taken this step according to my Saviour's commands. I know why my people have cast me away—they are ignorant of the truth so dear to me. I know, too, that someday, somehow, they will realize that they need the blood of the Saviour to cleanse them from all sin, all pride and self contentment. I hope the Lord will some day send me back to my own people to witness for Him among them. I love them all and do want to share this blessed hope of mine with them. Please pray for me. Thank you!

## VOP Meeting in Police Hall

By B. J. Dompas, VOP and MV Secretary  
Indonesia Union Mission

One of the wonderful experiences in my work as a departmental secretary is that of going out to hold public efforts. I can then meet my VOP students personally and only then can I taste the joy of laboring directly for these lost souls.

The first part of May this year, I made my way to Malang, East Java. After two weeks of preparing the soil and warming up the church members by holding revival meetings, the public effort named "Suara Harapan" or the "Voice of Hope," began on the night of May 14 and we planned to continue for a period of six full weeks. The meetings were held in one of the best auditoriums in the city. It belonged to the police force and was secured by the help of one of the 1960 Voice of Prophecy converts in this city. He was a high officer in the police force, and he was so overjoyed by the news that the union mission had approved of holding a VOP effort in Malang that he put his full effort into the securing of this building for the meetings. He hoped to bring many of his police friends to the meetings to hear the message.

We were very thankful to the Lord for the cooperation of the church members in this effort. Practically without failure, the church choir gave a special number every night of the meetings. The "Harmony Quartet," which consisted of one worker and three church officers, gave of their tal-



**Pastor B. J. Dompas baptizing one of the twelve Moslems who accepted Christianity during the Voice of Hope meetings at Malang, East Java.**

ents to the Lord and this meant much to the success of the meetings. Another feature which we believe played a big role in holding the audience, especially the Moslems, was the question box period. In some instances these discussions were worth as much as if a topic had been presented.

With the help of the Lord and with the cooperation of the mission workers and the church members we had at the close of the meetings a baptismal class of over 30 members. After several weeks of follow-up work fifteen souls were baptized. Twelve of these candidates were Moslems prior to the meetings and six were Voice of Prophecy students. The fact that Satan did not keep silent was evidenced by the 15 members of the baptismal class who were not

ready for the first baptismal ceremony. Six policemen and their families had to face severe opposition from their superior officers in the matter of Sabbath observance. They earnestly hope and pray that they will be able to get Sabbath privileges before too long so that they can be baptized with some others in the class when the next baptism is held. However, they have decided in their hearts what they are going to do in case they do not succeed in getting their Sabbaths off. We solicit your earnest prayers in behalf of these dear souls.

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

The first MV Training Camp for senior youth in the North Sumatra Mission was held July 18-24 at Camp Sembahe, North Sumatra. On July 19, 65 senior youth converged in a mountainous area along a beautiful river. The name of the area is Sembahe, so our camp was named "Camp Sembahe." We were very fortunate to be granted the use of six large, much-used Indonesian Army tents and one large tarpaulin. In order to make this camping experience, the first of its kind, the real thing we left three of the tents to be pitched by the campers when they arrived. We do not have sleeping bags here, but we do have grass mats called "tikars." These are used as beds by most

Indonesians. We were fortunate to have two areas for bathing and swimming and we were able to offer swimming instruction for the young ladies and the young men with instructors for each group.

Our mission president, Pastor A. M. Bartlett, was our camp pastor and he presented spiritual challenges for us at camp council, youth's problem hour, and at the campfires. Each evening my campcraft class built the campfire, demonstrating the various kinds of fires. Our campfire program was packed with singing, nature stories, nature quizzes, special music, motion pictures on nature or camping and the spiritual thoughts that closed the campfire program. Our camp pastor put us to sleep with taps and awoke us with reveille on his trumpet when morning came.

How wonderful it was to spend the Sabbath camping in this beautiful nature spot where our thoughts were filled with the wonderful works of creation. On Sabbath afternoon we walked up a trail which led to a botanical park. On the way we would stop for a part on our animated MV program. As we neared the top of our climb, the thunderclouds gathered and soon we had a tropical downpour. Needless to say, we were all completely drenched.

When we returned to camp we found all of our things wet for our tents were full of holes and badly torn in places. But such is camping! We soon dried out and the program went on as scheduled. Our MV spirits were not dampened. They reigned cheerfully throughout the five days of camping.

