



Seated in the center section of the Manila Evangelistic Center are the 195 persons baptized on May 4, 1963, the first-fruits of the "Friendship in Christ Crusade" conducted by Clinton Shankel and his associates. Pastor Shankel stands at the extreme right.

One hundred ninety-five precious souls were baptized into Christ as the first-fruits of the Friendship in Christ Crusade conducted in the Evangelistic Center in Manila, Philippines, by Pastor Clinton Shankel and Pastor Carmelito Galang and their team of associates.

Beginning in January, members of the twenty-two Seventh-day Adventist churches of greater Manila started making weekly visits to backsliders, Bible correspondence school interests, Voice of Prophecy, Quiet Hour and Faith for Today listeners, readers of *Signs of the Times*, *Your Health and Home* and business and social friends. Friendship was the idea—uplifting Christ in every visit. More than one thousand church members visited more

than two thousand names submitted as interests.

An all-night prayer meeting from 8:00 p. m. till 5:00 a. m. was held Friday night at Manila Center just

book *Steps to Christ*. More than six hundred spent at least two hours in earnest supplication in behalf of the outpouring of God's Spirit upon the meetings.

Manila Friendship in Christ Crusade

By **L. E. Tucker, Secretary**
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prior to the opening of the public meetings. More than two hundred church members spent the entire night in prayer and study of the

On the opening night of the public meetings, February 17, the Manila Center was filled twice to hear Evangelist Clinton Shankel,

the director of the new evangelistic center in Djakarta, Indonesia. Each Friday, Saturday and Sunday night message was translated by Pastor Carmelito Galang, the Voice of Prophecy broadcaster. The five church pastors of Manila, four ministerial interns, twelve ministerial students from Philippine Union College, and one Bible instructor completed the evangelistic team.

The Grand Climax of the Crusade

The weekend of May 4 and 5 was a grand climax for the Crusade. Sabbath afternoon at 2:30 the first baptismal candidates stepped into the baptistry at the Center. By 4:00 p. m. nearly two hundred new members of the Remnant Church had been buried in the sacred rite of baptism. A colorful guardian service immediately followed the baptism where each new member received a lovely flower presented by his guardian—an experienced church member of the same sex and approximate age who will visit the new member weekly for a period of six weeks, encouraging family worship, Bible reading, and missionary endeavors. Following this ceremony, Pastor P. H. Romulo, president of the Central Luzon Mission and Pastor A. J. Robbins, president of the North Philippine Union Mission, gave stirring challenges to the new members to remain faithful and thus triumph with God's church in spite of hardships, persecutions, and ridicule. To close this memorable service, a consecration prayer was offered by the writer.

Farewell and VOP Graduation

On May 5, Pastor Shankel gave his farewell message at Manila Center which was also the graduating address for the one hundred eighty graduating students of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School. Since the departure of Pastor and Mrs. Shankel and their two children for their furlough, the evangelistic meetings have been continued on Sunday nights by pastors of Manila—A. P. Constantino, F. G. Dabu, J. S. Vitto, P. B. Gonzales, C. A. Galang and H. L. Reyes. The latter is the head of the evangelism department of Philippine Union College.

Two additional baptismal services have been conducted which now

brings the total number of souls baptized during the Friendship in Christ Crusade to over two hundred and fifty.

800 Baptized in the Manila Center

Since the doors of the Manila Evangelistic Center were opened in January of 1960, by Pastor R. C. Williams, director of the Center, more than eight hundred souls have been baptized during the three major and two short campaigns that have been held.

Because God's people around the world have helped to make possible this Evangelistic Center by a large Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Offering a number of years ago, we know that YOU will rejoice with us in what God hath wrought. YOUR sacrificial offerings have been a worthy investment. As other centers of evangelism are established in the North Philippines, we know that your earnest prayers and continued support will sustain the Lord's work in this area of His harvest field.

Miracle Seed

By Arthur S. Maxwell, Editor
Signs of the Times

Every seed embodies a potential miracle. No matter how small and dry, it has within itself the power to produce a living plant or tree, complete with leaves, flowers and fruit.

Even the mustard seed, said Jesus, which is "less than all the seeds," grows to extraordinary size and "shooteth out great branches" big enough for birds to roost in them. Mark 4:31, 32.

"So is the kingdom of God," He added. Verse 26. Every grain of truth, every text of Scripture, every heaven-indited word, phrase, or paragraph, has similar possibilities of enormous growth. Every one has enshrined within it the dynamic, explosive power of the love of God.

Sometimes we are privileged to witness this power in action, as, for instance, in the case of Mr. Zafar of Karachi, Pakistan.

About three years ago a Mrs. Christensen, then living at Soquel, California, subscribed for ten copies of the **Signs of the Times** to be sent to Pakistan. She wanted to do more missionary work for God overseas and considered this was the best way to do it. As things turned out, it was.

The magazines arrived in Pakistan. One of them found its way to the home of Mr. Z. A. K. Zafar, superintendent of a cigarette factory, who at the time was deeply distressed because his little daughter Afshan was dying of a serious heart ailment.

He opened the **Signs** and read these words in an article written by Clifford R. Anderson, M. D.:

"Some babies are born with defective hearts. For thousands of years nothing could be done about these children. Today all that has changed. Every day in the great medical centers of the world amazing miracles of surgery are being performed by highly trained specialists."

Mr. Zafar thrilled with a great hope. The seed had begun to grow.

On June 15, 1961, he wrote to the editor of the **Signs of the Times**, telling about poor little Afshan and asking for help. We replied urging him to take his daughter to the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital in Karachi. He did so. Dr. R. I. McFadden, the superintendent, studied the case, then wrote to his friends at the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, California. As a result Mr. Zafar was told that if he could somehow get little Afshan to California, the operation would be performed free of charge.

Mr. Zafar was deeply appreciative of this generous offer, but how could he ever hope to take his daughter to the other side of the world?

It was then that he thought of Mr. Lyndon Johnson, who had once arranged for a camel driver to visit the United States. He wrote to the Vice-President, telling him of the wonderful offer made by the Seventh-day Adventist doctors in

California and asking if he would help little Afshan to get the help she needed in that faroff land.

