

## *Typhoon Karen Leaves Desolation in Its Wake*

By G. A. Haas, President,  
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The office of the Far Eastern Island Mission Clinic on Guam as it looked when the storm had subsided.

The new duplex house on the mission compound. A chair from the Baptist church came through a window in the nurses' apartment and sailed through the room. (Chair seen in picture.)



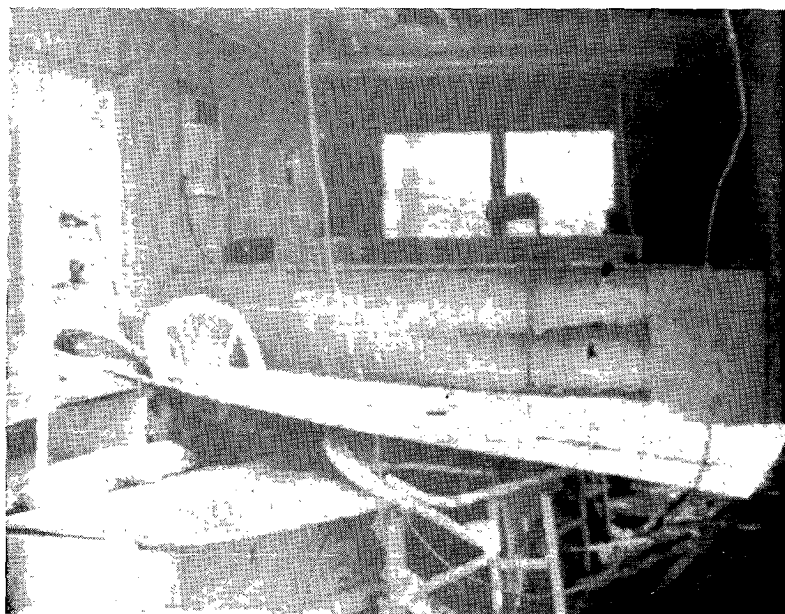
Sunday evening, November 11, word was received on Guam that typhoon "Karen" would pass over the north end of Guam at 9 p. m. The wind velocity would be about 220 miles per hour. We here at the Far Eastern Island Mission did our best to secure our property throughout Sunday. We used up all available boards and sheet metal to cover windows and open places but long before we had completed the job the storm was upon us. All Catholic churches, the Masonic temple and many schools and government buildings were designated as typhoon shelters. We were urged to seek shelter by 4 p. m. At first wife and I had planned on staying in our concrete-block clinic building but later we decided to stay with Mrs. Walter Thompson whose husband is Dr. Thompson, the director of our Far Eastern Island Mission Clinic. The doctor had gone to the Guam Memorial Hospital to deliver a baby. By four o'clock we were comfortably settled in this cement-block house. Brother and Sister Bohner and their small lads had decided to seek shelter in the doctor's new home just a little below the hill. Miss Amy Messenger and Miss Lois Foster were confident of riding out the storm in a small apartment which is a part of the new home for the doctor.

We ate our supper and had worship and decided to retire for the night. Then the storm struck. A window in the front room came in and next we heard the door come open and then with a tremendous explosion it seemed as if the whole front end of the house was gone. We pushed furniture against the door and mattresses against the windows and held on. After 30 minutes the storm had passed. We knelt and thanked God for protecting us during the preceding 30 minutes. After an hour



**The Agana Heights church, a neat and attractive building, was left without a roof and the interior was damaged badly.**

**The interior of the Far Eastern Island Mission office after the storm.**



and a half of beating from the north, there was a sudden calm. We had been warned about this. Suddenly and quickly the wind shifted to the south. Again we heard debris flying about and striking our house. But what was left of it stood firm. For another hour and a half we waited, sang and prayed.

After full 12 hours of storm, dawn finally came. When we looked out of the window what we saw made us both sad and glad—

sad because of the terrible destruction and glad that we were still alive. When our mission family got together, we learned that a chair from the nearby Baptist church had sailed through a glass window on the north side of Miss Messenger's apartment early in the storm and the roof had also been blown off. Portions of the tin roof on the home where the Bohner family had sought refuge were torn off and rain poured in. The Bohners and others sought shelter in

a closet that had no windows. There they stayed all night. The two ladies, Misses Messenger and Foster, found shelter in a little hallway with an umbrella over their heads and a candle and a Bible were on their laps. Needless to say, all prayed for protection not only for themselves but for the mission families and the church members.

When we finally were able to assess our damage, we found that most of the roof of our Medical Clinic and Mission Office was gone. The roof and ceiling of a part of Dr. Thompson's house was gone. The roof with much of the truss-work of Brother Bohner's house had been blown away. Our house, the oldest on the compound, stood the test with only about two-thirds of the tin on one side of the roof blown away. The Dededo church is a total loss. Our academy and elementary school are almost a total loss. Our new church in Talofofo was spared. The home of Pastor and Mrs. Jimeno also withstood the storm. As far as we know, not one of our members was hurt. Several lost their homes in part but they can be repaired.

During the storm, Dr. Walter Thompson delivered a baby, and while the Guam Memorial Hospital was crumbling about him, he led 30 women with their new-born babies in their arms to safety from the fourth floor of the hospital. If service medals were to be given out, Dr. Thompson would truly be deserving of one! The Doctor now has a room in the Naval Hospital where he is seeing our patients free of charge. The officer in charge of the Naval Hospital came in person to our home to offer the facilities of that hospital to our mission.