Classes were taught in star study, trees, reptiles, storytelling, home nursing, campcraft, and swimming. The closing campfire program had as one of its special features the awarding of MV honors. We were happy to award 63 MV honors to our campers.

We will long remember the happy times we had together—the prayer bands, the good food three times each day, the campfires, the rain storms, flag raising and lowering, camp council, the cool nights, swimming twice a day, pitching camp and breaking camp—yes, it all adds up to CAMPING!



**The campcraft class cooking a meal and also demonstrating several different types of campfires.**

## Three Missions Conduct Youth Camps

By B. J. Dompas

During the past two years two of the local missions in the Indonesia Union Mission have conducted summer youth camps. This year one more local mission joined this number, the North Sumatra Mission, and their camp was under the direction of MV Secretary Paul Emerson who had recently arrived from the States to serve as MV and educational secretary of that mission.

All three of these camps were held at the same time which enabled me to attend only one of them, namely the East Java Youth Camp which was held at Tawangmangu near the city of Solo. Four days before the camp began, some of the mission committee members, including the president, camp staff members and the writer met to discuss and lay plans for the camp program and camp menus. We also gave study to camp leadership and discipline. With respect to the camp menus we decided to follow the counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy by not serving meat. We did plan that food would be provided in abundance and well prepared.

By five o'clock on July 25 practically all of the campers had arrived. Each one was assigned to his or her place and the camp opened officially at seven o'clock in the evening with about 130 youth voices singing the MV song. After the introductory remarks by the mission president and the u-

nion MV secretary, announcements were made. Seven MV classes were to be taught beginning on the very first morning. All gladly registered for one of these classes which included Star Study, First Aid, Christian Story Telling, Campcraft, Plastic Lacing and Swimming.

Cabin inspection by the camp director and some of his staff members proved to be one of the most eagerly anticipated moments of the day. This year most of the cabins had yellow (number one) ribbons on their doors. The vesper services were held around the campfire, surrounded by nature and blessed with moonlight—full moon—and they were the best campfire programs we have ever had.

The Sabbath service was held under the pine trees, beside a small brook not far from a waterfall. With the cold morning breezes blowing, accompanied by the whispering of the running water in the midst of greens—grass, trees and hills—all beautified by the morning sunshine, the Sabbath school and the preaching service were really inspiring to all. A simple but solemn baptismal service was held after the noonday meal on that Sabbath and four were baptized. The investiture service on Saturday evening was one which will long be remembered. The long-anticipated Sunday hike up the green hills was pleasant and invigorating. Many said to me and others wrote later that this was the best camp they had yet attended in East Java. Surely each one felt the presence of God during this year's camp.

We were glad to have some non-Adventist young people attend the camp. One of them wrote me, unsolicited, a wonderful testimony which I would like to share with our **Outlook** readers. She is a girl of 15 from Malang. With her parents she had attended meetings that I conducted in that place but for some reason she and her parents have not as yet been baptized. I quote a part of her letter: "I was very glad to be able to attend the youth camp. It was there I could learn more of God's word which will be worthwhile for my future life. Besides this, the youth camp added many valuable things to my experience, especially because, as you know, this was the first time I was away from home. I was glad to learn to know so many Adventist youth from the different churches although I am not as yet a member of a MV society. I would like to thank God and you for the efforts on my behalf that enabled me to attend the youth camp and to taste of the Lord's blessings."

## South Philippines

### It Spelled Success

By Rudy C. Ruiz  
Student Literature Evangelist  
Mountain View College

The last mile had been travelled. The last knock at the prospect's door had been heard and the last order taken. The last prayer had been breathed and the last smile given when the last precious book containing the last-hour message



Campers enjoying the Sabbath morning services in God's great out-of-doors. At the right we see the campers around the flag pole but there was no flag raising nor uniforms for the government had disbanded pathfinder clubs who were not ready to join the government's unified pathfinder clubs.

was delivered to the last customer at the last house.

Another summer had been spent by our student literature evangelists in the Master's work. Two months' work had come to an end.

The blazing heat, the falling rain, the crowded streets, the dusty roads, the rugged trails, the full-packed buses, the busy throngs, the smiles and tears, the sorrows and joys, the bended knees, the incessant fervent prayers, the almost bleeding feet, the tear-dimmed eyes, the sacrifices, the hard work, the deep consecration—all of these and many more characterized our summer's work. But all of these things put together spelled SUCCESS.