Mr. Johnson's heart was touched. He arranged for an Air Force plane to fly Mr. Zafar and Afshan to California. Shortly thereafter they arrived at Travis Air Force Base where they were met by Dr. Virgil Parrett, who took them on to Los Angeles in his private plane.

At the White Memorial Hospital, the operation was performed by heart specialist Morton M. Woolley. It proved to be a great success. After a brief convalescence, Afshan and her grateful father were on their way back to Pakistan, again in an Air Force plane.

By this time the story had found its way into radio and television. Thousands were talking about it. The seed was growing apace. Now it began to grow out branches.

Back home again, Mr. Zafar, overwhelmed by all the kindness he had received, began to tell all his friends and relatives about everything that had happened. Little Afshan was Exhibit A of what the skilled Seventh-day Adventist surgeons in California could do for children with heart disease.

Other parents whose children had defective hearts suddenly got a bright idea. Perhaps Mr. Johnson could arrange for them to be taken to America, too.

They began to make their way to the American embassy. So many came that the ambassador threw up his hands. How could he ask Mr. Johnson to help all these?

He visited Dr. McFadden at the Adventist hospital. Between them they thought up a plan. Soon a request was on its way to Loma Linda University, which operates the White Memorial Hospital, asking that a team of heart surgeons and nurses visit Pakistan to operate on all these needy cases. As for expenses, these would be cared for by the Agency for International Development.

So on the night of April 27, 1963, a team of Seventh-day Adventist medical personnel, led by Dr. Ellsworth E. Wareham, associate professor of surgery at Loma Linda University, boarded a Pan-American plane and flew off to Karachi, taking with them the one precious heart machine owned by the White Memorial Hospital.

When their work is finished they will fly on to the medical school at Vellore, India, then on to the Seventh-day Adventist hospital in Bangkok, Thailand, and finally to their hospital in Taipei, Taiwan—all sponsored and paid for by the same International Agency.

How great are the branches now, growing bigger all the time, with more and more needy people finding shelter and hope and love in their welcome shade!

And all from one tiny seed—one brief paragraph in one short article in one copy of the **Signs of the Times**.

A miracle seed indeed!

—**Signs of the Times**
July, 1963

An Impressive Sequel

By Jerry Wiley, Manager of News
Publications, Loma Linda
University

During their month in Karachi the physician members of the Loma Linda team of heart surgeons saw nearly 300 patients and operated on 44. In a city that often has been sharply critical of the Seventh-day Adventist hospital, the Loma Linda University Heart Mission made a most impressive impact. Local newspapers have written of the "miraculous success of the project." Scores of Pakistani physicians entered our hospital for the first time so they might witness the medical skills of the team. The

United States ambassador to Pakistan, Walter P. McCaughy, has spoken of the "pride with which all Americans view" their work.

"With the Lord's blessing, we may help some of these people," said Dr. Ellsworth E. Wareham, associate professor of surgery at Loma Linda University and leader of the team.

And no one can deny that the Lord is blessing, for as this is written not a single patient has been lost, and the Seventh-day Adventist hospital in Karachi has been the focus of the most favorable publicity concerning America that the city has seen in months. (A patient died after this report was sent to us. God's overruling providence in connection with this is another Story.—Editors.)

Does the story end here? No, for the University Heart Mission goes on to the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital for more open-heart surgery, and then to Taipei, Taiwan. There is much talk of asking the team to return to Karachi soon. Some have suggested that the university send similar teams from the other medical specialties on such life-saving missions.

Each passing day adds more wonderful detail to the project that had as its seed a subscription to one church periodical. The testimony of that one church paper has swept the city of Karachi, the country of Pakistan, and is now spreading throughout Asia.—**Review and Herald**, July 11, 1963.

Hit Again, Brother

(The following story about the early days of the work in Egypt was written by Habib Banna, a ministerial student from Egypt now attending Middle East College in Beirut, Lebanon. The preacher in the story is Pastor George Keough, pioneer missionary to Upper Egypt. On September 28, the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Offering will be taken for the building of a church center in Damascus, Syria.)

When I was a child of eight, I had a remarkable liking for stories. My mother, conscious of this fact, made it a habit never to send me to bed without two stories: one from the Bible and another from her past rich experience.

One night my mother had a serious expression on her face as she said: "Tonight I want to tell you one of the best stories that I have ever told you."

"Thirty-five years ago," she began, "a stranger arrived in our village. His features strangely resembled the picture I had drawn in my mind of the angel we read about in the Bible. He was looking for a house to rent. He informed my father that he left his family in Assuit with the hope that they would soon join him in the new home he would rent. My father asked him if he were planning to engage in some local business, and whether or not he thought his knowledge of Arabic would be sufficient to pursue his objective. As I overheard the conversation, many questions sprang up in my mind. Was the stranger going to begin a new company in the village? Did he intend that our house should be the center of his business? Or was he going to open a new school?"

"The lengthy discussion led finally to an agreement that father would allow the stranger to rent two rooms in our house where he might live till suitable quarters could be found.

"The news," continued my mother, "soon reached the members of my family. My mother grew antagonistic toward the whole matter as she learned that the stranger was a Seventh-day Adventist who had come to the village with the intention of misleading the people. In her zeal, she spoke to my father, the priest in the village, trying in every way to point out to him that the stranger should be driven out of his son-in-law's house.

"She found little difficulty in arousing father against the stranger for it had never appealed to the priest to shelter an opponent in the family's house. However, the priest could not overcome the stubbornness of his son-in-law, that is my father, and the stranger did rent the house.

"Six months later the stranger discovered a new center near our house for his evangelistic work. Soon ten persons were baptized, among them were my father and mother. A week later the stranger was showered with requests for Bible studies. One of these requests came from a Moslem lady to whom Christ was only a name. Daily that lady came to our Adventist preacher for studies. The day finally arrived when she asked for baptism. Her relatives, however, considered the whole matter a tragedy. They de-

cided to kill both the woman and the preacher. The day was set for their crime.

"One dark night, when he was leaving his house, the preacher was met by five fierce men, one of them directed a terrible blow to his head. Fortunately, the club did not fall on the preacher's head but hit his arm. The preacher quickly snatched the club from the man's hand only to give it back to him, saying, 'Hit again, brother! I have forgiven you!' In shame the fierce men left one by one.