It is my personal estimate that our mission suffered about US \$50,000 worth of damage. The entire island of Guam looks like Jeremiah's description of the desolate earth during the millennium. However, only seven people lost their lives. One of our sisters, Mrs. Bertha Aki, fled from one room to another of her home until it crumbled and blew away. She finally found shelter in a neighbor's house. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Esteban, newly-weds from the Philippines, had their house completely disintegrate over their heads. They tried to flee to the Naval Hospital. The wind literally took Mrs. Este-

ban and rolled her over and over. Finally they made it to the road and a jeep picked them up and took them to the hospital. It is truly a miracle that their lives were spared.

We know that our brethren in the Far Eastern Division and the General Conference will stand by us in this hour of need. We do praise and thank God for the wonderful protection we had under His wings. We will go forward in greater evangelism as soon as we have roofs over our heads. We must warn the people that this destruction by a typhoon is just a foretaste of what is coming to those who will not be sheltered by God during the last days.

## Southeast Asia

### Efficiency Contest

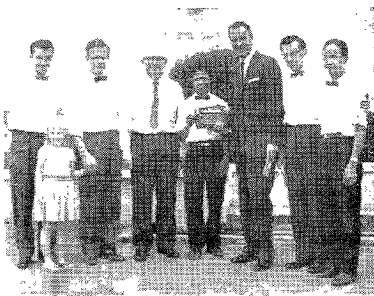
**By John Bernet, Publishing Secretary, Southeast Asia Union Mission**

A special union-wide efficiency endeavor was held for all the literature evangelists in the Southeast Asia Union Mission during March 1 to June 30. The efficiency endeavor was named in honor of our new president, H. D. Johnson, who has since become the treasurer of the Far Eastern Division. Points were given for each canvass given, VOP enrollment received, hour worked, branch Sabbath school started, each baptism, and each weekly report turned in on time. There were seven awards made. The winner was of course the one who received the most points during the four-month period.

It was inspiring to see every bookman work extra hard. The sales were greatly increased as were the VOP enrollments, and the baptisms reported. The Efficiency Endeavor was a real success.

When all the reports were in and the points tabulated, it was discovered that the colporteurs of the Vietnam Mission had won all 7 awards. Brother Le Truong Xuan, who had 40,000 points, received the first award, a handsome National 8 Transistor Radio.

A brief award service was held at the Saigon airport. In the accompanying picture we see the men who participated in this service.



**Present at the brief award service at the Saigon Airport were: (1 to r) John Bernet, R. K. Tilstra, C. P. Sorensen, Le Truong Xuan, H. D. Johnson, A. E. Gibb and Do Binh.**

The 130 book evangelists of the Southeast Asia Union Mission have sold more than 18,000,000 pages of literature during 1962. If this literature were laid end to end, it would stretch a distance of 2800 miles. We thank God for His many blessings and the brethren for their fine support.

### Baptism in Ubol, Thailand

**By D. Kenneth Smith, Pastor**

Nine new members were recently added to the Ubol church by baptism. Three of these are students at the mission school. This makes a total of 23 baptisms for the year.



**The nine new members recently added to the church at Ubol. Miss Boon Dang, Bible instructor, is standing in the center of the group.**

At the close of the Bible-marking class, conducted during October to December, 70 Bibles were presented to those attending twenty of the twenty-three meetings. At the last two meetings, opportunity was given to those who wished to be baptized to so express and more than 30 responded. These are now receiving studies and another baptism will be held in January.

The mission school has been strengthened by three new teachers. Nai Boon Yang, Nai Likit and Nai Ond Ai. The government is considering our application for recognition so that we can give our own tests for grades three to six. We are praying that a favorable decision will be made.

## Japan

### A New Light on a Hill

**By C. B. Watts, President Okinawa Mission**

On a hill overlooking Ishikawa City, its lovely beach and beautiful Kin Bay, a new Seventh-day Adventist church is taking shape. The ground-breaking ceremony for this "lighthouse of truth" took place on September 20 and it is the hope of the mission to be able to pre-



**Pastor C. B. Watts looks on as Brother Ryuzo Ishikawa, church elder, turns the first shovelful of dirt at the ground-breaking ceremony.**

sent the finished building to the Ishikawa church members as a Christmas present.

At the ground-breaking, Pastor C. B. Watts first forced the shovel into the hard soil and then stepped aside with the suggestion that the honor of lifting the first shovelful of dirt should go to sixty-five-year-old Brother Ryuzo Ishikawa, local church elder. Brother Ishikawa has been working and waiting for this day for more than ten years.

Next to wield the shovel was Choei Ishikawa, newly re-elected mayor of Ishikawa City. The mayor aided us greatly in securing and levelling the church site. Also when newly-planted trees and shrubs, set out by the church members on the grounds, died Mayor Ishikawa replanted new ones with his own hands.

Others present at the ground-breaking were: Pastor Koe Aka, mission secretary, Brother Arata Emoto, mission treasurer, Mrs. Sumiko Tsukayama, Bible worker and assistant Ishikawa church pastor, and Shigehiro Kinjo, along with many church members and interested people.

## Korea

### Too Busy to Help!

**By George Munson, Ministerial Secretary, Korean Union Mission**

A steady stream of tears rolled down his cheeks as he pleaded for help. "The members of our little company want to know how to organize a Sabbath school and we don't know how to prepare the program for an Adventist church service. . . Pastor Munson, can't you send someone to teach us to be become good Adventists." My heart was deeply touched as I listened to this touching appeal by a fine looking man just twenty-nine years old.

He was the dean of a small Protestant Seminary in the city of Seoul, Korea. He had a good position and was well liked in the school. But three years ago he was studying the Bible carefully with a group of earnest young Christians and was convinced that the seventh-day is the true Sabbath of the Bible. This earnest young Christian teacher had accepted

Christ in a little village on the island of Anmyun. The devil-worshipping villagers persecuted the youth so he fled to Seoul and worked his way as he studied in the Protestant Seminary there. He gained favor with the leaders of the Christian schools and was a capable leader. His future looked bright until he received the conviction that he should follow Bible truth. He was torn between conflicting loyalties.

