



Christian Leaders in Japan Attend Fellowship Dinner

By E. A. Brodeur
Division Public Relations Secretary

In the interest of having better public relations between the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Japan and other Christian organizations of that country, it was decided at the time of the Division Annual Committee meeting in Tokyo to have a friendship dinner at the Shiba Park Hotel where the committee meetings were being held. Monday, November 26, was the date for this occasion and a well planned program was set up. Under the direction of the hotel chef and Miss Gracie Ogura of Japan Missionary College, delicious food had been prepared for the dinner and this was served beautifully.



C. P. Sorensen speaking words of welcome to the guests attending the fellowship dinner at the Shiba Park Hotel in Tokyo, Japan.

Invitations to the dinner were extended to ten of the most prominent Christian leaders in Japan. Mr. Takeshi Muto, Chairman of the National Council of Churches; Mr. Sennen Kishi, Chairman, Japan Gospel Lutheran Church; Mr. Kotaro Miyakoda, President, Japan Bible Society; Mr. Seizch Wake, Vice-President and Mr. Tadashi Kamata, Director, Japan Christian Newspaper Co.; Mr. Isamu Omura, Chairman, Nihon Kirisuto Kyodan; Mr. Makoto Goto; Mr. Keitaro Nishimura; Mr. Akiji Kurumada; and Mr. Toshio Miyoshi made up the list of special guests.

Representing the General Conference headquarters in Washington, D. C. were: Pastors C. L. Torrey, F. A. Mote, G. R. Nash, and E. R. Walde. Other special guests from the United States were Dr. W. E. McPherson, vice-president, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University, and Pastor V. T. Armstrong, formerly president of the Far Eastern Division. The Far Eastern Division officers, the union mission presidents, a number of

Division departmental secretaries and also members of the Japan Union Mission staff completed the list of 38 guests.

Following the banquet, at the opening session of the Division Annual Committee meetings, three of the special guests spoke briefly to the assembled delegates. Each of them expressed his appreciation of the work being done by Seventh-day Adventists in Japan and suggested that the spirit of this occasion be encouraged and continued. At the conclusion of the talks, each guest was presented an attractive gift box containing three volumes printed in the Japanese language. The three books were: **The Impending Conflict, Steps to Christ, and Highways to Truth.**

It is our earnest prayer that this contact, plus the books given, will be the means of bringing the Advent message to the attention of these Christian leaders of Japan. May it be the beginning of their investigation of the truths of the Remnant Church.



Pastor Peni Tovondi Nakasamai

of Fiji. Peni's grandfather was a wild and ferocious fighter. He was fearless and cruel. On two separate occasions he took by surprise one of his brothers, clubbed him to death and then cooked and ate him. He wanted nothing to do with Christianity because he thought it would make him weak.

It was Peni's grandfather who had worshipped the evil spirit, "Tauindama. In fact he was in allegiance with him. This devil was a snake spirit and even today is greatly feared and even worshipped by some of the people.

It was this spirit that Peni came face to face with when he came running to poor Miriami. The spirit spoke through the girl.

"I know you. You are the grandson of Nakasami, my servant. Why must you fight me and trouble me?"

Pastor Peni then commanded the

Devil Worship in Fiji

As told by Pastor B. L. Crabtree,
President of West Fiji Mission

"Quick, Aisake, run for Pastor Peni Tovondi. He is the only one who can help poor Miriami. He knows this devil 'Tauindama'. Perhaps he will cast him out of Miriami. Hasten Aisake! Hasten!"

Aisake ran off toward the pastor's "mbure" whilst poor Miriami rolled on the ground frothing at the mouth and groaning. About her stood a group of frantic neighbors. To them devil-possession was real and frightening. It was not

the first time they had seen this sort of thing. All of them knew that unless something was done soon the evil spirit would gain such a grip on poor Miriami that it would be almost impossible to help her.

Pastor Peni Tovondi is a Fijian, a tall dark man with a smiling face and thick fuzzy hair. He is also the grandson of a cannibal chief of the famed and warlike "Bure" tribe of Viti Levu, the main island



The Pathfinders of the Apia church in Samoa and on the right we see a group of boys and girls from Tahiti. These children hope to go to school at Fulton Missionary College where they will train to be missionaries. Your offering on the Thirteenth Sabbath will help them.

spirit to come out of the girl in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The spirit cried out, "I have to go, you serve the most High God. I cannot stand before you."

Peni Tovondi Nakasamai is an interesting person. Though a Fijian he was born in far away New Guinea. His father accepted the third angel's message, trained as a missionary, and went to work for twelve years in New Guinea where Peni was born. Later Peni trained at the newly-established Fulton Missionary College and became its first graduate. Listen to a little of his work.

After one year in the work he was asked to work on the island of Gau. There was so much opposition on his arrival that the mission president told him that he could choose to stay or go. He chose to stay. Driven from the village by prejudiced natives he lived for several nights without shelter under a big mango tree. During this time one of his little sons became chilled and died but that year Peni baptized 13 souls.

His evangelistic zeal has never lessened. In 1960 he conducted two public evangelistic efforts and baptized 47 souls. In 1961 he became assistant president of the large West Fiji Mission. But he did not stop working. In that same year he baptized 62 souls. In 1962 he has brought many others to the Lord.

Recently he came to me and told me that there was need for more workers in Fiji. "Could we," he said, "accept a lesser salary so that more workers could be employed?" He told me that he had asked several of the other workers if they would be willing to surrender some of their wages to employ more workers and so finish the work quickly. All of them agreed to do so. It is no wonder that the work hastens on apace in this beautiful but needy land.

Pastor Peni's surname, Nakasamai, originated from his cannibal grandfather who offered refuge to escaping exiles so they would fight with him. Today Peni is happy because he can offer refuge to those who are seeking to escape from sin.

Why tell you about Peni Tovondi? Two reasons mainly. He is a fine example of the type of workers that is spreading the gospel in these awakening lands of the Central Pacific. Secondly there are scores of potential Peni Tovondis at Fulton Missionary College. And

there is a third reason too. You, Sabbath school member, will be helping students, the future leaders of our work in the Central Pacific Union Mission as you give your offering this coming Thirteenth Sabbath.

Korea

Minister Accepts Bible Truths

By Louis Erich, M. D., Medical Director, Pusan Sanitarium and Hospital

About six weeks ago the missionary in charge of the Scandinavian Mission in Korea came to the Pusan Sanitarium and Hospital for medical treatment. This missionary, Mr. Ivar Olsen, is an ordained Baptist minister. However, the mission functions independently. In addition to its ecclesiastical work the mission runs a well-equipped orphanage, a home for beggar boys and a home for the children of lepers.

While lying in his hospital bed, Mr. Olson expressed his feelings with regard to the care given him by the nurses and the prayers offered in his behalf. In our conversation with him we dealt with generalities, expressing God's healing power and the hope that we as Christian have in the new earth.

In speaking of the time when there will be no more sickness and suffering, Mr. Olsen, confessed that there was one thing that had been troubling him for twenty to thirty years. "How can a loving God," he said, "allow people, no matter how wicked they may have been, to burn in hell for billions and billions of years?"

We could but agree with him that we, too, would find it hard to worship that kind of a God. Then we turned to see what the Bible had to say about this subject. One Bible study led to another. He was then able to look at the whole story of sin and the plan of salvation in an entirely new light. "It's so wonderful," he said. "It seems too good to be true."

He went home with several books. He was eager to learn more. After one Bible study, we gave him a copy of **The Desire of Ages**.

Later Mr. Olsen told us that a fellow missionary warned him that if he wanted a Christless religion; that if he just wanted to learn about two things—the Sabbath and the law; if he wanted to earn his salvation by works—then continue studying with those Adventists. "But," he told me, "that missionary was misinformed. I have never seen so much of Christ in any other religious literature. The Seventh-day Adventist doctrines are certainly Christ-centered."