"After all had withdrawn, the preacher entered his home to pray first for his opposers and then to treat his wounded arm. At ten o'clock that evening delegates from the family who had planned to kill the Adventist preacher came to my father's house and asked to see the preacher. They had been impressed with his attitude, and their conscience would give them no rest. Now they were beseeching forgiveness." At that point, I asked my mother if my grandfather, the priest, came with them to see the preacher. "No," she answered, "for he feared that the whole story might have a plot behind it. He preferred to postpone going till the morning."

"And did they meet the preacher?" I asked.

"Yes," she answered, "the preacher graciously accepted their repentance and from that day to the present time they have been close friends of the Adventists in the village.

"Son," my mother concluded, "never forget what the Bible says: 'The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them.'"

Literature evangelists and publishing department workers in the Southern Mindanao Mission. The four men seated in the front row are: A. A.

Duga, E. N. Dicen, A. G. Bofetiado and S. G. Gepaya.



South Philippines

Ship Engineer Reads and Accepts

**By E. N. Dicen, Secretary,
Publishing Department, Southern
Mindanao Mission**

Engineer Rudolfo Monterde of "M/V Subic Bay", together with his wife, was recently baptized in Cebu as a result of the combined efforts of two of our colporteur-evangelists and the hospital chaplain of our Miller Sanitarium and Hospital.

The story of this interesting conversion began when M. P. Cudanin and his wife were still canvassing in Manila a few years ago. They were assigned to cover the ships docked at the Manila piers. One of the ships they went to cover was the "M/V Subic Bay". They sold "Guardian of Health" and "The Other Side of Death" to one of the engineers on the boat. After reading the book "The Other Side of Death" the engineer became interested in religion. He wished he might meet the Cudanins again.

About two years after canvassing in Manila, the Cudanin team was transferred to Southern Mindanao and they worked in Davao City. While canvassing at the wharf there they chanced to meet Engineer R. Monterde again and he was very happy to see them. He bought "The Great Controversy" from them. Upon docking at Davao on subsequent trips, the engineer bought our books as they were presented to him. In addition, he received



Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Cudanin, literature evangelists, and Engineer R. Monterde (center) holding the books he has purchased from the Cudanins.

short Bible studies from Brother and Sister Cudanin. Later he attended either the mid-week prayer meeting or the Sabbath services whenever his ship docked. Upon meeting the Cudanins one evening during a mid-week prayer meeting, the engineer surprised them by saying that he and his wife were already baptized members of the Cebu City Seventh-day Adventist church. The Cudanins were indeed very happy to hear this.

The engineer is planning to resign from his work so that he will not have difficulty in keeping the Sabbath. He is weighing the matter of becoming a colporteur as he is very anxious to bring to others a knowledge of the blessed truth which has wrought this great transformation in his life. In the meantime he continues to read our books and spreads the message by distributing our literature to the ship's passengers and crew.

During one of his visits to the Southern Mindanao Mission office, he posed with the Cudanins as he held a copy of the books he had purchased from them.

Indonesia

Ministerial Summer School in Indonesia

By Paul H. Eldridge, Ministerial Secretary, Far Eastern Division

The Ministerial Associations of the Indonesia Union Mission and

the Far Eastern Division, in cooperation with Indonesia Union College, sponsored a special summer school session for ministerial workers during June and July, 1963. The school was held in two sections, one at Indonesia Union College, Tjisarua, Bandung, Java, and the other at Celebes Training School at Kawangkoan, Manado, Celebes. Ministerial workers and teachers from the various local missions were joined by teachers and students from the training schools in attending these courses.

At Indonesia Union College, the summer school was under the direction of Bryce Newell, acting president of the college. Paul H. Eldridge and Pangarisan Sitompul, ministerial secretaries of the Division and Indonesia Union Mission, respectively, were the guest instructors. Classes were offered in

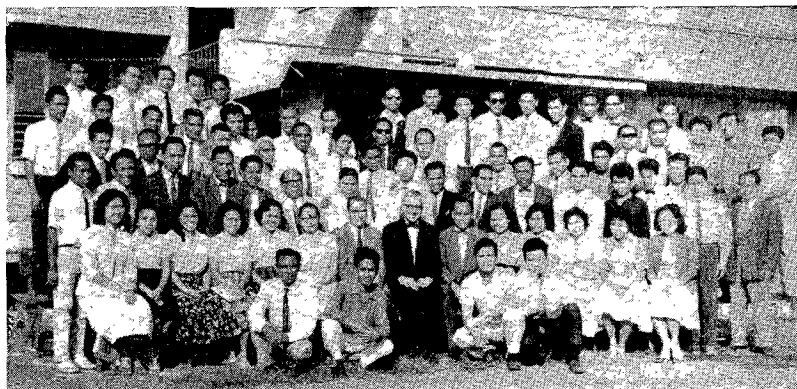
Church Administration, Pastoral Problems, and Apologetics, with two hours of college credit for those who could qualify for college credit.

Ministerial workers and teachers from West Java, East Java, West Kalimantan (Borneo), Southeast Kalimantan, and North Sumatra were in attendance, as well as a number of teachers and students from the college. The total enrollment for the summer session at the college at Tjisarua was eighty-eight.

A ceremony honoring those who had completed these special courses was held on Wednesday evening, July 17, in the college chapel. Certificates prepared by the Ministerial Association were presented to all who had successfully participated.

The North Celebes section of the summer school was held at the Celebes Training School in Kawangkoan, Manado. R. H. Tauran, dean of Indonesia Union College, and William W. Pohle, head of the Bible department at the same school, were the guest instructors. The courses offered there were: Bible Doctrines, Church Organization and Worship, Spirit of Prophecy, and General Psychology. The total enrollment of 118 included a large number of ministerial workers and teachers from the North Celebes Mission. This mission, which is under the leadership of A. M. Bartlett, has a church membership of more than 12,000. They have set as their goal 2000 baptisms during 1963.

Administrators of the local and



Students enrolled at Indonesia Union College for the summer session sponsored by the ministerial association. Seated in the front row, center, are B. F. Newell, acting president of the college and instructors P. H. Eldridge and P. Sitompul.



P. H. Eldridge, with P. Sitompul translating, conducts a class in Pastoral Problems.

union missions, as well as the workers who attended, were enthusiastic in their evaluation of this new type of upgrading program. They felt that it brings an opportunity for college-level study to a large number of field workers who have not had the advantage of a four-year theological course.