About this time his wife received a strange dream. She saw Jesus coming in all His glory. In the midst of the brightness and to one side, she saw the likeness of her husband, clothed in darkness. A voice said, "Tell him to come out of the darkness quickly." As the couple pondered the meaning of this dream, an older brother paid them a visit from the island of Anmyun. He startled his brother by saying he had joined the Adventist church. At first the younger Pak scoffed at the idea of joining the Advent sect. But the brother suggested that he send a lay preacher, Brother Yun Chi Sun, to study with the couple. Soon an elderly gentleman came trudging up the hill to their humble home. As they sat crosslegged on the warm floor, they opened their Bibles and listened with rapt attention to the unfolding of the truths. Some of the students from the Seminary joined them and many in the circle were deeply convinced that they were learning Bible truths.

In the meantime a crisis loomed in the mission office. Up to this time, the mission committee had solicited the help of laymen who were well able to give help to the mission as they struggled with the problems of rapid growth and revival. The mission had helped the laymen with traveling expenses, just as a token of appreciation for their help. But the funds had been depleted and now it was necessary to decline the services of our faithful laymen. The lay preacher was forced to stop the follow-up work of this interest.

The little company of believers continued to study and others joined and they met in an old army tent for their services. They were happy in their newly-found faith but soon their happiness turned to dismay for no one came to teach them.

During this time young Mr. Pak

made up his mind to make a complete break with the Seminary and turn in his resignation. As soon as he had turned over all his business, he began to keep the Sabbath. He led the little group of 20 believers in the study of the Sabbath message. They accepted the Sabbath.

One day this young Christian came to my office to ask for help. He told me how disappointed he was that no one had come to help the struggling company. I sent an appeal to the lay preacher to follow up the work, but this brother had been called to teach in another town. On a later visit we went to the mission office but the leaders told us that they could not send anyone. They were all overworked with attending to present church groups who needed pastoring. So many new companies had been organized that it seemed that no one could be spared to help this group.

Five times Brother Pak came to us begging for help. Each time I encouraged him and went to visit his group and preached to them. Finally one day, after they had spent a lonely Sabbath without a leader, Mr. Pak said he had come to make his last appeal. As I prayed with him, I was impressed to call in one of our ministers working in the Voice of Prophecy Bible School office. I knew that this brother liked to pastor new groups. He told me that he already had a heavy load but that he would be responsible to guide this small group and help them organize a church.

Two weeks ago he baptized nine souls and as he went to take the bus to this area he had a new sign under his arm to hang on the hook. The sign read, **The Seventh-day Adventist Church.**

## South Philippines

### West Visayan Academy Captures Banner

By S. G. Miraflores

The Central Iloilo Sabbath School Association met in Dumangas on Sunday, September 30. This is the largest SS Association in the West Visayan Mission and

also one of the most active. It is composed of 14 churches under the pastoral care of Pastor D. Tamares.

There was a very good attendance and all of the churches in the district were represented. The reports regarding investment funds, devices, branch Sabbath schools, teachers' meetings, attendance, lesson study and per capita giving were encouraging.

This was a special meeting indeed for two union mission men were in attendance. Pastor P. Ramos, secretary of the radio and television work in the South Philippines, gave the first talk. In the afternoon, Pastor J. R. Obregon, union mission MV secretary, delivered another message.

After summing up the scores, West Visayan Academy Sabbath school came first and captured the banner from Dumangas church. The MV banner went to the La Paz church for they had the highest score for the third quarter.

Our thanks to the Dumangas brethren who entertained all the guests. Special mention goes to the Diancin and de Asis families, who played hosts to the guests, and to Brother Palma who made available the use of his truck for the visiting members.

The writer in his talk made a number of suggestions which were especially adapted for academies and colleges.

### MV Associations Hold Trophy Rally

By V. J. Socong, MV Secretary,  
Western Mindanao Mission

For the first time in the history of MV associations in Western Mindanao Mission the two largest and most active associations of the Mission, the ALSSA (Advance Lanao Soul Saving Association) covering the province of Lanao del Norte and MOSUGA (Misamis Occidental Soul Uplifting Gaining Association) for the entire Misamis Occidental made possible a joint trophy rally in Tubod, Lanao del Norte on September 19-22, 1962.

More than five hundred young people from the member churches of both associations gathered in the town to witness, to listen, and to share their missionary experiences with each other during the

four-day meeting.

From September 19-21, the meetings were held in the big and beautiful Seventh-day Adventist chapel. The Friday evening and Sabbath meetings were held in the Community Civic Auditorium, owing to the very large attendance.

Brethren Wenceslao Baliton, Jr., and Mario Gulfan, presidents of the two MV Associations, respectively, were able to conduct the meeting successfully. The ALSSA, which was the host association, was able to feed the three hundred and fifty registered delegates, including the visiting brethren during the entire meeting. Seventeen canvans of either rice or corn were served and a large amount of cash contributed by the member churches was spent for food.

The MOSUGA problem of shepherding the newly converted souls as a result of their Voice of Youth evangelistic effort held in Lopez-Jaena, Misamis Occidental, last July 1 to August 15, was brought before the big body of delegates for study and it was solved. Business meetings were carefully conducted in a real business-like way. Scheduled games in the afternoons, such as softball, basketball, badminton, volleyball, and table tennis were very much enjoyed by the young people.

V. J. Socong, MV secretary of the Western Mindanao Mission, gave instruction on how to strengthen the MV society as well as the MV associations, and some program ideas were suggested in order to make the MV society active and lively. Pastor B. R. Aris, president of the Western Mindanao Mission, challenged the youth to greater evangelism and to live lives as examples in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.