It was a summer of many experiences which we would not exchange for anything. Our work had been a success financially. But these things are not enough. It is the spiritual gain above all else that we treasure for they are of eternal value to our souls. We had felt God's mighty leading hand and the companionship of angels. We had felt the miraculous workings of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of the people in spite of financial difficulties and spiritual prejudice.

The summer's work has ended. It was short but a little rough. But its roughness was smoothed with double-time efforts and many prayers and tears. Many of our churches also shared with us the blessings from heaven as they united with us in fervent prayers and supplications to the Almighty in behalf of our work. Many people received the truth-filled printed pages. Other souls were uplifted by our influence for we ourselves were drawn much closer to the Master. We treasure all of our experiences. The way was rough and rugged but beyond shone the light of the eternal day.

## Our Moslem Neighbors

By **F. M. Arrogante, President**  
**Northern Mindanao Mission**

The work among the Moslems in the Philippines started as early as 1928 when a company of believers in Baras (Pecong) Malabang, Lanao, started a mission school with the late Marcelo Baruga as the first church school teacher. He had formerly been a public school teacher-supervisor. Among the early believers in the place were Frank La Sage, Dante



**F. M. Arrogante**

to Ramos, a pure Maranao of Malabang. Brother A. N. Somoso was the worker assigned to the area to work for the conversion of both so-called Christians and Moslems.

In 1933 the gospel seeds were sown in the capital of Lanao, Dansalan, through the colporteur evangelism of Dominga Canales and W. Rodriguez. This resulted in the conversion of several persons. Among these were Penolas and the wife of the chief of police of Dansalan, Mrs. Denoso. The early believers underwent very heavy persecution. The right hand of the message came to the rescue when the Lakeside Clinic was established in 1947 headed by Dr. R. T. Santos with Dr. F. D. Ponce and a few other members on the staff. The confidence and friendship of the natives grew. The medical work progressed rapidly. This soon called for the enlargement of our medical program which resulted in the establishment of the Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital in the city of Iligan, the shoreline city of the same province of Lanao.

In 1949 Pastor A. N. Somoso was assigned to be the evangelist for the Moslems in Dansalan. He produced two tracts in Maranao. In the following years Pastor A. N. Savilla followed up the work of Pastor Somoso. Later Brother Benjamin Carbajal with his wife, a nurse, were also assigned for special work among the Maranaos for a time. At present a fair sized company is still holding up the banner of the Cross at Dansalan, now Marawi City. The Lakeside Clinic of Dr. R. T. Santos keeps up its mission of healing the sick and flashing the light that emanates from the Cross.

Other Moslem conversions to Christianity were found in several other places. During the war a Moro datu was baptized at Pagtatpat, Cagayan de Oro and an-

other in the province of Bukidnon. A few conversions in Cotabato, Davao, and Zamboanga were also reported. In Zamboanga City in 1929 through the efforts of the late worker, Gogerico Arrogante, a Mora from the influential family of Datu Mandi stepped over the line and was baptized with her husband who was a professional boxer prior to this. Now a few of their children are keeping the faith.

Our work in Jolo, Sulu, has been opened by our colporteurs and gospel workers who have braved the hazards and perils in order to plant the seeds of the message. In March 1957, Pastor F. C. Cabansag and his wife, both of whom are nurses, decided to cast their lot in working among the Jolojanos. Now Pastor D. M. Nieri and his wife have taken over the work there. Earlier the late Pastor A. L. Sumicad also contributed much in sharing the message with the people in Jolo. Conversions to Christianity among the Moslems are not many. But now in the capital of the Moslem archipelago a growing group of Christian believers are busy disseminating the message.

It takes strong minds, big hearts, true faith and ready hands to forge a lasting bond of friendship with our Muslim brethren. We are urgently soliciting the prayers of all in behalf of our work for the Moslem population in the South Philippines.