As a result of the response to this program in Indonesia, the Far Eastern Division Ministerial Association is considering the sponsoring of a special summer school session for ministerial workers in one union mission each year. Emphasis will be placed on areas where college theological training has been limited or unavailable.

North Sumatra Teachers Upgraded

By Paul Emerson, Educational and MV Secretary, North Sumatra Mission

Twenty elementary school teachers availed themselves of the second college extension school held in the North Sumatra Mission for six weeks during the vacation period. Methods in teaching Bible and arithmetic were taught by the writer. Mrs. Dumaria Nainggolan assisted with the translating into the Indonesian language. Extra curricular activities included music conducting, learning new games to teach the children, studying the requirements for the MV classes, and the MV Leadercraft Course. Fifteen teachers received the certificate for having completed this

course. Four days of the week some time was devoted to working in the garden. These activities provided a balanced six weeks of work and study.

The teachers displayed many of the teaching aids they had prepared



Paul Emerson and Mrs. Dumaria Nainggolan (standing extreme left and right) and the twenty elementary teachers who attended the second extension school held in the North Sumatra Mission.

During the summer session the teachers made many helpful teaching aids. These were displayed at the "Open House".



at an open house display. A laymen's congress was being held and the delegates were invited to visit the exhibition. Our members were well pleased with the work the teachers had done.

We are thankful for the increased interest in Christian Education in our field. For the 1963-1964 school year nine new teachers have been added, making a total of 37 elementary teachers. Two new schools have been opened making a total of 16 schools. Let us pray that this work will grow with leaps and bounds so that all Seventh-day Adventist children may have the type of education God has ordained for them.

Youth Effort in Kupang

By B. Malingkas, MV Secretary Indonesia Union Mission

Kupang is the capital city of Timor, one of the islands of south-east Indonesia. Most of the people are fanatical Protestants. The three angels' messages have been proclaimed on Timor since 1951.

We laid plans to hold a youth effort in this city. The worker in charge and the church members gathered together for special prayer regarding this meeting. The first thing we had to do was to approach a Chinese man who owns the only theater in the city. Fortunately he had at one time been a patient at our Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital. We had no difficulty in getting his permission to use the building. Previously the government had asked for the use of the building June 1 to 3 and we agreed to this.

Now the next thing we had to do was to secure permission from the police to hold the meetings. We were almost disheartened when the policeman told us that the Jehovah's Witness people had asked permission to hold evangelistic meetings three months ago and permission has not yet been given them. We went back to the church and asked our members to again come together to have a special season of prayer for the use of the building and government permission to hold the meetings.

Soon after our season of prayer, we heard that the government would not use the building nor show films. Within 24 hours the government had issued a permit to hold the meetings. On the 23rd of May we began the effort. The first night more than 2500 people attended the meeting. We did not have a public address system that first night for we had been unable to secure one. After that first meeting we decided that it would be futile to try to hold the meetings without a loud speaker. That night we earnestly prayed to God that He would help us find the needed equipment. Brother Saerang, the elder of the church, worked hard for this effort. He contacted many institutions in an effort to learn where a public address system could be hired. At last he learned that the policeman had one. Brother Saerang went to see him and obtained permission to use the same without cost.

The second night we were stoned. Three stones landed on the roof of that large building. After the stoning, a man came into the meeting and beat up a young man, his eldest son. He did not want his boy to attend our meetings. Our

church members became fearful. They had experienced persecution many times before.

The first twelve nights the attendance was never less than two thousand. Most of the folks who came were young people—15 to 35 years of age. After the twelfth night, the attendance became less, about 1500 people. The last week of the effort all the Protestant churches worked hard to hinder our work. They visited every home and the hospital. They told their members not to attend our meetings. For 23 nights we continued our meetings. Sixty-three souls surrendered their hearts to Jesus and requested baptism. At this point, Satan demonstrated his cruelty. He did not want to lose his followers to become followers of Jesus. He used every possible means to prevent the people from being baptized.

The first baptism was on June 15. Twenty-two souls were ready for that occasion but Satan followed us right to the baptistry. We were surrounded with several men carrying choppers but God was with us. That day we baptized 18 and the rest were baptized at night. A sister whom we baptized under cover of darkness, encountered ill treatment from her husband. She was beaten till she was unconscious but she is still faithful to God.

One young man who was baptized was Simon Petrus, from Tambora Islands. He came from a Catholic home. Had been educated in a Catholic school. He had finished high school and was now on his way to a university in Java to continue his course in Social Politics. In Kupang he met a Seventh-day Adventist young man and he brought him to our effort. After he had studied several lessons, he decided not to continue his course in Social Politics but to be a literature evangelist and later to attend our college in Bandung. Now he is in Bali sharing his faith by selling books and hoping some time in the future to go back to his beloved islands to bring the good news about the second coming of Jesus to the people there who are predominantly Catholic.

If you were to visit Timor and surrounding islands you would hear people everywhere talking about the truths they heard during the effort. In the Protestant churches young

people now have the courage to debate with their pastors and leaders in the church and in so doing they use the Bible texts they learned during the meetings in the theater.

We have sowed the seed. By the grace of God it will grow and bear much fruit. When the time of the harvest comes, there will be many souls saved to inherit the new earth. Pray for the work in Timor Islands.

Youth in the News

By Paul Emerson

The first six months of 1963 have been full of MV activities for the teachers and youth of North Sumatra. The eighteen schools of the mission kept the MV secretary rushing to and fro throughout the mission holding investitures.

Our first investiture was held at Barus. This place is 65 kilometers north of Sibolga on the west coast of Sumatra. From Sibolga we crossed 35 bridges of all sorts, sizes, shapes and conditions from good to bad. Many bridges had just a plank width to follow. This meant careful guidance by Dumas Tambunan who signaled with his hand to go left or right a little as he stood several feet in front of the VW bus while we slowly proceeded forward. One wide river provided a ferry which was kept from going down stream by a cable. The pilot of the ferry manoeuvred it in such a way with the rudder that the current of the river moved us to the other shore in just a few minutes.