The youth meeting was climaxed by an impressive rededication ceremony. The youth represented by the local MV society leaders reconsecrated themselves by clinging to the big cross in the center of the platform, representing Christian service, and by pinning to it their respective MV society banners with a musical background to the tune of "The Old Rugged Cross." Lydia Baliton, a youthful member of the MOSUGA from Ozamiz City, gave an oration calling on the youth to do greater service for the heavenly Master.



The evangelistic team at Sindangan. Seated in front are Martha Guan-sing, Febe Billiones and Letty Taghap, singers; Pastor B. C. Calahat, evangelist and his assistant, Florito Magsayo, and Jane Villaester, organist.

## Sindangan Center Stoned

By B. C. Calahat, District Leader  
Western Mindanao Mission

On the northeast side of the beautifully ornamented and well-trimmed town plaza in Sindangan, stands a medium-sized building with the bold sign, SINDANGAN CENTER. Anytime of the day the cream colored and imposing facade gives an impression that something good can come from it. This building was put up for one single purpose—a place to sound in trumpet tones the gospel message of salvation.

June 3, 1962, was the memorable day when the preaching of the message started in this building and continued being sounded every night until July 31. The personnel of the center was two evangelists, Brethren Florito Magsayo and the writer. They were assisted by a group of singers and an organist. On the first night the building was filled to overflowing, inside the fence and by the roadside. This heavy attendance continued for one week or until Sunday came. After the first and second Sunday meetings the attendance dwindled down for the priest prohibited the people from coming to our meetings. Nevertheless, our nightly attendance continued to be

good right to the last day of our meetings.

There were some disturbances while the meetings were going on. One night two men in long white robes came briskly walking to the auditorium. They stopped and scanned the audience and then went to a house close by. When the speaker was at the height of his appeal there were three big bang-like noises as if someone hit a table with a big piece of wood. Evidently intended to distract the audience. On another night ill-mannered young people came and stoned the building. One lady was almost hit but this did not deter her but inspired her the more to search for the truth. She was baptized with the group seen in the accompanying picture.

On another night a young man under the influence of liquor went here and there around the meeting place during the preaching hour. He shouted at the preacher at the top of his voice. The preacher that night said something about Alexander the Great and the drunkard felt that he was making fun of his name, Alejandro which in English would be Alexander.

The above incidents did not stop our work of preaching the message because the hand of Providence was our defense. In the picture you will see the twelve dear souls at the back who were the first-

fruits of our effort in Sindangan Center. They were baptized last September 29, 1962. We anticipate another baptism in the near future.

## Indonesia

### Bandung Evangelistic Meetings

By R. I. Sarumpaet, Speaker

On August 5 we began our evangelistic meetings in the Bandung church and our meetings closed on September 16, 1962. The members of the Bandung church were very cooperative and each one did according to the talents given him.

The hall we rented, Gedung Bank Tabungan Pos, was well filled the first two weeks. We were quite happy to have so many Moslems attending our meetings. While our meetings were going on, there was a big Industrial Exposition in the city and most all the Moslems were attracted to this.

The courage that our church members showed thrilled our souls. One of the families decided to postpone the purchasing of furniture for their home and spent their savings for that in helping the effort. The earnestness of this family resulted in the baptism of their two sons and their guest, whom they always invited to the meetings. Another man had to resign from his job for the sake of Sabbath observance.

With the help of the church officers and members 32 souls were baptized on October 5. But most thrilling of all is the fact that we are encouraged to hold another effort due to the enthusiastic spirit of the church members.

### Life Comes to a Dying Town

By P. Sitompul, Ministerial  
Secretary, Indonesia Union Mission

For more than twenty-five years the three angels' messages have been preached in Kediri, a town in East Java, but the results have been small. During these years at least eight Bible workers and ministers have been sent to give the message to these people. However, when we began to prepare for our

evangelistic campaign, there were only 14 members and of these 13 were ladies.

To hold an evangelistic effort with the help of ladies only is not easy. They cannot do as much as men but they can decorate the hall, serve as ushers, and pass the offering baskets. We were therefore given four workers to assist in the meetings. Providentially, a church had been built recently and this expense had been taken care of by the mission. So we had a church building but we needed people to fill it.

On July 8 the effort started. First the meetings were held in a public hall but later they were transferred to the church. Kediri is not only a stronghold for Moslems but it also has a strong Red influence. Kediri is also the medical headquarters for the Baptist mission.

Early in the campaign we noticed that the people did not have much interest in our message. Banners had been hung in strategic places to advertise our meetings. Now we understood that it was really a dead town. Ministers who have labored in this town before and the older church members told me that it would be an outstanding accomplishment if five additional souls could be converted. Trusting that the word of the Lord will not return unto Him void, we labored on for eight weeks. The Lord never disappoints His servants.

On August 18, Kediri church witnessed a beautiful baptismal ceremony. On that day by God's grace the membership was doubled for another 14 precious souls were added to the church. Among the group baptized were three young people who were members of the Baptist staff. Their positions in the Baptist hospital were: a midwife, a nurse, and a medical secretary. Two young ladies were dismissed from the Catholic school because they wanted to keep the Sabbath. I knew the problem they were facing for it was their last year in the upper middle school and they were preparing to enter the medical school. I did not urge them to be baptized but let them make their own decision. I purposely avoided visiting their homes the last few days before the baptism for I did not want them to take their stand because of pressure on my part. But we kept praying for



**The people present at the opening meeting of the Kidiri effort. Twenty-one persons were baptized at the close of the meetings, four of whom (with crosses) are seen in the picture.**

them, hoping that they would gain the victory. I was overjoyed when they came and requested baptism even though they knew what it would mean to them in their plans for further education. I felt that their conversion was genuine. At present they are studying in another school where they are permitted to have their Sabbaths. Others in the group were persecuted by loved ones. May God bless and lead them to final victory!