This minister has accepted the Bible truths on the state of the dead, the second coming of Christ, the millennium, the Sabbath and predestination. He is now attending church and keeping every Sabbath. He is continuing to study with us. He says that **The Desire of Ages** is inspired and that he wants to be a Seventh-day Adventist as soon as he has studied more.

The other day, Mr. Olsen took my hand and said, "Brother, I'm happy now. It's been a long time since I've felt that way but I am really happy now."

We pray for continued guidance as we study more with this minister. May God continue to bless us all as we work together to finish the work and thus hasten the coming of our Lord.

Indonesia

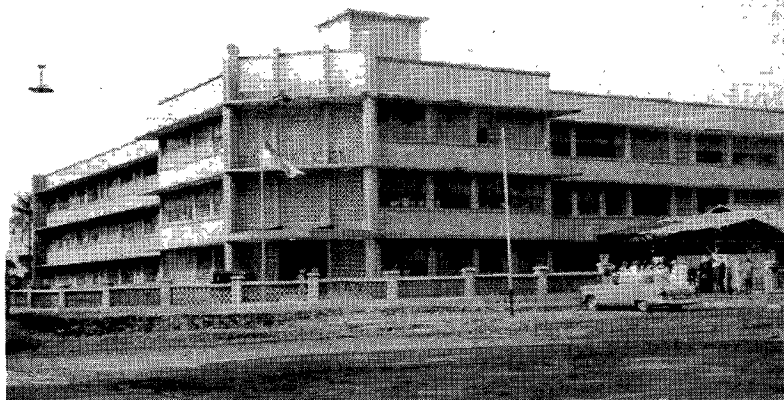
The New Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital

By Ronald F. Haan, M. D. Medical Secretary, Indonesia Union Mission

"Indonesia our native land," sang more than 300 visitors at the ceremony which officially opened the doors of the new Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital, formerly known as Rumah Sakit Advent.

On January 24, 1963, Mrs. Hartini Soekarno, a most charming person, wife of the President of The Republic of Indonesia, cut the ribbon and led the way into the building, another major institution in the chain of Seventh-day Adventist Hospitals around the world.

"Thanks to the Almighty God, a hope has now become a reality," said the Mayor of Bandung. In his speech, the Minister of Health also welcomed "the birth of a new



The new Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital which was formally opened on January 24, 1963.

hospital" and also congratulated "the management and contractor on the new Rumah Sakit Advent and in the successful completion of their task."

The need for an institution is evident when we realize that throughout West Java there is at present only one hospital bed available for every 18,000 inhabitants.

Dr. Neil Thrasher led in a tour of the new building and its various departments. On the ground floor is found the outpatient clinic where at present about 3000 patients come every month for treatment. A well-equipped laboratory, X-ray department and physical therapy unit as well as the pediatrics ward and some private rooms are also located there. The second floor is for surgical and medical patients and operating rooms. Half of the third floor is used for the obstetrical suite, delivery rooms and nursery while the other half is occupied by the student nurses as their dormitory. About 150 beds are available now; however, this will increase to 200 beds when a nurses' dormitory is constructed.

Our first medical work in Java was begun in 1907 when Sister Anna Nordstrom (later Mrs. G. A. Wood), a nurse from Australia, landed in Surabaya. The next year she was joined in her work by Mr. and Mrs. Ethelbert Thorpe who conducted the Java Health Resort. Throughout the years since then the medical work has progressed and declined. Later, in 1932, Pastor and Mrs. Siegfried Horn opened a clinic

in Batavia, now known as Djakarta. This later became a maternity hospital and continued to operate until 1947 when it was taken over by the Red Cross during the Revolution.

During the last decade and for our present institution, the pioneer work was done by Dr. D. N. Holm who in 1950 opened a clinic in the mountain resort town of Bandung which in the words of Dr. R. F. Waddell is "next door to Paradise." Also in 1950 a dental clinic was opened in Medan, Sumatra, by Dr. N. Twynstra. Both of these institutions continue to operate today. Later in 1950, Dr. Holm opened the Rumah Sakit Advent in Bandung with 20 beds in a converted dwelling house. After a few years the adjoining house was purchased and by crowding facilities the hospital grew to 100 beds. Not because of our inadequate buildings, but because of our Christian personnel the hospital has been kept full during the last few years.

Working conditions have been extremely difficult. Running water was not available for three or four weeks at a time, making it necessary to haul water from two miles away. The supply of electricity has been erratic, often major surgery has been done or completed with the light from one small flashlight with run-down batteries. One hundred eighteen patients were seen every day in an office 8 x 8 feet. Toilet facilities were poor. The kitchen facilities were poor. We had no refrigeration and the build-

ings were becoming old and are deteriorating. Yet still the patients came for care.

But the accomplishments of today are to be credited to those who have had the foresight in the past to plan for the future. Before Dr. D. N. Holm left the field in 1960, plans had been made for the new hospital. Mr. A. L. Sherman designed and supervised the construction of the new building. As business manager, Pastor Tan Peng Hong has given tireless hours of labor in business administration and construction supervision, as well as solicited much of the funds needed from his personal friends. Our hopes have now become a reality. This modern, 200-bed hospital stands as a memorial to all those who have served Indonesia in the medical work. Yet to be constructed are a church, nursing school, laundry, maintenance shop and power house, kitchen and dining room. These will be built as funds are available.

Our first Indonesian doctor, Benjamin E. Supit, arrived home one week prior to the opening to join our staff after studying medicine in Manila. This is a new era with a government-credited school of nursing and a chain of clinics from Medan in North Sumatra to West New Guinea.

The hospital chaplain, Rifai Burhanuddin, himself a convert from Islam, is able to lead a strong spiritual program for our hospital.

Also present at the opening ceremony, in addition to Mrs. Soekarno, were representatives of the Minister of Health, the West Java Health Department, the Governor of West Java, the Mayor of Bandung, the Military Commander of West Java, and the United States Ambassador.

Pastor F. A. Mote represented the General Conference. Pastors C. P. Sorensen, A. E. Gibb, H. D. Johnson, and R. F. Waddell, M.D., president, secretary, treasurer and medical secretary, respectively, of the Far Eastern Division were also present for the opening ceremony which was directed by Pastor W. L. Wilcox, president of the Indonesia Union Mission. The hospital medical staff today consists of Doctors Jesse C. Holm, director, Neil R. Thrasher, director, 1960-1962, Ronald F. Hann, and E. Benjamin Supit.

As Pastor R. W. Munson wrote in 1903 we can also write today,

"No work in these heathen and Mohammedan lands tells more for the spread of the truth than that which first heals the diseases of the people."

That tiny light which was kindled 56 years ago has grown to light the whole of this great land of Indonesia where many are still waiting for the gospel.

Many Notables Attend Grand Opening

By D. Batoebara

The new Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital (Rumah Sakit Advent) at Djalan Tjihampelas 139, Bandung, was officially opened on January 24, 1963, and this was witnessed by many high government officials among whom were Mrs. Hartini Soekarno, who came from Bogor for the occasion and had the honor of cutting the ribbon. Others present were: Dr. Suwarno, from Djakarta who represented the Minister of Health; Mrs. Adjie, the wife of the Military Commandant of West Java; Mrs. Mashudi, the wife of the Governor of West Java; the Mayor of Bandung, Mr. Priatnakusumah; the Deputy Governor, Mr. Astrawinata; Dr. Effendy who represented the Public Health service of West Java; and Dr. Mustopo, who spoke for the head of the Protestant Division of the Religious Department of Djakarta.

"Not only will this hospital building add to the beauty of our city but the services of this hospital will give a contribution to the interest of public health, especially to the city of Bandung and surrounding vicinities," said the Mayor of Bandung in his speech at the opening of the new Rumah Sakit Advent. He expressed his thanks on behalf of the people of Bandung who will be directly benefitted by this institution.