## Southeast Asia

### We Return to War-Torn Laos

By **Richard C. Hall**

We realize that news from Laos has been missing. It was hard at first to adjust to an unsettled life but I think by now we have adjusted fairly well to making a home wherever we are no matter where and no matter how long or short a time we are to be there. We have been in our field now for one year since furlough and we have made nine moves during that period of time. Now we are back in Namtha, Laos, and we are discovering what a small amount of supplies and equipment one really needs to get along. We are determined not to have too much equipment for we

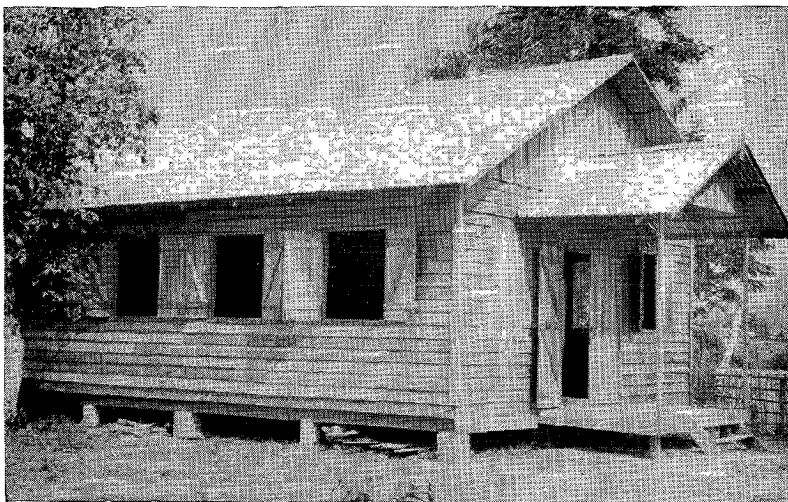


would lose it if we were to evacuate again.

Progress has seemed slow. In January we were advised to evacuate all personnel from Namtha. We went to a small town on the Thai border called Chieng Khong. We stayed there about three weeks and, inasmuch as things seemed normal in Namtha, we moved back there. We had only taken suit cases with us. While in Chieng Khong we observed that there were many Maeo people coming out for trading purposes every day. We visited their village but everyone shied away from the strange white people—strange white visitors. "Were these people spying to see if we were breaking the law by growing opium?" seemed to be in the thinking of these Maeo people.

We returned to Namtha (Laos) and everything went on as usual. We were sure it would remain thus. We women had all of our curtains and drapes up finally but then soldiers came from the North and captured Muong Sai. That was a bit too close for comfort but we reassured ourselves that they were headed for Luang Prabang for May 1 had been set as the day the communists would strike all major cities. On Sunday afternoon, April 29, we were alarmed at the news—1500 communist troops were headed for Namtha and were only two and one-half days' walking away. Namtha had no forces to keep them back.

Everyone began to beg Dick to fly out the women and children. Other families took out all of their possessions and took them to surrounding villages and hills. They feared the town of Namtha would be burned as Muong Sai had been. Past our house walked people carrying mattresses, sewing machines, and all sorts of belongings. Naturally we began packing all of our most needed things though we never expected to save any of it. So many people were begging Dick to fly them out. How could he refuse to take people just to take out our household goods? So people were evacuated first and after most everyone was out, Dick took our stuff. The Lord held back the strife and we did get all of our possessions out except what was too big to take out on the plane.



**The Seventh-day Adventist church at Namtha, Laos. This neat building was built by Pastor Richard Hall and his native helpers.**

Our town of Namtha was spared and as yet has seen no shellfire. For this we thank the Lord. We wonder if we had too little faith—maybe we should have stayed right there in Namtha. But perhaps this was His plan for now the Pangans have settled in Chieng Khong and they and the Thai worker, Nai Mun, with the help of our Maeo students (we had also evacuated our teacher and students) have an active work among the Maeo tribespeople there. One of our students located his father and stepmother and visited his village south of Chieng Khong. The father became interested and accepted every word of our message. He has already sold all of his pigs, quit growing opium, and burned his spirit altars. He and his family are anxiously awaiting baptism.

On the north side of Chieng Khong, the village people suggested that we build a house for a clinic, church or school and they would help gather materials. The building is finished now.

Because of a death and sickness at home, Dick's brother and family found it necessary to return to the States last June but they will return next year. We returned to Namtha June 30. Dick had flown in for Sabbath services. Nearly all the townspeople are back and their "flight" is only a memory. We are constantly alert for danger warnings but we are busy teaching, healing the sick, and visiting around. During the rainy season, so very many

are sick with pneumonia, Malaria and other diseases.

Our church has a fine piano now—a gift from Mrs. Dooley. When Dick noticed that Dr. Tom Dooley's piano in Muong Sing was never used or enjoyed since his death, he wrote to the doctors' mother and she wrote back for us to get it. We waited a long time for a way to transport it for it was too large for our plane and large planes were not flying to Muong Sing after the military post was transferred to Namtha from Muong Sing. One day Dick traded loads with a C-47 and got them to bring down the piano. He brought their rice down.