After the baptism we returned to Bandung. Another group was studying and preparing for baptism under the instruction of Brother S. Walean, a ministerial intern. On September 15 we returned to Kediri to dedicate the church and to conduct a second baptismal service. This was another high day for the Kediri church. We had a solemn but joyful dedicatory service with Pastor W. L. Wilcox,

newly-elected president of the Indonesia Union Mission, as the speaker. The writer offered the dedicatory prayer. On that day we not only dedicated a church but seven souls were dedicated to God and followed Him in baptism. Three of these individuals were from a nearby town.

We thank the East Java Mission for her cooperation in sending workers to help in the effort. We thank the Kediri church members for their assistance during the campaign. May God reward their labors.

## **Anjelier Club to Have Reception Parlor**

**By Myrtle B. Pohle**

Indonesia Union College girls' club members, known as Anjelier Club, enter their dormitory, An-



**Members of the Anjelier Club at Indonesia Union College who participated in the harvest program presented during the holiday season.**

jelier Hall, with a new eagerness this week. They have raised Rp 84,000 toward the building of their long-hoped-for girls' reception parlor and dean's office. The total cost of this project is estimated to be about Rp 200,000, so the girls have nearly reached the halfway mark to seeing the cement poured and the building begun.

It is planned that the addition will be built by free student labor. The school is providing the steel and cement. When the still-needed Rp 118,000 are in hand the building will begin and a fond dream will be realized.

Miss Lies Goei, the club president, and her associates have worked untiringly on this project during the past few weeks. In addition to personal solicitation of funds from friends and relatives, the girls presented a very colorful Christmas program which was well attended.

The college president, Percy Paul, congratulated the girls on their enthusiastic campaign to raise funds for this much-needed addition to their dormitory. "At present," he stated, "if a dean wishes to counsel with a girl, she must do so in her own private bedroom, in the busy hall thoroughfare, or in the girl's room where her from three to five roommates are probably present. If a parent comes to visit a daughter, he must do so under the same circumstances. There is no place at present where a parent or the dean can talk and pray privately with a girl."

With a central office, where a "Sign out and in book" will be kept and with a monitor always on duty, better control of the girls will be maintained. The parlor will also provide a proper place for the girls' social activities and their association with each other and their special friends who call on them. The teachers join the girls in hoping and praying for generous donations from relatives and friends so that the work on the building may soon begin.

## A Timely Message and Warning

By L. E. Gonzaga, Chaplain  
Manila Sanitarium and Hospital

It was on October 4, 1962 that I was invited to speak at a symposium at the Institute of Nursing of Far Eastern University in Ma-

nila. Five of us were invited to participate in this symposium and we represented different religious denominations. The other four speakers were: Rev. Ephraim Shapiro, rabbi of the Jewish synagogue; Rev. William S. Arvan, director of the Far East Crusade Seminary; Mr. Mimbilaway S. Watanama, Muslim leader from Lanao del Sur of Mindanao; and Miss Ruth Walbridge, a Baha-i leader. We were asked to speak on our beliefs so that nurses of the Far Eastern University Hospital would know how to deal with a Jew, a Protestant, a Muslim, a Baha-i and a Seventh-day Adventist. Following the symposium, questions were asked by the nurses and then we were taken to the office of the Dean of the Institute of Nursing for refreshments. It was at this time that I asked Rev. Arvan what denomination operates the Far East Crusade Seminary. The answer was shocking to me for he said, "Our Seminary is interdenominational and we are at present trying to eliminate distinction between Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutherans, etc., for we are all Christians according to Paul. We are one."

On October 11, Pope John XXIII, in his opening address to the Roman Catholic Ecumenical Council, said that progress had already been made for Christian unity and the way to have that unity is through the return of "separated brothers" to the Catholic church. He further stated that "The Catholic Church, raising the torch of religions by means of this Ecumenical Council, desires to show herself to be the loving mother of all, benign, patient, full of mercy and goodness towards the children separated from her." **The Manila Times**, October 12, 1962.

Again on October 21, Pope John XXIII, in his Latin-language peace message, which was approved by a show of hands during the council session in St. Peter's Basilica, declared that there were two problems of greatest importance facing the council. "The first was peace," he said. "There is no man who does not detest war and who does not ardently desire peace. But this is the greatest wish of the church who is the mother of all." **Manila Daily Bulletin**, Oct. 22, 1962.

Dr. Frederic Grant, theology

professor at New York City's Union Theological Seminary, one of the four observers from the Episcopal Church to the Ecumenical Council said: "I don't think the world will be transformed in 10 minutes. It will take a long time. But eventually unity will come about." **Manila Daily Bulletin**, October 23, 1962.

On November 3 of this year, the dean of the dormitory of Philippine Union College School of Nursing, Manila Sanitarium and Hospital division, called my attention to a new 1963 calendar, which was put out recently by the Catholic church in Spanish and is being circulated only to all Catholic universities and colleges for use next year. It is a changed calendar. Instead of Sunday as the first day of the week it is so arranged that Monday is the first day of the week, Saturday the sixth and Sunday the seventh day. Why is this so? It is because the devil is so desperate and knows that he has but a short time to work.

Dear brothers and sisters, soon the hour of greatest persecution and sealing of God's people will come. Are you ready for that time? Are you making your heart right with God, casting away all the darling sins that you have kept for years? Have you woven Christ into your character? Mrs. Ellen G. White warns us in the book **Great Controversy**, page 620, "...in the time of trouble, if the people of God had unconfessed sins to appear before them while tortured with fear and anguish, they would be overwhelmed; despair would cut off their faith, and they could not have confidence to plead with God for deliverance."