In his written message, because of his inability to attend, for he had to attend the all-Indonesia Governors' meet at Solo, the Governor of West Java stated that "the benefit of this hospital will not only be felt directly by the people of this city but indirectly the efforts of Seventh-day Adventists has helped to lighten the execution of the government's program in the field of public health improvement. As an elated 'father' of this province, I feel it very appropriate to express my gratitude

and greatest appreciation for this contribution and help," he wrote. He urged other organizations to follow the good example set by Seventh-day Adventists. The message was read by Dr. Samidja Adjibrate, the Governor's representative.

The director of Public Health Service of West Java, Dr. Effendy expressed his appreciation and gratitude that "so many sick people will find medical care and assurance of good nursing in this hospital." He stated that the existence of this hospital would mean a lightening of the burden of the government in the field of curative health. The 120 hospitals and clinics in West Java with 10,524 beds provides only a ratio of one hospital bed for every 1,800 inhabitants. He expressed the hope that this hospital will serve not only the rich but all strata of society.

Dr. Suwarno, who represented the Minister of Health, told of the regret on the part of the Minister in not being able to attend this service due to urgent appointments. He wished to congratulate the leaders of the Indonesia Union Mission, the hospital management, and the contractor for the success of the project to the end that it was now possible to open this building at this time. "May the work of this hospital bring happiness to hundreds, yes thousands of suffering people who are looking for help, not only the people of Bandung but from other areas, and not the rich but the poor as well. To the doctors, the nurses, and other employees, including those who are not directly connected with health activities, but who will devote their services to this hospital, I wish you success in your work."

Mr. Francis J. Galbraith, Deputy Chief of Missions, U. S. Embassy, represented the U. S. Ambassador. Professor Mustopo, Chairman of the Consultation Team of all Religions in Indonesia, spoke for Mr. Abednego, the head of the Christian Department of Religious Ministry, who was late because of a transportation accident.

Two Books Attract Attention

By Rifai Burhanuddin, Chaplain
Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital

In several large cities in Indonesia two books are being sold. They

are: **Jesus in the Koran and Mohammed in the Bible and Comparisons of Christian Religions**. In one book it is stated that the rock thrown down without hands and breaking the toes in Daniel 2 does not represent the second coming of Christ but the coming of the Moslem kingdom (coming of Mohammed). And in the **Comparisons of Christian Religions** it states at great length that the present Christian religion is the one formed by Paul and not by Jesus.

These two books were written, the one first-named, by Dr. Hasbullah Bakry Docent Filsafat Umum at the National Moslem Institute at Djokdjakarta and Djakarta. The other was written by Professor Ahmad Sjalabi, head of the National Moslem Institute. These books have attracted the attention of the higher class Moslems of Indonesia until, because of reading these books, they dare to discuss and exchange thoughts with various Christians.

As a result of this, the elders of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Djakarta (capital city of the Republic of Indonesia) along with the home missionary department, headed by Lie Kim Seng, asked the president of the West Java Mission, A. L. Lesiasel, for instruction on how to meet these Moslem questions.

For more than a month during September and October, 1962, the writer went every Sunday to the Kramat Pulo Church in Djakarta to give instruction in the best way to interest Moslems. The writer read various Koran verses in Arabic and also taught how the Moslems pray in Arabic and the meaning of the prayer.

We feel very fortunate in that one of the bookstores in Bandung has a complete prayer book in the Arabic language but printed in Latin letters, telling in detail about Moslem worship. By means of this book, it is plainly known that the Moslems pray five times each day that a) Mohammed be raised from the grave, and b) God will forgive Mohammed and his family and friends their sins.

By the study of this book we now have a good weapon to use in comparing Christian and Moslem worship. If Moslems must pray that Mohammed be raised, it is not so with Christians for Jesus has already been raised and in the resurrection morning He will raise all

who believe in Him. (John 11:25) If Moslems pray for Mohammed and his family and friends each time they pray, we say Christians do not need to pray for Jesus, instead He prayed for His followers.

Aside from this prayer book, the Arabic Book Store also sells a book about Hadjis' Pilgrimage to Mecca. It explains in detail how during the pilgrimage all the Moslems surround the Black Rock which is in the Mesdjid (temple) in Mecca. From this we explain that surrounding and kissing the Black Rock really has in it the meaning of coming to Jesus, the Rock. (1 Cor. 10:4 and Acts 4:11, 12.)

We ask that you pray that our efforts will have good results so that Jesus may come soon to save us all.

Division Guests at Faculty Reception By Myrtle Pohle

The Perguruan Tiaggi Advent (Indonesia Union College) faculty members were honored by the presence of Pastor Boyd Olson and Miss Nellie Ferree, of the Division educational department, as they gathered on Tuesday evening at the home of Pastor W. W. Pohle for the monthly teachers' meeting and social hour. A lively conversation, punctuated with laughter, was in evidence while a spaghetti supper, with cookies and ice cream for dessert, was served.

After supper, the faculty and guests all gathered close while Pastor Olson and Miss Ferree gave a most interesting report of the educational advances around the Division field. "Throughout the Division," Pastor Olson reported, "there is evidence of a new emphasis on the establishment of total Seventh-day Adventist church schools. The field is realizing," he continued, "that while mission schools have their place for evangelism among non-Adventist youth, there is absolute necessity for the establishment of church schools for the saving of our youth in these final hours of peril." He continued by emphasizing that Indonesia must establish more church schools in spite of the existing economical problems. "Our children and young people are not safe in outside schools," he declared. "Let us lay the ground work for more church

schools by preaching and teaching everywhere their importance."

Paul Emerson, educational secretary of the North Sumatra Mission, was also a guest. He was asked to speak a few words at which time he told of the urgent need for teachers in his field. "There are nine students who will graduate as teachers this year here at Indonesia Union College," he said, "and we could use all of them in North Sumatra." He encouraged the faculty to do their best to interest more young people in elementary school teaching. The early years of education are the fundamental ones. There is an urgent need for elementary teachers throughout the field.

The evening was appropriately closed with prayer for God's guidance in the training of young people at our college. The prayers of the field are solicited.

Early History of the Advent Message in Indonesia

By M. E. Diredja,
Retired Chaplain

It is generally supposed that the missionaries sent from Australia to Surabaya, Java, were the first missionaries to that country. But not so. Nearly half a century before sending our missionaries to Soerabaya, a godly man by the name of Jantz went to Java as a missionary from Holland. He translated the Bible into the Javanese, which was not an easy task. His son and daughter afterwards joined him in this missionary work. The father died. The son labored on as a missionary and so did the daughter. It is she that I wish to especially speak about.

About sixteen years before the Australian Conference was held in 1906, this sister received the light on the Sabbath question, together with the kindred truth, the second advent doctrine. She received no encouragement from her brother or her father who was then living. But firmly convinced of the truth she had found, she resolutely held to her convictions. Securing a small tract of land from the government, she decided to carry on missionary work independently. Four years she labored alone. She gathered in the poor, helpless heathen people and taught them about Jesus and His

matchless love. She taught them to obey in all things—that is as far as she herself had been instructed.

When our people heard of her work, they visited her. Pastor E. H. Gates brought a request from Sister Jantz to the conference session in Australia in 1906 asking the conference to take over her work and to carry it on according to our directions. Later the brethren asked Pastor J. E. Fulton to visit Sister Jantz. He was to talk over the proposition and to see what could be done.

In the **General Conference Bulletin** issued in 1909, page 116, Pastor J. E. Fulton reported on his visit to Sister Jantz. "We shall never forget our visit to that place; of the journey up the valley with its fields and waving rice, some green, some golden and the patches of corn, as well as the beautiful trees and lovely flowing stream. But most interesting of all was the sight of the little homes of the people that we had come to visit. We shall never forget the welcome we received. From every member of every family as we rode along on the little Arab ponies, we heard one and the same welcome, 'Selamat datang, ndoro,' which means blessing on your coming.