Last Sabbath when the call was made for those who wished to be baptized there were 14 who stood. Only two of these are studying and will soon be ready, so you see there is still much work to be done here. We pray that the winds of strife will be held back long enough to sow more seed and to harvest it.

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**We are in times of peculiar danger from foes without and within . . . You need not try to do anything without the special help of your heavenly Father. He is waiting for you to call, that He may say "Here I am."—G. W. p. 421**

## The First in Fifteen Years

By **R. E. Neall, Director  
Cambodia District**

Sabbath, April 22, 1961, marked the baptism of the first Cambodian convert in Cambodia in more than 15 years. She was Lim Saing Huay, a servant of Pastor and Mrs. Neall for the last three years. Two Chinese young men, Tran Yin and Chan Chien, were also baptized at the service held on the banks of the Mekong River.

The scene of the baptism was a secluded spot near an old pagoda. Church members rejoiced that while the god of the pagoda is dead and cannot hear the prayers offered there, the God Who commands men to repent and be baptized is alive, and His ear is ever open to the prayers and songs of His children.

After a short talk on the meaning of baptism by water and the Spirit, the baptismal candidates stepped forward, led by those who had led them to Christ. Brother and Sister Tran Tran came with their son Ah Yin. Chan Varman, who was baptized two years ago, led his younger brother Chan Chien. Mrs. Neall accompanied Huay. Later four responded to the call asking for those who wished to prepare for the next baptism.

A few days before the baptism Mrs. Edith Giang, wife of Giang Tu Minh the Chinese minister, sewed new baptismal robes for the church. These added much to the dignity of the service.

Other news from Cambodia centers around the new church building. Funds are in hand for building, and the contract is being drawn up as this is written. The church plans that the next baptism will be held in its own building.

During the month of April a new piano arrived from Japan, a gift to the church from Dr. and Mrs. Dysinger, former doctor in the American Embassy in Phnom Penh.

Pastor E. L. Minchin, associate secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference, visited Phnom Penh on May 1 and 2. His ministry to the members was blessed by the Spirit of God, and several young people decided to follow Christ. Pastor Minchin is the father of



**Pastor R. E. Neall, second from the right, prepares to baptize Chan Chien, Tran Yin and Lim Saing Huay as they stand in the Mekong River of Cambodia.**

Mrs. Dysinger, and he was much interested in visiting the city where the Dysingers worked for two years.

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### Voice of Prophecy Items

● Pastor Daniel R. Guild, director of the Singapore Bible Correspondence school, reports that the newest addition to their family of languages in the Singapore school is the Tamil course. Miss Janet Arulpragasam is the director of the Tamil section of the school. Since the school opened late in 1959, 1,650 have enrolled in the course and 485 have graduated.

● Djamaan Soelaiman, head of the Malay section of the Bible correspondence school, reports that a student in Ipoh has enrolled 26 of his 30 classmates in the Malay Bible course.

● Here is a brief report of the work in the Chinese section of which Miss Helen Jue is the director. This report is for the third quarter of 1961. They had 880 applications, 341 enrollments and 155 graduates. There are 1,160 active students and 7,303 papers were corrected.

We quote from a report given in the Balestier Road church on Sabbath, October 21 by one of the workers in the Chinese section of the VOP:

"I am sure you will be interested to know how we use the

money you give us. We don't waste one cent! The envelopes are used three times. We send the lessons out the first time in window envelopes. The students in turn use the same envelopes to send their answers back to us. We cut these short and send out the next lesson in the same envelope. We do not waste our stamps either. We use 4 cent stamps to send out the lessons. We request our students to use four one-cent stamps when they return the lesson and these we can sell for two cents. The Borneo students use 10 cent stamps and these we can get ten cents for. This plan helps in keeping down postage costs.

"Recently we advertised the Chinese course in the **Nanyang** and **Siang Chew Jit Poh** newspapers and as a result we received 130 applications in one day."

● Pastor R. Tilstra writes from Saigon, Vietnam:

"Our Voice of Prophecy department is doing only one tenth of what it could do because of lessons that are not suited for this part of the world. At present we are cooperating with our union brethren in writing a new course that is slanted to the people who live in these countries. We can hardly wait for the writing to be done so that we can begin printing. We are sure that the Lord will provide the necessary US\$1,500 by that time."