Mrs. White further states: "Those that overcome the world, the flesh and the devil, will be the favored ones who shall receive the seal of the living God. Those whose hands are not clean, whose hearts are not pure, will not have the seal of the living God. Those who are planning sin and acting it, will be passed by. Only those, who, in their attitude before God, are filling the position of those who are repenting and confessing their sins in the great antitypical day of atonement, will be recognized and marked as worthy of God's protection." **T. M.** p. 445.

Commenting on the sealing, Mrs. White writes: "The seal of God will never be placed upon the fore-

head of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God." **Testimonies**, vol. 5, p. 216.

Dear brethren, now is the time to prepare for tomorrow may be too late. Let us remember that, as Mrs. White says, "No man enters the portals of glory but he who sets his heart thitherward." **Ibid.** p. 442. Shall we not now throw aside our narrow and selfish plans and surrender ourselves wholly to God?

## Another First in NPUM

By J. T. Mason, Publishing Secretary, North Philippine Union Mission

The approximately 30 new literature evangelists and leaders in the accompanying picture have the distinction of being present at the first union-wide training school ever held in the Philippines for new recruits.

The class was conducted in the chapel of the Philippine Publishing House at Baesa, November 25-28.

Each of the five local missions was represented by having several new recruits in attendance. They were selected on the basis that they had already worked a minimum of a month or six weeks in the field, had memorized their sales talk and planned to be full-time workers.

It is our plan to hold these beginners' classes during 1963. We believe this will enhance our recruiting program and will enable our local leaders to recruit a good quality of workers. These classes will also strengthen a new worker so he will be successful and thus decide to stay by the work.

We pray that God will bless this program to the end that our literature evangelists' ranks will continue to swell until our literature has been truly scattered throughout the Philippines like the leaves of autumn.

## Obituary

By Mrs. Mesaila Nova-Harder

Lim bani Jereza Diaz, born on May 5, 1932, in Lapaz, Iloilo, and baptized into the faith of Jesus on January 19, 1945, was the third child of Pastor and Mrs. Pedro Diaz.

Miss Diaz received her education

August, 1957. She was then asked to connect with Philippine Union College School of Nursing as clinical instructor from 1959 to 1961. During the school year, 1961-1962, she was given the privilege of doing postgraduate work at the University of the Philippines where she specialized in Psychiatric Nursing. She was back to active teaching at the Philippine Union College School of Nursing in June, 1962, and enthusiastically taught Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing up to October 27, 1962 when the grim reaper claimed her but it will only be for a short time.

Among those left behind to cherish her memory as a beloved daughter, sister and dedicated worker in God's cause are her parents, Pastor Pedro Diaz, chaplain at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, and his wife; her three sisters, namely Mrs. Evangeline Cerna, a teacher in the East Visayan Academy in Cebu City; Mrs. Naomi Hilado, medical technology student in Stanford Hospital, Stanford, Connecticut, and Betty Diaz, a teacher in Pasay City Academy; her two brothers, Dr. Pedrito Diaz, a dentist, and Dr. Jovencio Diaz, a medical intern at Far Eastern University, Manila.

Always ready to help, Lim bani was very well loved by her students and her patients. She was an accomplished pianist, organist and singer. She was a great help in the church and a teacher in the Sabbath school.

To the Philippine Union College School of Nursing, the Pasay English church, the Pasay Choral Society and her family, Lim bani's death is an irreparable loss, a loss which we will only recover when Jesus shall call her back to life on that glorious resurrection morning.

## Branch Sabbath Schools — A New Development

By E. M. Canas, Translator  
Philippine Publishing House

"I have attended a number of Sabbath school workshops but when they closed all I had was some patterns and a few ideas. But when you are through with this workshop you have all the materials and information you need to conduct a branch Sabbath school



The literature evangelists and their leaders who were present at the union-wide training school which was held at the Philippine Publishing House.

In addition to the helpful instruction that was given, the new workers were helped by being able to make a complete tour of the Philippine Publishing House to see how our books are made.

in the Philippines, completing her college course at Philippine Union College in 1959 when she received a BSN degree. She was a staff nurse at the Manila Sanitarium and later became head nurse in



**The ladies who developed the branch Sabbath school workshop program. Reading left to right: Mrs. Reatha Ekvall, Mrs. Elwood Sherrard, Mrs. Margaret Davis and Gloria Somoso.**

for a whole year." Words such as these are often heard from those who have been privileged to attend one of the series of branch Sabbath school workshops being conducted in various churches of the North Philippine Union Mission.

The workshops were developed and are being conducted by Mrs. Amelia Sherrard, wife of the business manager of Philippine Union College, and Mrs. Margaret Davis, wife of the editor of the Philippine Publishing House. They are assisted by Mrs. Reatha Ekvall, wife of Dr. G. C. Ekvall of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, and Miss Gloria Somoso, of the Philippine Publishing House. Mrs. Dorothy Edwards, who is in charge of the branch Sabbath school work at Philippine Union College, has tested the material in her more than twenty branch Sabbath schools. Pastor E. J. Tangunan, Central Luzon Mission Sabbath school secretary, has been coordinating the workshops in his mission.

This new development in branch Sabbath school evangelism introduces practical methods in the systematic operation of local branch Sabbath schools. The new methods which offer a uniform pattern of conducting branch Sabbath schools are briefly discussed and outlined in six mimeographed theme books prepared by Mrs. Sherrard and Mrs. Davis. Included in these theme books are such subjects as creation, God's love, prayer, heaven, Christian living and faith sharing, all interestingly presented. In addition

there are a large variety of songs and finger plays especially fitted to each particular program. The stories, songs, etc., are being translated into Tagalog and Ilocano so that many more churches in the Union Mission may be reached with these new but tested methods on branch Sabbath school evangelism.