"We saw the places and the people, attended the prayer meeting that night and the services on the Sabbath and a considerable number had learned of Jesus. They all (about 200) rested on the Sabbath and a considerable number did this intelligently and from choice. Some of the young had so far progressed in experience and knowledge that they were able to go to the surrounding heathen villages and preached the gospel. God has done a great work there through Sister Jantz."

Thus, long before Brother Munson offered that prayer to God to open Java to the message, God had gone before, and had secured for us a servant who had given us a mighty lift in getting a footing in this important field. How wonderful are His providences!

New Believers Worship in Sugar Factory

By A. T. Siong,
Minister, East Java Mission

The city of Madiun, East Java, located between two mountains named Lawa and Wilis, surrounded

by six sugar mills, 169 km. from Surabaya and 114 km. from Solo, is a city which was famous during the revolution. In 1930 we already had a church there. This city is known as a "modern Jericho" and one which did not wish to receive the third angel's message. However, nothing is impossible with God. As the angel said to Zachariah, . . . "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6.

The Madiun church is an old church and it seemed their fervor had decreased. But remembering the command of our Lord Jesus, Watch, Pray and Work, in 1962 we prepared to attack the walls of Jericho. For several months we worked and prayed together with our active home missionary leader, who had begun explaining the Bible to the Moslem workers in the Radjoagung sugar factory. These studies were given in the local dialect and were attended by about 70 people every Sabbath until a branch Sabbath school was organized in a large room at the front of the factory. As a result of this, 31 of these men, all Moslems, took their stand to receive baptism.

On the 22nd of December, 1962, a baptismal service was held in the Madiun swimming pool and 31 souls were buried beneath the water. This was witnessed by many Christians as well as Moslem guests. Pastor Ritonga, president of the East Java Mission, assisted in the baptism. It was a day we shall

never forget. Now a door has been opened for Moslems. During 1962 the Madiun church has won 35 souls. In addition to the 31 Moslems, four were won from Catholic or Adventist homes.

Over and over again we give thanks to God for His help in bringing these souls into the truth. With the addition of these 31 new members, the Willis Street church was not large enough to accommodate all the members. So the hall at the factory is being used as a place of worship. Now Madiun has two churches one at 19 Willis Street and the other at 15 Jos Hudarso Street.

A second baptism will be held during the first quarter of 1963 for 10 souls who are now receiving Bible studies and preparing for baptism. Please pray for the Madiun church that we may accomplish much for God and be able to carry on our heavy responsibilities.

North Philippines

Prayer for Healing Answered

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

When I arrived at my office after returning from the trip to Occidental Mindoro, I was told that Angelito Ramos, the son of Mrs. Hilarion Ramos, a nurse supervisor,

had hemorrhagic fever. I visited him at once and saw him spitting blood and his nose was bleeding. I offered a prayer for the boy. In the afternoon, Pastor Pedro Diaz, another MSH chaplain, visited Angelito and again prayed for him. His blood count continued below normal. The doctors prescribed blood transfusions. However, the next day the bleeding continued. The boy started to lose consciousness. Dr. E. Barton Hardin, when asked, said, "Only a miracle can save the boy." That Friday night I called the School of Nursing and requested a special season of prayer for the boy. On Sabbath morning I decided to anoint the boy. I called Pastor Diaz to assist me but he had left for another church. When I reached the hospital, I asked one of the nurses what the condition of the boy was then and she answered, "Hopeless. He is



Angelito Ramos who was healed by prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jose Tomas, patients of Dr. Jack Kennedy, who found their Saviour while at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital.



A baptismal scene at Madiun in the East Java Mission. The baptism took place in the swimming pool and the majority of those baptized were converted Moslems. Thirty-one men, all Moslems, had taken their stand and another baptism was to follow later.

already unconscious." With Mrs. Letty Kintanar-Protacio, a head nurse, and Brother Amando Palitang of the physiotherapy department, who is also a church elder, we went to the dying boy. As I entered the room, I saw Mrs. Ramos weeping. I told her we were going to anoint the boy and she said, "Please do so, Pastor." I requested my two companions and Mrs. Ramos to bow their heads for a two-minute meditation and heart searching before praying for and anointing the boy. Thirty minutes after the anointing, according to the mother and Mrs. Protacio, the boy opened his eyes and his mother gave him a chip of ice. From then on the boy improved and on December 22, 1962, he was among those who were baptized at the Pasay English church.

Truly God is wonderful. He not only heals the sick but saves sinners. Mr. and Mrs. Jose Tomas, former patients of Dr. Jack Kennedy, accepted Christ by baptism on that same day. They had been given a series of Bible studies for the past seven months by Pastor Diaz and myself.

We in the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital praise God for His wonderful love manifested in helping the needy and poor, healing the sick and transforming sinners to saints. Thank God for what our sanitariums and hospitals can do in helping to finish God's work on this earth.

Nurses Complete Evangelism Course

By P. R. Diaz

During the last quarter of 1962, a Christ-centered evangelism course was offered to the student nurses of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital by the writer for the purpose of helping these students in their soul-winning endeavors. At the close of their studies, 31 members of the class, including the dean of women, took and passed the examination thus completing the course prescribed by the General Conference home missionary department.

Graduation exercises were held on December 29, 1962, and Pastor L. E. Tucker, Voice of Prophecy and ministerial secretary of the North Philippine Union Mission, was invited to be the speaker. Pas-



Sixty young people at Northern Luzon Academy signed up during the Student Institute January 15, 16, 1963, to earn further school expenses the scholarship way during their two months' vacation, April and May. A colporteur club was organized and in the above picture we see the officers of the club. Left to right: Juan Navarro, vice-president, Adelaida Tobian, public relations officer, Marcelina Gomintong, secretary-treasurer and Hermenigildo Carbajal, president.—J. T. Mason

tor J. O. Bautista, union mission home missionary secretary, Pastor P. B. Gonzales, pastor of the Pasay English church, and Pastor L. Gonzaga, chaplain at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, together with some of the faculty members assisted in the program. The dean of women gave a brief history of the class.

The choir of the Pasay Choral Society and the Brown Brothers

under the direction of Dr. U. M. Carbajal gave their special messages in song which made the occasion colorful, educational and inspirational. The ladies of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital sang for us and Doctors G. C. Ekvall and E. Bautista delighted us with an instrumental duet. Other instrumental numbers were also contributed by Orville and Hudei from the East Visayan Academy.

Student nurses at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital who completed the course in soul-winning evangelism.



Certificates and emblem pins "120" were awarded the graduates signifying that they had completed the work. Gifts were presented to each member of the class and special gifts in the form of books were given to the seven students who had obtained the highest grades in the test.

Having learned some of the ways and techniques of how to give Bible studies and to reach hearts, these nurses are now determined to conduct more branch Sabbath schools and give more Bible studies wherever possible and thus help to bring souls to the Master. Let us pray for these talented young men and women in their soul-winning endeavors here and there where opportunity offers.

News Items from Philippine Union College

Four P. U. C. Alumni Answer Mission Calls

Four graduates of Philippine Union College recently accepted calls to fill foreign mission posts. This makes a total of 96 missionaries who have gone from PUC for overseas duty.

Misses Ofrancia Bayona and Olegaria Obanana, both nurses, left for Guam on January 8 where they will help in the reinforcement of health forces in that typhoon-torn island. Miss Esperanza Roda left for Karachi, Pakistan, on Jan-

uary 10 where she will serve as hospital dietician. Miss Lucila Deles headed for Libya, Africa, on January 10 also where she will serve as a clinical nurse.

The four were honored in a recent chapel service at PUC where Dr. E. C. Hedrick, medical director of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, presented the group to the student body.

After they were presented, the nurses were addressed by Pastor Andrew J. Robbins, president of the North Philippine Union Mission, who exhorted them to rightly represent the school they came from, the country they are citizens of and the homes to which they belong.