After paying our fare, we started forward on the main highway again, two dirt tracks down through the fields and villages. Before long we came to a detour. Turning left we found barely a track to follow, meanwhile dodging stumps and bushes. The trail led us into a clump of trees and then suddenly we came into brightness. We had arrived on the beach of the Indian Ocean, a most beautiful sight. It was not long before the VW had to stop for it is second nature for all MV's to love God's second book, nature. So before long we had collected 35 different shells—different in size, color and shape. But we had to hasten on to meet the young people who were awaiting us. As our road led away from the beach,



Paul Emerson, MV secretary of the North Sumatra Mission, conducting an investiture service at the church school on the mission compound at Pematang Siantar.

our thoughts lingered with the awe and suspense that fills one who sets his feet upon the seashore. We had struggled over bad roads and bridges, meeting each difficulty and conquering it as it came along. Then suddenly we seemed to find a reward for the experiences that had seemed hard and almost impossible to surmount.

The great army of youth in North Sumatra is marching forward in spite of bad roads and poor bridges! They meet each problem and conquer it as they go. But how do we know that our youth are going forward? One evidence is the number of MV pins that were awarded during the first six months of 1963. We are happy to tell you of our record in North Sumatra. The best ever! 610 pins were awarded in recognition of attainments achieved in the MV classes.

Japan

“Dragon” Becomes “Planted Tree”

**By Masao Uruma, Assistant
Treasurer, Japan Union Mission,**

Some time ago one of our col-
porteurs contacted a lady who
showed an interest in our message.
This lady, Mrs. Ryuen, began to
attend our evangelistic meetings and
also the Sabbath services. In the
spring of 1962 I, as home mission-
ary leader of the Tokyo Central

Church, appealed to our church
members to engage in the annual
Ingathering campaign. The goal set
for the Tokyo Central Church was
900,000 Yen. Mrs. Ryuen, although
not as yet a church member, decid-
ed to engage in this Ingathering
work for she was thrilled with our
wonderful work for the needy.

In the first home where she called,
Mrs. Ryuen explained our work
and asked for a donation. The lady
in this home, Mrs. Sudo, was a
member of another denomination
but she donated two hundred Yen.
Mrs. Ryuen not only asked for a
donation but she also told the story
of Jesus. Mrs. Sudo was touched
with this story of Jesus, a story

she had never heard in her eighteen
years of church life.

Soon after this experience, Mrs.
Ryuen decided to join our great
family of God. She also decided
to change her last name because
Ryuen means “dragon” in the Chi-
nese characters. So she changed
her name from Ryuen to Ueko—
from “dragon” to “planted tree.”
She was baptized and began hold-
ing cottage meetings, inviting one
of our Bible workers to help her.
Mrs. Sudo, the lady she had solici-
ted Ingathering from, attended these
cottage meetings for ten months.
As a result of this endeavor M^s.
Sudo responded to the call and she,
too, joined our church family. She
was baptized on June 8, 1963. Her
daughter is also attending our
church and helped with the Va-
cation Bible School recently con-
ducted by the Tokyo Central
Church.

North Philippines

Spot News — Philippine Union College

● Philippine Union College has
an all-time high enrollment this
term of 1,386 in the elementary,
secondary and college departments.

**Introducing the three ladies of whom Masao Uruma writes in the
accompanying story. Left to right: Mrs. Ueki, Mrs. Sudo and Miss Sudo.**



This is 195 more than last year's enrollment, an increase of 16.3 per cent.

● Mr. and Mrs. Crescente Zamora (nee Ruth Imperio) emplaned on August 5 via Cathay Pacific Airways for Jesselton, North Borneo. In response to a call, they are on a five-year contract to teach at the North Borneo Sabah Training School. Mr. Zamora has a Bachelor of Science degree and he will teach science and mathematics. Mrs. Zamora, a Bachelor of Commerce graduate, will teach accounting. They join PUC's alumni as the 99th and 100th Filipino overseas missionaries. Three cheers to them!

● Adding strength to the teaching force at our college are two Ph. D.'s who were recently welcomed to the faculty. Dr. Gottfried Oosterwal, until recently teacher and educational secretary of the West New Guinea Mission, has an MA from Cambridge University, and two doctorates from the University of Utrecht, Holland—Religion and Letters (Anthropology). He is also the author of three books, namely "Social History of Western Holland," "Village Life in Indonesia," and "The People of the Tor," (Papuan of New Guinea). Dr. Esmeraldo A. de Leon is an undergraduate alumnus of PUC. He received his Masters at Quezon College and his doctorate from the Florida State University. As both are teaching in the graduate school, aside from undergraduate assignments, the PUC graduate faculty of five has now the distinction of 100 per cent in doctorate qualifications. Dr. Manalaysay, a member of the board of the Philippine Association for Graduate Education, informs us that their requirement is that graduate faculties have at least 50 per cent with doctor's degrees. In this sense, the PUC graduate faculty is truly the "head and not the tail."

● Dr. Esmeraldo de Leon has been designated guidance director of the college, and B. B. Alsaybar, principal of the academy, is the college press relations officer. This is a first in the history of the college.

● Eight precious souls were baptized last summer to crown the efforts of Geronimo Calangan, senior ministerial student. Inspired by the "Friendship in Christ Crusade," Calangan held meetings in Umingan, Pangasinan, with no financial help from anyone, aside from the

Umingan church members. About twelve more are preparing for baptism.

● Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin S. Salvador returned on July 11 from Taiwan where they labored for four and one-half years as teachers in the Taiwan Missionary College. Mrs. Salvador is now connected with the PUC English department. Mr. Salvador is the new and second principal of the Pasay City Academy.

Philippine Union College
—B. B. Alsaybar, PRO

A Prayer for Healing Answered

By P. R. Diaz, Chaplain, Manila Sanitarium and Hospital

Toward the end of the month of June when the evangelistic meetings conducted by Pastor Milton Lee for the Chinese community in Cebu City were about to close, a miraculous healing through the prayer of faith took place. God demonstrated His power on this occasion through a layman, David H. Dee, one of the church elders of the Manila Center. Brother Dee had been sent by the North Philippine Union Mission to Cebu City to interpret for Pastor Lee during the meetings at Cebu Capitol Center.