The two-day workshops, usually held at various churches on weekends, also cover practical demonstrations in the art of child evangelism. On the last day, Sunday, both teachers and students spend most of their time in the preparation of branch Sabbath school materials, such as flannel boards, flannelgraphs, cutouts, pictures, and other necessary equipment that may be utilized throughout the whole year's cycle. This solves the perennial problem among branch Sabbath school leaders of securing materials for their missionary activities. At present, Mrs. Sherrard and Mrs. Davis are preparing a handbook of fifty-two Bible stories to accompany this branch Sabbath school material.

Since the first branch Sabbath school workshop was held in Malabon, Rizal, last September, which drew Sabbath school leaders from a number of neighboring churches, more than 20 local churches in the Central Luzon and Mountain Provinces have availed themselves of the manifold benefits derived from these weekend meetings.

Pastor J. O. Bautista, Sabbath school secretary of the North Phil-

ippine Union Mission, reported on this plan at the recent Far Eastern Division Council held in Tokyo, Japan, and the Division voted to make this material the basis of a Division-wide branch Sabbath school training course.

Meanwhile, Sabbath school leaders in the South Philippine Union Mission and Mountain View College, who recently saw some samples of the materials used in these workshops, have expressed their desire to hold similar workshops in their churches. Requests have already been received for materials to be sent to the South Philippine Union Mission and Mountain View College.

The developers and sponsors of these workshops believe, that with God's blessing and with the wholehearted cooperation of our people, this new approach to branch Sabbath school evangelism will do much toward furthering the ultimate objective of our Sabbath schools which is the ingathering of souls.

### **Dr. Macpherson Participates in Field Trip By Laurentino E. Gonzales, Chaplain, Manila Sanitarium and Hospital**

In the early morning hours of October 28, 1962, an army truck, a microbus, and a car silently left the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital compound for San Narciso, Zambales, to extend help to the indigents of that town. The army truck which was sent by the Social Welfare Administration, was loaded with relief goods and the Manila Dorcas Society members. In the microbus were Dr. F. Inocencio, a resident, Dr. F. Fabro, an intern, Mrs. M. Talangbayan, outpatient supervising nurse, and five senior nursing students, namely R. Booth, A. Caagbay, M. Cavida, F. Penaflores, P. Febre, and Brother F. Rosales. In the car were Dr. W. E. Macpherson, vice president for medical affairs at Loma Linda University, Dr. R. F. Waddell, Division medical secretary, Dr. C. G. Ekvall, North Philippine Union Mission medical secretary, and the writer.

Upon arrival at San Narciso everybody started to work. The SAWS under the supervision of Mrs. P. H. Romulo, set themselves up on the plaza in front of the town hall and the Catholic church where they distributed flour, milk,



**Dr. W. E. Macpherson and Dr. R. F. Waddell participated in a field day by the workers of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital. In the pictures we see the two doctors examining patients, assisted by the nurses who also acted as translators.**

wheat, cornmeal and cooking oil. The medical team was assigned by the town mayor to hold the clinic in the town hall. The doctors saw about 320 patients from 9:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. They had a noon break of one hour. Due to the language difficulty, student nurses were assigned to the three American doctors to help in the translation during the consultations. Meanwhile the other nurses helped in dispensing the medicines to those examined and treated. At the close of the consultations and the distribution of relief goods, the record showed that about 500 pesos' worth of medicines had been given away, 400 pieces of literature distributed and about 720 families had received help from the Dorcas Society.

## "A Sound of a Going"

By J. O. Bautista

Experience proves that promotion pays. The year 1961 was designated as Investment Year in the North Philippine Union Mission and during that period the fund was specially fostered throughout the entire field. As a consequence the Investment Fund reached the all-time high of 4,798.33 pesos.

Having heard of the outstanding success of the branch Sabbath school and Vacation Bible School work in Korea, we decided to set aside 1962 as Sabbath School Evangelism Year in our union mission. The reports for the first three quarters reveal that our efforts toward accomplishing this worthy aim are being rewarded with encouraging results.

Having just completed compiling the reports from all the missions on Vacation Bible Schools conducted last summer, we can present the following comparisons for the years 1961 and 1962: the number of Vacation Bible Schools increased from 25 to 34 and the total enrollment from 709 to 1,174, of these this past year 835 were from Non-Seventh-day Adventist homes. Six

new branch Sabbath schools were organized in 1961 and 3 in 1962. During both years 18 parents were interested in our truths as a result of the VBS, and there were 8 baptisms in 1962. At the close of the third quarter there were 118 branch Sabbath schools in operation compared with 96 at the close of 1961.

The Sabbath school departments of Pasay English Church and Philippine Union College Church, which top the list in the number of branch Sabbath schools operated, have launched a campaign for the organization of more such Sabbath schools. The moving spirits behind this program are some of our lady overseas missionaries, namely Mrs. E. C. Ekvall and Mrs. E. C. Hedrick of the Pasay English Church, and Mrs. O. C. Edwards, Mrs. T. A. Davis and Mrs. Elwood Sherrard of the college church. The Pasay English Church holds the distinction of having conducted a Vacation Bible School with the largest enrollment of any school in the union mission thus far. Of the 350 enrolled 304 were awarded certificates.

A three-day branch Sabbath school leaders' workshop, the first of its kind in this field, was conducted at Philippine Union College. At its close 196 certificates were given to those who had fulfilled the requirements of the prescribed course.