PUC Seniors Have Presentation Day

Pastor F. A. Mote, field secretary of the General Conference, addressed the Philippine Union College Senior Class, 1962-1963, on January 18, in the college gymnasium during their presentation hour.

Sixty-four seniors were presented to the student body by Dr. D. K. Brown, dean of faculties. The Ambassadors and Mrs. D. Hechanova, instructor in English, provided the musical numbers. Dr. R. G. Manalaysay, president of our college, introduced the speaker, Pastor F. A. Mote.

—Salcor Quines, College
Voice News Editor

Pastor Shankel Leads PUC Week of Prayer

Pastor Clinton Shankel, director of the Djakarta Evangelistic Center, was the speaker for the second semester Week of Prayer at Philippine Union College during the third week in January.

Styled especially for youth, the meetings emphasized the importance of stepping into life with Christ. Centered around many of the stories in the Bible, the sermons were given to an attentive group of students and visitors. The meetings began on Friday night and lasted through the following week, closing with the Sabbath sermon.

More than 30 young people came forward indicating a desire for baptism following Pastor Shankel's sermon entitled "Marching to Decision." On the last Friday night of the week, each row of listeners joined in a small circle on the campus lawn and testified for Christ. Following the testimony service, the groups came together for a sing-spiration around a bonfire. The evening closed with a dedicatory prayer by Dr. R. G. Manalaysay, college president.

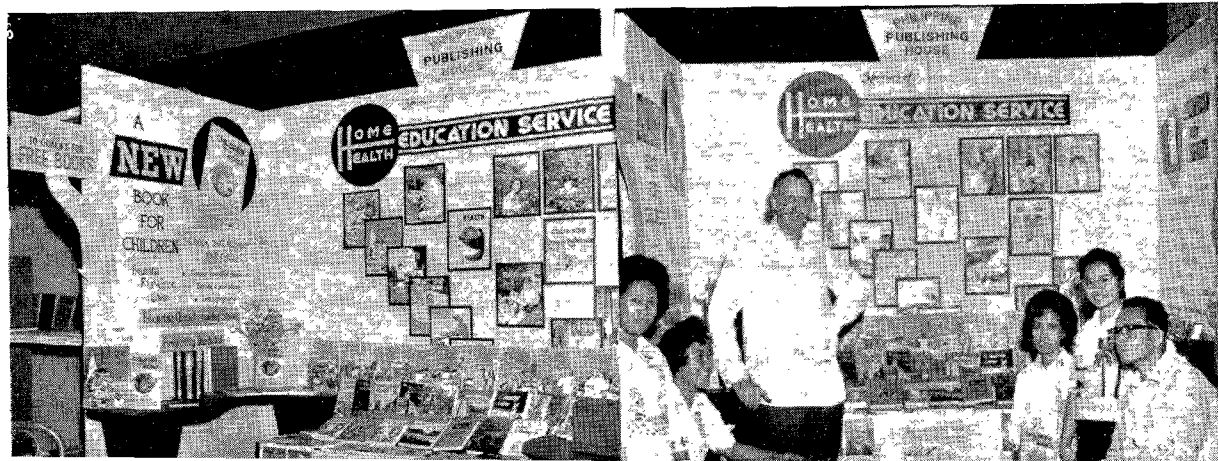
—Ottis C. Edwards
PUC English Department

All Past Records Broken By J. O. Bautista

An auspicious start and the breaking of all past records marked the 1962 Ingathering campaign in the North Philippine Union Mis-

In late November of 1962, a Book Fair was held for ten days in the new National Library in Manila. This was the first such display ever seen in the Philippines and was a huge success according to all Book Publishers displaying their merchandise. From the pictures below you will note that the Philippine Publishing House had an attractive display booth, sponsoring the Home Health Education Service. Over 2000 pesos' worth of books and magazines were sold right at the booth. Hundreds of leads were obtained also that the literature evangelists are following up. We are planning on having a similar booth this year.

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



sion. In spite of financial restrictions in the new government and calamities of various kinds throughout the Philippines, we launched out with the usual optimism and implicit confidence in God's divine leading. Our faith was richly rewarded. For several years we have had a basic goal of 90,000 pesos and a super goal of 130,000 pesos. In 1962 the basic goal was increased to 95,000 pesos but the super goal remained the same.

With bated breath we awaited the results of the first week of the 1962 campaign. A new peak of 61,709.66 pesos was hit, breaking all past records and better than 8,644.03 over that of the first week of 1961. Next came another record-breaking feat. For the first time in our Ingathering history the 100,000 pesos-goal was passed in three weeks, or in half the time allotted for the campaign. Then finally we were due another great surprise. While in Tokyo attending the Division Annual Council, Pastor Andrew J. Robbins, president of the union mission, received a cable with the exciting news that a total of 134,174.22 pesos had been raised during the 1962 campaign.

Worthy of special mention is the big boost our health and welfare work gives to the campaign. The

relief work conducted by our teams for the flood victims in Central Luzon during the middle of the year caught the attention of President Diosdado Macapagal, of the Philippine Republic, who directed his executive secretary to send our office the following citygram:

(See below)

Reproductions of this message were printed and given into the hands of our solicitors and enclosed in letters to regular donors. The manager of one prominent establishment sent the following note with the company's contribution which shows how people appreciate the work we are doing for the needy and suffering: "We are sending you our Check No. B-97183 in the amount of two hundred pesos (P200.00) dated October 4, 1962, which represents our support to your most valuable 1962 project, one that contributed to the medical, educational, and social uplift of the masses."

We praise God for His divine favors and take courage for our future campaigns.

Medical Team on Mission of Mercy

By L. E. Gonzaga, Chaplain

During the closing days of 1962,

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL SINCERELY THANKS YOUR ORGANIZATION FOR GENEROUS DONATION OF RELIEF GOODS FOR UNFORTUNATE LUZON FLOOD VICTIMS STOP WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE YOUR MAGNIFICENT GESTURE TO COME TO OUR PEOPLES AID AT TIMES OF EMERGENCY STOP SUCH UNSOLICITED AND SPONTANEOUS COOPERATION FROM FRIENDS LIKE YOU LIGHTENS OUR TASKS IN SOLVING PROBLEMS IN TIMES OF NEED STOP WARMEST REGARDS SEC MARINO

Mangyan boys and girls with the new garden tools that they were given by CARE through Mrs. P. H. Romulo of the SAWS. The picture was taken at the side of the Lamont Mangyan Mission School in Occidental Mindoro.



the Lord has blessed the work of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital in her medical, welfare and spiritual work and mighty things have been accomplished for God.

On Monday, November 19, 1962, at about 9:30 in the evening, the Philippine Navy landing ship, RPS Oriental Mindoro T68, slowly pulled away from the harbor of the Philippine Naval headquarters on Dewey Boulevard, Manila. On board the ship were the medical team of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, and the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service personnel under the supervision of Mrs. P. H. Romulo and our destination was Occidental Mindoro. We had with us 54 bags (100-pound bags) of milk, 60 bags of flour, 98 bags of cornmeal, 35 bags of bulgur wheat, 14 sacks of rice, 149 cases (56 tins to the case) of shortening, garden tools from CARE and medicines worth 3,000 pesos.