A Chinese family by the name of Lim lives in Cebu. Mr. Lim is a student of the Voice of Prophecy and he is very much interested in the truth. He is an insurance man. He was very happy to hear that evangelistic meetings were to be held in Cebu. Brother Dee met Mr. Lim at the Capitol Center and he told him about his ailing wife. Brother Dee inquired what was causing his wife's illness. Mr. Lim then told him that for years his wife had frequently been invited to go to the Buddhist temple to worship the god Buddha. Mrs. Lim was suffering from a mental illness and severe pains in her body. They had consulted many doctors and spent much money but she had not found relief. Now she was confined to the Chong Hua Hospital in Cebu City where she was crying and shouting and going through unnecessary motions. She was a pitiful sight to see. Mr. Lim invited Brother Dee to go to the hospital with him to visit his wife. He wished him to pray for her.

Brother Dee told Mrs. Lim not to be afraid for there is a God in heaven who can heal all of our infirmities. It was about nine o'clock on the morning of June 5 when Brother Dee prayed for her. Before praying for her, he had tapped her on the shoulder and told her that in the name of the God in heaven she would be delivered from the grip of the evil one. They then prayed earnestly. After prayer they arose and Mrs. Lim stood up with them. She looked at them and immediately began to converse intelligently with them. Mrs. Lim had been healed and restored to her normal health and mind. They all praised the Lord and then went home rejoicing in the name of the Lord. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lim are deeply interested in the truth and they are preparing for baptism. Let us pray for this man and his wife who are searching for the blessed truth and also for the other interested Chinese friends in the City of Cebu. May many be prepared for the soon-coming of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

South China Island

A First in South China

**By Boyd E. Olson,
Division Educational Secretary**

More than one hundred teachers attended the first teachers' convention to be held in the South China Island Union Mission. The delegates assembled at South China Union College, which is located a few miles from the rushing city of Hong Kong, on July 14 and closed their session on the 24th. Teachers from Taiwan and Macao joined the teachers from the Hong Kong and Kowloon schools and the college to receive instruction and to share their problems and plans with each other.

Pastor James Tsao, the union mission secretary of the department of education, was the capable organizer and director of the convention. The meetings were well planned. Time was given for small groups to study their problems together in the following sectional meetings: school administration, business and industries, academic system and standards, curriculum and textbooks, student guidance,



The delegates who attended the first South China Island Union Mission teachers' convention which was held on the campus of South China Union College near Hong Kong, July 14-24, 1963.

and spiritual activities. In addition to these, group meetings were held for teaching in the following areas: kindergarten and primary levels, Bible, Chinese literature and language, English, social studies, and

in our schools a worker for God.

At the first meeting the teachers were introduced by their respective principals, college presidents or superintendents. They are as follows: Samuel Young, president of South China Union College; Lee Ming Dao, president of Taiwan Missionary College; H. S. Lo, principal of Kowloon Sam

Yuk Middle School; Handel Luke, principal of Hong Kong Sam Yuk Secondary School; Wong Yat Chung, principal of the Tai Po Middle School in the New Territories; Lei Tat Ming, educational secretary of the Hong Kong-Macao Mission; and Lin Chao Yang, educational superintendent of the Taiwan Mission. A total of 161 teach-



James Tsao, (left) union mission educational secretary, addresses the convention delegates. Samuel Young, president of South China Union College, translates from the Mandarin into the Cantonese.

natural science. The secretary of each group gave a report to the general session which often stimulated a wholesome discussion from the floor.

The motto for the convention was **Every Teacher Must Be a Learner**, a statement made by Ellen G. White in 1890. This motto is even more applicable to teachers now than it was more than 70 years ago when it was made. The teachers were reminded of their responsibilities of learning as well as guiding the children and youth in the learning process.

The aims of our schools as brought before the convention are; (1) every school a soul-winning institution, (2) every Seventh-day Adventist child and youth in our own schools, and (3) every student

Members of the steering committee for the teachers' institute: Front row, left to right: H. S. Lo, principal of the Kowloon Sam Yuk Middle School; Samuel Young, president of South China Union College; James Tsao, union mission educational secretary; Handel Luke, principal of the Hong Kong Sam Yuk Secondary School. Back row, same order: Boyd E. Olson, Division educational secretary; D. F. Gilbert, secretary-treasurer of the South China Island Union Mission; C. B. Miller, president of the Hong Kong-Macao Mission; L. S. Chan, secretary-treasurer of the Hong Kong-Macao Mission.





South China College Celebrates 60th Anniversary

We do not have a story about this event only as it is found in the captions accompanying the three pictures. In the first picture below Chan Chi Mou, an alumnus of the college, presents alumni representing the six decades. Pastor and Mrs. Wu Tak Shun, extreme left, were students at the college during the year 1903. Our work in China had then but barely begun. In the lower picture Mrs. W. K. Nelson directs the college choir at the 60th anniversary service.

Relaxing for a moment at the teachers' institute are Samuel Young, M. D. Lee and H. S. Lo., presidents South China Union College, Taiwan Missionary College, and Kowloon Sam Yuk Middle School, respectively.

ers make up the teaching staff of our schools in the union mission.

Guest speakers were: E. L. Longway and D. G. Gilbert from the South China Island Union Mission headquarters; Boyd E. Olson from the Far Eastern Division, and C. B. Miller and L. S. Chan of the Hong Kong-Macao Mission.

One of the most encouraging signs of a growing educational work is the number of baptisms resulting from the consecrated work of our teachers. There is a large enrollment of students who are non-Christian youth in our mission schools. The purpose of these schools is to bring the pupils to a knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ. In two of the mission schools a total of more than one hundred were baptized this past school year. To show their love for the message they have embraced, many of these have gone out into areas of Hong Kong and have actively shared their faith.

Let us pray for the educational work in the South China Island Union Mission.

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Seated on the platform, left to right: Dr. W. C. So, an alumnus; Pastor C. B. Miller, president of Hong Kong-Macao Mission; Dr. H. W. Miller, veteran medical missionary; Mr. Chan Shun, board member, who announced on that day a special contribution of HK \$200,000 for a church building; Mr. Samuel Young, president of the college; and Dr. W. K. Nelson, head of the department of religion.