Then came the timely and much-appreciated visit last October of Pastors G. R. Nash and H. E. McClure. The entire field was covered with the holding of nightly meetings in four local missions and a Sabbath afternoon rally at the Manila Center. In the wake of these special meetings came such an awakening as revealed in a recent report from M. P. Arevalo, Sabbath school secretary of the Southern Luzon Mission. He writes: "Since the Sabbath school rally which was held in Ligao, a growing interest has been manifested

by the brethren in branch Sabbath school work. Last Sabbath ten new branches were started, four in Legaspi and six in Ligao."

Yes, the day has come for pushing this work to the front. The ball has started rolling and we hope to carry out a strong program of evangelism in our Sabbath schools, the impact of which, we hope, will be felt in every section of this union mission field and thus help in the speedy finishing of God's work in the earth.

## Our Students Abroad

### AMC Graduates Seven Asian Students

By F. Long

Seven Far Eastern Division students received their diplomas from Dr. E. G. McDowell during the Australasian Missionary College graduation service on November 18, 1962.

Mary Chong, Edmund Siagian, Newton Tan, and Choo Piang Fong were conferred the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education. Candidates for the degrees of B. A. (Education) and B. A. (Theology) at A. M. C. receive their awards from Pacific Union College in the U. S. A. Barney Lee and Albert Chang received their diplomas in accountancy and Keith Chan was presented a diploma in building construction.

The teaching staff at Southeast Asia Union College will be strengthened by Mary and Newton. Edmund and Piang Fong will teach in Jesselton and Kuching, respectively. En route home via the "Orcaades" with the four graduates are also former A. M. C. graduates, Mr. and Mrs. Hulman Sinaga.

After obtaining his B. A. (Education) (Turn to page 12)

## NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● When Pastor J. R. Spangler was called to the General Conference he was in the midst of an evangelistic effort in Hong Kong. When he left others continued the meetings and followed up the interests. At the recent South China Island Union Mission committee meeting it was announced that to-date 33 persons have been baptized and other interests are being followed up which will no doubt mean still more baptisms.

● Pastor and Mrs. C. L. Shankel and children, following a short vacation in Singapore, left for Manila on January 8. Brother Shankel will conduct a Week of Prayer at Philippine Union College and following that he will go to Mountain View College for their Week of Prayer. He then returns to Manila to hold a series of evangelistic meetings in the Manila Evangelistic Center. The Shankels when "at home" live in Djakarta where he is the city evangelist.

● Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Supit and their one-year-old son were in Singapore for a few days en route to Bandung, Java, where Dr. Supit will join the staff of physicians at the new Bandung Mission Hospital. Dr. Supit took his medical training in the Philippines and Mrs. Supit was for a number of years the principal of the Pasay Academy in Manila.

● Pastor and Mrs. Daniel Lee and family have returned to Singapore from Kudat, North Borneo. Pastor Lee held evangelistic meetings in Kudat and seven were baptized at the close of the meetings. Fifty person are in a Bible class which is being conducted by Brother Chin Kong Loi, a retired minister.

● Pastors Milton Lee and Daniel Lee, the Lee Evangelistic Team, will be leaving for Cebu, Philippines, on the 6th of February. Beginning early in March and for the following four months they will be holding meetings in the Capitol Center in Cebu, using the Chinese and English languages on alternate nights.

● The Korean Publishing House in 1962 celebrated the 50th anni-

versary of the Korean "Signs." Two years ago 9,000 copies were printed monthly and that figure has now grown to a monthly publication of 40,000. The **Signs** magazine is the best known and has the largest circulation of any magazine in Korea.

● In a letter under date of December 26, Pastor W. L. Wilcox, president of the Indonesia Union Mission, wrote as follows to Pastor C. P. Sorensen: "I just received word from one of the workers in the East Java Mission that on December 22, 1962, there were 30 Moslems baptized in the city of Madion. This is the largest baptism of Moslems at one time that I have personally heard of since being here in Indonesia."

● Twelve men were ordained to the gospel ministry in our Division during 1962. Four of the union missions were represented in this group as was also the West New Guinea Mission. This number is considerable smaller than that of 1961 and it is the hope that 1963 will again find a large number of men ready for the sacred work of a minister.

● The good word has been received from the General Conference that Pastor J. H. Lantry of the West Virginia Conference has accepted the call to be the MV and educational secretary of the Southeast Asia Union Mission.

● G. O. Bruce, formerly the assistant treasurer of the Division, has assumed his new duties as secretary-treasurer of the Southeast Asia Union Mission. R. H. Roderick, formerly Division cashier, is now assistant Division treasurer.

● Southeast Asia Union College is laying strong plans for the adding of a teacher training department and Miss Naomi Zalabak, currently teaching in Manila, has been asked to head this department. She will be arriving in Singapore about July 1.

● Pastor and Mrs. P. H. Eldridge arrived in Singapore on January 14. Pastor Eldridge is the ministerial, radio and TV secretary of the Division. The Eldridges have been connected with the work in the Japan Union Mission for more than 25 years. We sincerely wel-

come them to our staff of workers in Singapore.

● The Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital held its fifty-ninth graduation in Wahroonga, November 30-December 2, 1962. Among the group who graduated from the School of Nursing were two young ladies from Singapore, namely Betty Ng and Alice Sormin. Betty received her education in the government schools of Singapore and Alice is a graduate of Southeast Asia Union College. Her father, M. P. Sormin is the treasurer and assistant business manager of said college.

### AMC Graduates Seven Asian Students

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cation) in 1958, Hulman attended the University of New South Wales at Newcastle where he received two years' instruction in science and mathematics. Ellen and Hulman are particularly well known around Newcastle for their musical talents. Both were attending the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music before departing for home.

We wish the above persons God's richest blessing as they endeavor to serve Him in their various capacities.

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