Early the next day we arrived at Paluan, Occidental Mindoro, and we unloaded the relief goods. The people of this town were very much impressed for it was the first time they had seen a government landing ship dock at their place and being used by the Seventh-day Adventists whom they consider to be a very insignificant sect. From Palaun the group hiked up to the barrio of Olasan, which is about four kilometers from the town. In Olasan they distributed relief good to the Mangyans, conducted a Bible story class for the children, and distributed garden tools to the school children of Lamont Mangyan Mission School. The Manila Sanitarium and Hospital medical team which was composed of Dr. Eliseo Bautista, Dr. Fe Fabro, Norel Cuvin, a male nurse, and assisted by Miss Flora Aguilar, South Central Luzon Mission field nurse, conducted a free clinic for the Mangyans and gave away free medicines. In the evening the group went back to the town of Paluan and held a meeting for the townspeople. Brother Conrado Legaspi, secretary-treasurer of the South Central Luzon Mission, emceed the program and Pastor Juanito Tulio, SCLM evangelist, and

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CITATION FROM THE GUAM LEGISLATURE for

DR. WALTER THOMPSON and the FAR EASTERN ISLAND MISSION

Seventh Guam Legislature

1963 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 52

Introduced by

J. T. M. Toves

Relative to commending Dr. Walter Thompson, M. D.,
of the Far Eastern Island Mission Clinic of the Seventh
Day Adventist Church, for his heroism at the Guam
Memorial Hospital during the night of Typhoon Karen.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF
THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:**

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter Thompson, M. D., of the Far Eastern Island Mission Clinic of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Agana Heights, Guam, although not on the staff of the Guam Memorial Hospital, nevertheless took it upon himself to be at the hospital at its hours of greatest need, that is, during the long night of Typhoon Karen; and

WHEREAS, while at his post as volunteer doctor on the Maternity Ward of said hospital on that night, Dr. Thompson by his courage, calmness and fortitude prevented panic from breaking out among the mothers, fathers, nurses and other hospital employees, who all eventually were forced to take refuge in the delivery room on the fourth floor of the hospital when the typhoon essentially destroyed the remainder of said Maternity Ward; and

WHEREAS, when it later became necessary to evacuate the babies and mothers and others on the ward, Dr. Thompson remained to the end, assisting other volunteers in carrying out the babies and in helping the mothers out and was one of the last persons to leave the ward; as a result of his heroism along with that of his assistants, miraculously, not one life was lost nor one baby even slightly injured; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seventh Guam Legislature does hereby on behalf of the people of Guam express to Dr. Walter Thompson, M. D., of the Far Eastern Island Mission Clinic of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, warm commendation and sincere praise for his heroism at the Guam Memorial Hospital during the night of Typhoon Karen; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution do also serve as an expression of commendation to the said Seventh Day Adventist Church for its operation of Dr. Thompson's Clinic which has over the years done much in the way of providing low cost medical assistance to all in the territory needing the same, without regard for race, color or creed, all of which is in the highest traditions of the American missionary movement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Director, Far Eastern Island Mission, Seventh Day Adventist Church, to Dr. Walter Thompson, M. D., and to the Governor of Guam.

DULY ADOPTED ON THE 25TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1963

V. B. BAMBA
Legislative Secretary

A. B. WON PAT
Speaker



Medical Team on Mission of Mercy (From page 10)

the writer spoke on the nearness of Christ's coming. We then went back to the boat and sailed for our next destination, San Jose, Occidental Mindoro. As soon as we arrived the following morning, we unloaded the relief goods while our medical team conducted a free examination of the pupils of our church school. That same afternoon at about 4:30 we left for Manila and arrived the following morning.

Southeast Asia

Training Leadership

By John Bernet,

Pictured here are some of the publishing leaders of the Southeast Asia Union Mission who recently met for a special leadership training school at scenic Dalat, a mountain resort in Vietnam. There were five instructors in all. The main instructor during the school was Pastor E.



Publishing leaders of the Southeast Asia Union Mission who met in Dalat, Vietnam, for a special training school.

A. Brodeur, publishing leader in the Far Eastern Division. Classes were taught in feature writing, public speaking, successful leadership, how to read Book and Bible House statements, and book planning and pricing for publishing house managers.

This is the second publishing leadership training school that has been held in our union mission within two years' time. This type of upgrading program has been so

successful that another training school has been scheduled for November, 1963.

The local publishing leaders of the Southeast Asia Union Mission are on the march and have set their 1963 goal at 200 literature evangelists, M\$525,000 in sales, plus 100 baptized from colporteur contacts.

Sarawak in the News

By A. R. Musgrave, Principal
Ayer Manis School

It is not often that Sarawak hits the news headlines as it has here of late, due to recent events in Brunei that involved the territory of neighboring Sarawak. Sarawak is so far from the beaten track of world travellers, and so small in importance and political stature that many people when confronted with the name "Sarawak" have not the slightest idea where it is except a vague notion that it is somewhat connected with the "wild men of Borneo."

ital of Sarawak, young men and women who in some way have stirrings in their hearts for better things. It is our joy to receive them when room is available for we realize that God has led them there for a purpose.

Through the influence of God's sweet Spirit, of dedicated teachers, of Weeks of Prayer, and of the Union, Division and General Conference brethren, who do find time to travel to our school to give inspiring chapel talks, some of these heathen young people surrender their lives to the Master. It was our happy privilege on December 8, 1962, to baptize twelve young people, six of whom came to us from the darkness of raw heathenism. We rejoice with them as they join God's family as sons and daughters. They are "brands plucked from the burning."

(See page 16 for a picture of the group baptized)

But our hearts are moved also as we think of the many we have to turn away, some with tears in their eyes, because we have no places available for them in the school. How sad it is as we watch them go down the road so dejectedly, perhaps never again to contact the gospel. For everyone who is accepted as a new student, two others have heard the words, "Sorry, no more places available."

The enrollment at Ayer Manis School has been growing steadily, despite increases in fees, and the meager facilities available to house and teach the students. Latest enrollment figures (for January 1963) show a total of 293 of whom 186 are living in our overcrowded dormitories. This is an increase of 72 over the total enrollment for 1962.

We invite you to pray for our young people here as they prepare their lives and talents for the Master's use.

Floods and Famine

By J. T. Pohan, Minister
North Borneo Mission

During the past week we have been entirely cut off from the rest of the world with no communication of any kind, land, sea or air. It has been like living in a nutshell.

After three days of torrential rain, January 15 to 17, the entire Marudu Bay area was under water from three to ten feet deep. On the first two days of the rain, we

Despite the winds of change and progress that are affecting so many countries, there are still tribes that live in jungle primitiveness who, knowing nothing of the gospel, literally fear and worship the devil in ceremonies that are heartsickeningly debauched.

From some of these heathen homes there come to our Ayer Manis School, located on an 89 acre, semi-jungle campus, thirty-seven miles from Kuching the cap-

in Kampong Damai thought it was just an ordinary rainfall and would not result in such a disastrous flood. So everybody remained at ease, unconcerned in spite of the slowly rising water all around. But on the third day when it was too late to prepare for the worst, all of a sudden many, adults and children, were heard screaming while fleeing to some higher level where they could be saved from the onrushing water. All headed for our church building.

It was a pitiful sight to see women fleeing with babies on their back and smaller children being led by hand. On their heads the women had bundles of clothing as they crossed the swollen stream with water up to their necks. At five o'clock they arrived at our church, shivering with cold and there was no fire to warm them. To warm a newborn baby who seemed to be lifeless, church furniture was broken up and burned. All flocked to the church. They had no mats, mosquito nets nor food but all were thankful to be away from the angry floods.

This has been my first experience with a flood. I hope it will be the last one. Our little house was just like a little boat sailing through a wide blue sea. It was thrilling but alarming. But our trust in the Lord was firm.

We thank God that there has not been any loss of life. A few goats and a buffalo died. There has been great damage to rice granaries and recently-planted rice fields. At least eighty percent of the Damai rice plantation was ruined. That we will face an unprecedented famine this year is obvious. In fact we are already feeling the effect. Some are left entirely at the mercy of their friends. Many are digging wild potatoes and gathering wild green leaves for food and some are hunting wild fruits. How to help our people here to live through this year without too much difficulty is a problem.

People in other parts of the country, who suffer from similar disasters, receive help from different organizations almost immediately. But Damai and its vicinity are so placed that no one hears of our plight due to the lack of communication. Surely we are just as needy and maybe more so. Any material help our Dorcas Societies could send to relieve our people

will be greatly appreciated. We need your help.