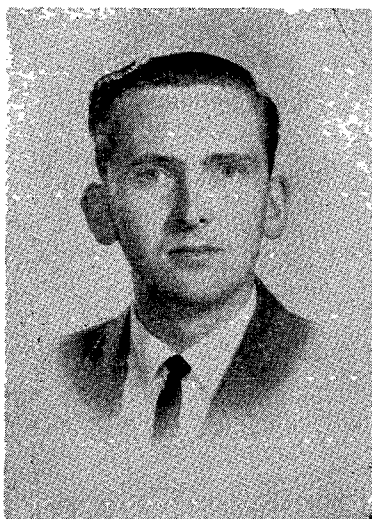
C. B. Miller, vice chairman of the College Board, unveils the 60th Anniversary Memorial Monument.

Heart Specialists in Free China

It was a happy occasion for both Wu Shen-sen and six American heart specialists from Loma Linda University in Los Angeles when they were reunited here at the Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital of the Seventh-day Adventists yesterday.

Wu, a nine-year-old boy from Taiwan, underwent a heart operation at Loma Linda's White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles in 1960. Dr. Ellsworth Wareham, associate professor of surgery at Loma Linda, and Dr. C. Joan Coggin, woman cardiologist, said that when or before Wu came to the United States he could not even walk across the room but now he can play basketball.

The Loma Linda specialists arrived here last Thursday on their last leg of a two-month tour of Asia, which began in Karachi. There they successfully operated on 44 patients with congenital heart deformities. They also performed operations on two patients in India, six in Bangkok and three in this country (Taiwan).



Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Colburn, newly arrived missionaries in Taiwan, he to serve as publishing secretary of the South China Island Union Mission.



The six-member mission was sent to Pakistan in response to a request from the Karachi government and U. S. Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson. They are scheduled to leave for home today.

The heart specialists brought Loma Linda's only heart-lung machine which was used here two days ago when they operated on three patients suffering from congenital heart disease at the Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital.

members who had come to see them off for the Tilstras are greatly beloved and have given themselves unstintingly for the work and the people here. Pastor Tilstra became the first president of the West New Guinea Mission some ten years ago and has served faithfully in that capacity ever since—watching

Excerpts from a story in the China Post (Taipei), July 2, 1963

West New Guinea Mission

Pioneer Missionary Retires

By C. G. Oliver, President West New Guinea Mission

On the morning of June 4, 1963, Pastor and Mrs. K. Tilstra said their final farewells to the students and faculty members of the West New Guinea Training School and other members of the mission staff, climbed aboard an ancient DC-3 belonging to the Garuda Airways, and took off, for what is probably their last time, from the Sentani Airstrip for the first part of their trip home and to a well-earned retirement.

There were few dry eyes among the Papuan students and the staff

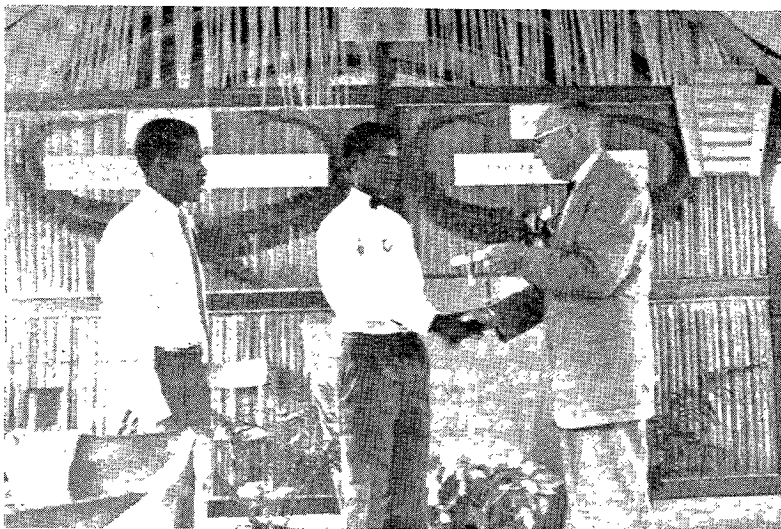


Pastor and Mrs. K. Tilstra

the membership and churches grow in number and taking a leading part in the establishing of the present Training School at Dojo Baru. Mrs. Tilstra, being a trained nurse, has spent much time treating aches and pains of the students and other members of the community. It is little wonder that they occupy a large place in the affections of the people and of the students in particular.

Pastor Tilstra first came to the Far East some thirty years ago to what was then the Netherlands East Indies. From the very first it was his ambition to start mission work in West New Guinea. More than twenty years elapsed, however, before his request was granted. These twenty years were filled with pioneer mission service in other areas of the East Indies, internment during the war, and for a time he was president of the Indonesia Union Mission.

When things became somewhat settled following World War II, Pastor Tilstra's vision of opening West New Guinea to the work was revived. The brethren honored his request to be transferred to West New Guinea and he has remained president of that mission until he requested retirement. The mission will surely miss Pastor and Mrs. Tilstra and we doubt not but that they will miss the West New Guinea Mission, now the Irian Barat Mission.



Teacher S. Umbora looks on as Pastor K. Tilstra presents a diploma to the class president, L. Wakdomi.

"To Light the Darkness"

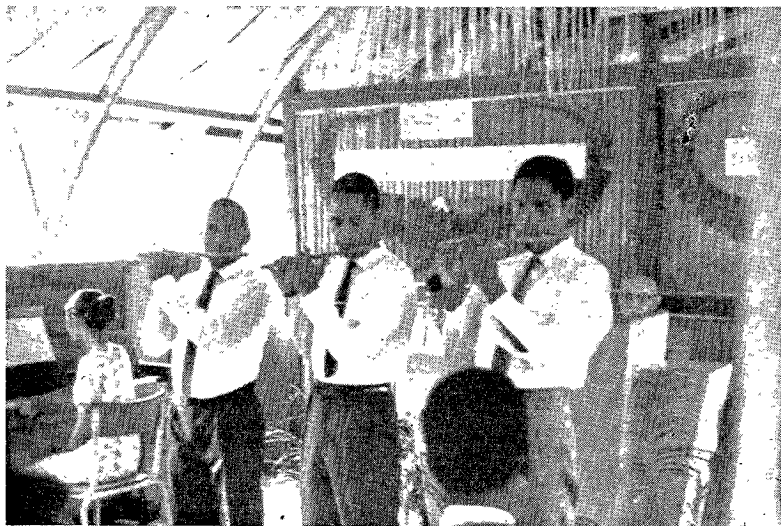
By Mrs. C. G. Oliver

Each member of the 1963 graduating class of the West Irian Academy had found the light of truth. Their dedication to the light found expression in the AIM they had chosen, "To Light the Darkness."