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## NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● The Division Biennial Council will be held in Hong Kong beginning on November 27, 1961. There will be two pre-councils, home missionary and publishing, and they will begin on November 22. Pastor W. E. Murray, one of the general vice-presidents of the General Conference and Pastors A. A. Esteb and D. A. McAdams, associate secretaries of the General Conference home missionary and publishing departments, respectively, will attend the meetings in Hong Kong.

● Pastor Milton Lee is conducting evangelistic meetings in Taipei, Taiwan. Twenty-five hundred people responded to the invitation to attend the opening meeting and this necessitated the holding of two meetings on that night. Mrs. Lee is assisting in the meetings.

● Dr. and Mrs. Douglas K. Brown and their four children have arrived in Manila, Philippines. Dr. Brown is the academic dean at Philippine Union College. When called to the Philippines, Dr. Brown was teaching at Emmanuel Missionary College in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Prior to his term of service at EMC he taught chemistry at Union College for thirteen years.

● Mrs. C. E. Syphers and daughter Judy have arrived in Tokyo, Japan, from San Gabriel, California. Dr. Syphers preceded Mrs. Syphers and daughter having left the States for Tokyo on June 6. He is now serving as a relief doctor at the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital. He was the medical director of this institution during his first term of service.

● Doctors Samuel and Effie Ketting of Los Angeles, California, have arrived in Bangkok and are now on the staff of physicians at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital.

● Miss Betty Ng recently spent a few weeks with her parents in Singapore. She is in training as a nurse at the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital in Australia. Three young ladies from Singapore are this year completing their training at the Sydney Sanitarium and Hos-

pital, namely Doreen Lee, Joyce Siagian and Ruth Siregar.

● Kenneth Gibb, son of Pastor and Mrs. A. E. Gibb, left Singapore for the States a few weeks ago and is now enrolled as a student at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska.

● The following young people from the Balestier Road and Southeast Asia Union College churches have left for the States and enrolled at La Sierra College in Arlington, California: Phila Mae and Vincent Wong, Jonathan Poh, Eddie Ngo, Peggy Kong, Winna Chen, Mae Tan and Julian Tsai.

● The many friends of Pastor and Mrs. L. E. Smart will be interested to hear that they are now located in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. Pastor Smart is the educational, MV and War Service secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference. When called to this position, the Smarts were living in Des Moines, Iowa, and Pastor Smart was the educational and MV secretary of the Iowa Conference. They wish to be remembered to their many friends in the Far Eastern Division.

● Pastor J. T. Mason, Jr., and family have arrived in Manila, Philippines. Pastor Mason is the new publishing secretary of the North Philippine Union Mission, filling the vacancy created when Pastor R. A. Van Arsdell accepted the call to be the publishing secretary of the South China Island Union Mission.

● Two Andrews University Theological Seminary Extension Schools will be held in the Far Eastern Division in 1962. The first one will be held in Osaka, Japan, February 5 to March 29 and the second in Manila April 3 to May 18. The school in Manila will serve the southern half of our Division. Pastor R. A. Anderson, Dr. S. H. Horn and Dr. Edward Heppenstall will be the instructors from the States, and Pastors T. H. Blincoe and E. H. Wallace from our Division will also serve as teachers. The schools are under the direction of Pastor Boyd Olson, Division educational secretary.

● The Central Korean Mission has built and bought 42 church

buildings thus far in 1961. Other missions have built a total of 37 church buildings. The Korean Union Mission had an increase of 14,249 in Sabbath school membership the first six months of 1961.

● Since returning from the States where they spent their furlough, Pastor and Mrs. Jack Sager have launched into another big evangelistic effort in the Tokyo Evangelistic Center.

● Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Hebard have returned to the Far Eastern Division for a short period of service. Dr. Hebard was the medical director of the Penang Sanitarium and Hospital before the war. He is now serving as a relief doctor at the Youngberg Memorial Hospital for a few months.

### Correction

In the September number of the *Far Eastern Division Outlook* appeared an article written by Mrs. A. J. Abawag entitled "The Gospel Penetrates the Prison Wall." At the close of the story she tells of a baptism performed by Pastor A. J. Abawag and our office identified him as the president of the Southern Luzon Mission, whereas it should have read educational and MV secretary of said mission. Pastor G. de Guzman is the president of the Southern Luzon Mission. Our sincere apologies to both men concerned. —Editorial Office.

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