While no one would welcome such an experience, but looking at it from a different angle, I thank God for it. It is a timely awakening for our people. Many have recently been cold and indifferent. This has driven them to their knees in earnest confession of their sins. Some have already made the decision to start a new life again. So the hand of our loving Father has been in this tragedy and thus He makes all things work together for good for Him.

Please pray for all of our people throughout the Marudu Bay area, particularly the flood victims.

Thrilling Report from Vietnam

By John Bernet, Publishing Secretary, Southeast Asia Union Mission

Our publishing workers in Vietnam are on the march! God has greatly blessed our publishing leaders and literature evangelists, this in a country where a war is going on and there are many other handicaps under which our brethren are working. In 1962 our Vietnamese bookmen reported 22 persons baptized as a result of their soul-winning contacts. They did 86,761 hours of missionary work, enrolled 20,155 in the VOP, and sold nearly 10,000,000 pages of message-filled literature. Mrs. E. G. White tells us that if it were not for the efforts of the literature evangelists many would never receive a knowledge of the truth. Our Vietnamese book and magazine evangelists go into the most dense jungle and climb the highest mountains, and they go to out-of-the-way places where the face of a minister or Bible worker

is not generally seen. They are breaking up the fallow ground and planting the gospel seed. This God has promised will not return unto Him void.

One organization in Saigon bought 3,900 copies of one of our booklets. In this same city, a large number of Roman Catholic priests purchased a religious book along with **Guardian of Health**.

Should you ever travel south of Saigon to Colporteur Sak's territory, he with a big east-west smile, would take you on a tour of the two lovely churches that he has had a big part in raising up.

An army major in the northern part of South Vietnam recently said, "Everywhere I go to hold a military campaign, I find your people and your books. Sometimes I go to places where the situation is very dangerous but still I find your literature evangelists there. Tell me, how do you force your members to go to these places of great peril to sell their literature? What tactics do you use on them?" Brother Cuu, our assistant publishing secretary for that district, told the major that our people risk their lives because of their love for God and their fellow men. Because of their work, Vietnam will have no dark valleys when Jesus comes.

The number of literature evangelists in Vietnam has increased from 17 to 82. At the same time their sales have increased from Ps. 1,333,859.00 to Ps. 3,335,330.00 since 1960. This sales increase has thrown a tremendous strain upon Manager Le Cong Giao and his Vietnam Signs Press. Their antiquated, hand fed, part-time working, squeaking and groaning machinery just could not supply literature fast enough for the colporteurs to sell. So an SOS was sent to the General Conference Publishing



Eighty-two literature evangelists sell millions of piastres' worth of literature in war-torn South Vietnam. Nearly 10,000,000 pages of truth-filled literature were sold during 1962.

Expansion Committee for a new automatic printing press. August 1, 1962, was a day for rejoicing. On that day we received the good news that US\$11,000.00 had been appropriated for a new Giant Heidelberg Press. Today this new press which weighs six and one-half tons, can print up to 4,000 sheets per hour. It can do beautiful color work and we are happy to report that it is now operating full steam ahead. A Solna Chief offset press will soon take its place next to this recently acquired Heidelberg Press.

We salute President R. K. Tilstra, Publishing Secretary Do Binh, his fellow publishing leaders, the mighty army of literature evangelists, the untiring workers at the Vietnam Signs Press and our Heavenly Father for this fine publishing program.

Malaya Literature Evangelists Meet

By L. Pandjaitan,
Publishing Secretary

Our institute began on October 29, 1962, at 7:30 p.m. at the beautiful seaside at Golden Sands, Port Dickson, Malaya. Nearly all of the Malaya Mission literature evangelists were present. The writer, after having spoken words of welcome, introduced the new assistant publishing secretary for the local mission, Khor Thye Peng, and also the union mission and Division secretaries, namely John Bernet and E. A. Brodeur, respectively.

Other special speakers present were: Dr. R. J. Steele, Youngberg Memorial Hospital, Pastors T. C. Chin and W. Y. Chen, president of the Malaya Mission and B. P. A. manager, respectively, S. H. Lim

and Wu Chook Ying from the Malayan Signs Press and two pastors, Pastor A. Waworoendeng, Malacca, and Saw Eng Chuan, Kuala Lumpur.

The group was divided into two classes. Pastor Brodeur gave the instruction to the senior class and Brother Bernet taught the junior group. Special awards were given to those who had the best grade during the institute.

Before we closed our institute, our literature evangelists told of their experiences and gave their thrilling testimonies. Mrs. Kng of Singapore presented a trophy for Jesus. A fine young man stood and Mrs. Kng told how she had won him to the truth. Brother Yap Ming told how he had won 14 souls to Christ during his 12 years of service. Madam Wong Fong Kiew, one of the 14 won by Brother Yap, was present at the meeting. She stood and told that since she entered the colporteur work she has won three to Christ. Another colporteur, Yap Ying Choon of Singapore has won two people to Christ thus far this year.

South Philippines

Accepts Truth Through Catholic Priests

By Gerundio Ellacer, Mapang District, Western Mindanao Mission

The barrio community of Putongan, Dapitan (Jose Rizal's place of exile), Zamboanga del Norte, was stirred at the coming of a few Sabadistas one evening. Barrio folks started to gather around the home

of Mr. Tan Tian Tiong, alias Gunsing, a prosperous business man. The Sabadistas had come to show religious film slides to Gunsing's wife, Lagrimas Lin-Tan, the lady who later changed the general attitude of the people of the neighboring communities toward Seventh-day Adventists. A few days later, the husband who was not present during the showing of the films, thundered at his wife with these threatening words: "If you go to the Adventist church again I will shoot you."

Mrs. Tan had been a very faithful and devoted daughter of St. Anthony. He being the president of the Catholic church in Putongan, she was looked up to by everybody in the community. Her devotion, honesty and generosity in supporting the church had made her a leader and stewardess of church funds. At the time of the interview she still held the church funds which were intended to be used in building a better church building in Putongan. A mother of eight children, whom she endeavored to bring up the Catholic way, she still had enough time to help her husband manage their big copra business. She was always nice to the customers and she had a deep motherly concern for her children, some of whom are studying at Dipolog.

Many years ago, Mrs. Tan was startled to her from Fr. Basok, parish priest of Rizal, while he was preaching from the gospels after the morning mass, the admonition to prepare for the Lord's coming. He said, "The signs are fulfilling fast day by day." These words kept ringing in Mrs. Tan's ears as she went home. To satisfy her longing to know more about the Signs, she was told casually that the *Sagrada Escritura* said so. She asked what that was. She was told it was the Bible. Her curiosity about the Bible was increased when one day a 75-year old ex-priest asked her a heart-to-heart question. Sitting before Mrs. Tan's altar of graven images, the French ex-priest asked her, "Do you think you have found the way to salvation through those idols?" Eventually Ex-Priest Debaucet asked Mrs. Tan if she had a Bible. Thereupon Debaucet pointed to and read to her the impending doom of idol-worshippers. The next thing they did was to remove the idols. Then they threw them away.

Literature evangelists of the Malaya Mission. Seated third from the left is the mission publishing secretary, L. Pandjaitan.



Mrs. Tan suffered her first persecution that evening when her husband, her parents and relatives grilled her about the blasphemous act of throwing away the idols. But in spite of that, her search for truth grew stronger. A faithful Adventist brother, Rafael Romano, who gave her the Bible, became a frequent visitor to Mrs. Tan's home. Through him she found the Sabbath truth. Every now and then her husband and relatives would try to convince her to remain a Catholic. When her husband seemed to fail in stopping her from being a Sabadista, he urged her to join a Protestant church with him.



Pastor B. C. Calahat baptizing Mrs. Tan in the Mapang River.

Unshaken, Mrs. Tan resolved to stand firm and true to her newfound faith. On the Sabbath morning, earlier referred to, when her husband tried to stop her from going to church, she calmly but firmly told him that she was definitely going to church. He might shoot her but she would not give up her faith. She went to church. Time and again her husband quarrelled with her and he finally told her to leave the house. He threatened to get a separation but she did not give up Jesus. She pondered upon the text given to her by an evangelist, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Timothy 3:12.

During the Ingathering period, Mrs. Tan, not yet a church member, actively participated with the rest of the members in Rizal. She gathered in more than 300 pesos. Four days after Christmas she was buried with the Lord in baptism and arose to walk in newness of life. She now has that hope which reaches beyond the sufferings of God's people. She has joined the remnant church and awaits the coming of Lord Jesus.



Twenty-three souls were baptized at Victorias, Negros Occidental, as a result of a tent effort held in that place. Pastor R. C. Ferrer, auditor of the South Philippine Union Mission (wearing dark suit) officiated at the baptism. At the extreme right are Pastor T. B. Tortal, district leader and Mrs. Risita Maypa, Bible instructor. Pastor O. C. Aguirre, secretary-treasurer of the Negros Mission, stands at the extreme left.

We Are One Year Old

**By M. M. Claveria, President
Negros Mission**

The Negros Mission has just completed its first year of existence since its creation into a new mission at the South Philippine Union Mission biennial session in January, 1962. With a present membership of 7,620 and a population of 1,903,000, there is one Seventh-day Adventist to every 236 inhabitants. We have 42 workers and nine of these are ordained ministers.

We have had a steady growth in baptisms, tithes received and offerings to missions. There were 424 baptisms and the tithes and offerings for the year were 359,581.40 and 63,618.65 pesos respectively.

Of the seven evangelistic meetings held in 1962, three were sponsored by lay preachers with occasional help by mission evangelists. The four mission-sponsored evangelistic efforts resulted in the baptism of 76 souls. Lay preachers, numbering 199, on the other hand won 330 souls, 127 of whom are traced to the direct influence of the Parent Home Council. Our literature evangelists won 10 souls and this makes a total of 424 souls baptized in 1962.

We have 113 fully organized Sabbath schools and 12 family schools. These have a total membership of 11,484. Sixty-three Vacation Bible Schools were conducted during the summer months and these were attended by 1,995 children. We have eight church schools with an enrollment of 313 students which is an increase of 107 over the previous year. Our 81 MV societies have a membership of 1,820. There are 94 Parent Home Councils with a membership of 2,005.

Two assistant publishing secre-

taries and a lady magazine leader are helping our mission publishing secretary in supervising the work of 20 magazine workers and 45 book colporteurs. The literature sales goal of 50,000 pesos was not only reached but exceeded by 8,151.85 pesos. The same is true of the Ingathering goal of 17,000 pesos. We had an overflow of 2,584.48 pesos. Our Parent and Home Education secretary also serves as mission nurse. She has attended to 59 pre-natal and 36 post-natal cases and 2,574 children and adult patients have been examined.

The construction of the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital which began in the early part of November, 1962, is our biggest project at present. It will be a 55-bed hospital and will have cost 300,000 pesos when completed. We have high hopes that when this right arm of the message opens its doors to the public, it will be instrumental in attracting wealthy sugar planters of this region to the feet of the Master.

Except for the equipment appropriation of 6,000.00 pesos which was given to us at the start of this new mission, we are operating on an entirely self-supporting basis. Due to the compactness of our territory, our mission auditor has audited the books of nearly all of the churches and companies this year which has safeguarded the mission funds and assured their steady flow to the mission treasury month by month.

For all the meager accomplishments made by the Negros Mission in 1962, we give God the honor and glory. We wish to express our gratitude and appreciation for the prayers of the brethren who have great faith in the triumph of the gospel in this new mission.

NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● At the time of the Indonesia Union Mission annual committee meeting a number of appointments were made to fill the vacancies that have occurred in the West New Guinea Mission occasioned by the change in government from the Dutch to the Indonesians. V. Hutabarat was appointed secretary-treasurer of the Mission and a number of teachers were also appointed to fill vacancies in the training school.

● Pastor and Mrs. R. C. Williams and their associates are now in Zamboanga City in the South Philippines preparing for a strong evangelistic campaign in that city. Pastor Williams is the North Philippine Union Mission evangelist but he has been loaned to the South Philippines for this effort.

● Pastor M. G. Jereos, secretary-treasurer of the South Philippine Union Mission, has sent in a request for 11 ministerial internships which is four more than their allotment for the previous year. The Indonesia Union Mission has already filed applications for 12 ministerial internships. We trust other union missions will "go and do likewise." We need a strong, well-trained national leadership for our evangelistic endeavors.

● Very successful Child Evangelism Institutes have been held in Saigon, Vietnam, Singapore, (including Malaya Mission) and in the South Philippines. The institute held in Cebu City had representatives present from the East and West Visayan and the Negros Missions. Later a similar institute was held in Manticao for the three Mindanao Missions. Mrs. C. A. Williams of the Korean Union Mission has been the instructor and we are grateful to said union mission for loaning her to us. Her instruction, counsels and workshop materials have been deeply appreciated. A definite impetus has been given to the Vacation Bible School and Branch Sabbath School work. We anticipate soon receiving stories and pictures from these institutes for the **Outlook**.

● Pastor Andrew Peters, chaplain at the Youngberg Memorial Hospital since 1959, has accepted a call to serve as president of the

North Borneo Mission. He left for Jesselton on March 11. The family will remain in Singapore till the close of the present school year.

Another Achievement

A copy of the first volume of a three-volume edition of **Desire of Ages** in the Japanese language has just been received by Mrs. P. H. Eldridge at the Division office. This was dated as released on February 1, 1963. It contains 385 pages and presumably the remaining two volumes will each contain the same number of pages. This first volume is well bound in a cloth cover and will sell for 1,400 yen (about US \$3.90) per volume. This translation and publication has been in the grind for several years and we wish to congratulate the field on having it available now. Hasten on the remaining two volumes!

—C. P. Sorensen

News Flash!

Pastor V. M. Montalban, president of the South Philippine Union Mission, writing under date of February 27, 1963, quotes from a letter he had received from Pastor R. C. Williams.

"I suppose you have heard by now of the burning of the chapel here in Zamboanga City last Friday night. We had a meeting and left there about nine o'clock and it seems that the burning took place at about 11:30-12:00 that night. It is evident that it was purposely done, as stones were thrown through many of the windows before the fire was set. There were many stones inside the chapel the next morning. Some of the books were removed from the bookcase and placed on one of the benches and then it seems the fire was started in the bookcase which stood in the southwest corner of the chapel. It was fortunate that the P. C. and some of the neighbors saw the fire and reported it to the fire department or else the chapel would have been a total loss. There was extensive damage to the trusses, ceiling and inside wallings. Just a quick observation indicates that the damage must be between two and three thousand pesos. We met in the chapel on Sabbath. It was dirty and not very presentable but we had to have a place to meet

and all received a blessing in spite of the condition.

"It is not known just who would have done this or why, but it is definite that it was purposely started. I urged the brethren to be of good courage and to press on. We must not let this experience discourage us. The devil would have us be directed to this problem and thus neglect the effort plans, but this must not be."

Note: Since writing the above, we have received word that on March 7 the chapel at Zamboanga was burned to the ground, a complete loss.—Ed.

Deceased

Helen May Scott was born June 25, 1882, at Geneva, N. Y.; died January 8, 1963, at Loma Linda, California. She graduated from Atlantic Union College in 1904, and then taught and did Bible work. In 1908 she went as a missionary to Korea, where she was preceptress and teacher in the Girls' School at Soonan. Later she held meetings among the women in the country villages. The last two or three years she spent in Korea, she was matron at the Seoul Sanitarium. War conditions forced her to return to America in 1940. She took further school work at Pacific Union College and canvassed in San Francisco and Los Angeles."

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