June 2 was graduation day at the training school. Nineteen young Papuan men had completed six years of study. They marched with precision, sang in harmony and looked so neat and alert as they one by one received their diploma from the hands of Pastor Tilstra.

The graduation exercises were held in the quonset chapel of the school. The place had been decorated in a unique manner with palm leaves and jungle flowers. The windows were all framed with what appeared to be Christmas lights but upon closer inspection one discovered they were bright colored jungle nuts and fruits.

S. Umbora was the speaker at the Friday night consecration service and Pastor C. G. Oliver had the Sabbath morning service. Pastor Tilstra had the final service on Sunday morning at which time he gave his parting message to the students.



Darius, Habel and Permainus play a flute trio during the graduation program at West Irian Training School.

All of the programs were well planned and coordinated by the class sponsor, Miss Johanna Tan.

This was the fourth graduation held at the training school. Many of these graduates will return next year to continue their education in the higher grades. The students come from several areas and at quite a distance from the school so most of them stay in the dormitories. So many applications are

coming in for the next school year that we fear many will have to be turned away for lack of teachers and accommodations. We anticipate a good school year beginning in September.

As the graduates and their fellow schoolmates have scattered to their villages far and near we pray that they will have great success in their efforts "To Light the Darkness" of this wide-spread mission field.



Pastor and Mrs. C. G. Oliver. Brother Oliver succeeded Pastor K. Tilstra as president of the West Irian Mission.



Mrs. C. G. Oliver and Mrs. K. Tilstra working in their "open air kitchen" at the West Irian training school.

Mrs. C. G. Oliver Reports

The Hollandia, West New Guinea, town square was flooded with bright sunshine and hundreds of people on May 1, 1963. At exactly 12:30 p. m. the blue flag of the United Nations was gently lowered by the U. N. color guard, and as planes flew overhead, and the cameras clicked, the red and white flag of the Republic of Indonesia was soon waving on each side of the speaker's platform.

The impressive ceremonies and speeches of that historic day will not soon be forgotten by those of us privileged to be present. Before our eyes rapid and final changes took place. Even as the speeches were in progress, the U. N. troops passed by waving a final farewell as they proceeded to the airport to leave the island.

Changes in Mission Personnel

The weeks preceding and following May 1, brought many changes, not only in government circles, but also in the personnel of the mission, formerly called West New Guinea Mission and now called West Irian Mission. Many of the former faithful workers and members have departed.

On April 27, 1963, Dr. and Mrs. Oosterwal and their two children and Dr. Nantje Twijnstra boarded a Dutch steamer en route to Singapore. Before the ship departed, the Papuan boys of the mission school

gathered near the gangplank to sing with beautiful harmony the sweet farewell hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." As they sang, all confusion and talking on that busy wharf ceased. In the crowd were many U. N. officials and high ranking visitors who joined in listening respectfully and with emotion.

On June 4, Pastor and Mrs. K. Tilstra, who for ten years have given unselfish service in West New Guinea, were bade farewell by their hosts of friends as they left for the United States.

Although transportation to West Irian has been very scarce, some new workers have arrived in the field. Pastor and Mrs. C. G. Oliver, coming from North Borneo, arrived on April 20. Exactly two months later on June 20 the new secretary-treasurer Mr. V. Hutabarat, and his wife and six children, and J. R. Sumual, evangelist and teacher, with his wife and small son all arrived on the same plane. They came to us from the Indonesia Union Mission.

On Sunday evening, June 23, our group of overseas workers, mission office and school, met together to get acquainted and to enjoy the fellowship and counsel of Pastor H. D. Johnson, Division treasurer, who along with Ronald Oliver managed to find seats on a plane to Irian Barat.

In spite of difficulties in getting needed supplies, and disruption of

transportation and communication, everyone is of good courage and the new workers are settled and hard at work.

Evangelistic Meetings

On July 14 the opening meeting of an evangelistic series was held in the main theater of the capital city, formerly called Hollandia but now Kota Baru. Long before the announced hour for the meeting, the seats were all filled and people were crowding for standing room. They were very attentive as J. R. Sumual gave his sermon, and when the meeting closed we were amazed to see a great rush forward of those who had not been able to get inside. The seats filled up again and it became necessary to hold a second meeting. It was impossible to count the number who attended the two meetings but a conservative estimate is 1000.

The second night the hall was just as well filled and a number came hoping for a second meeting. A story hour for the children is also being conducted in the same hall in the afternoon with Miss Johanna Tan and Mrs. Sumual in charge. Judging from the first meeting, our problem will be how to cut down on the number of children instead of promoting attendance.

The church members and all the workers are working together in these evangelistic endeavors. We believe this is a day of great opportunity in this island field.



The young salesmen at the left are Mike and Cindee Crawford, and Teddy, Laurel and Orlyn Nelson, children of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Crawford and Doctors Roger and Ethel Nelson at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. They have sold more than 500 copies of the beautiful Thai magazine, "Better Life," to the out-patients at the Sanitarium. This is a health-religious magazine authored by Dr. Ethel Nelson and to date nearly 26,000 copies have been sold.

Southeast Asia

Kidnapped

By John Bernet,

Publishing Secretary, Southeast Asia
Union Mission

Three months ago we received a telegram at our union mission office from our headquarters in Vietnam stating that two Vietnamese literature evangelists, Le Tran and Nguyen Mhuong, had been kidnapped. No word has been received from or about them since that time. We have not given up hope but continue to pray for their return. These men were working in a district about 600 miles north of Saigon. This area is heavily infiltrated with revolutionaries and it is considered most dangerous territory. The two colporteurs were indeed valiant soldiers of the Cross. They risked their lives for the cause of God.

Brother Tran left behind a wife and four children and Brother Nguyen a wife and three children. During a recent trip to Vietnam, I visited the sorrowing wives of these two men and I asked them if they were not sorry now that their husbands had become literature evangelists. Their answer was, "No, we are happy for the good work they were doing."

It is this good spirit of personal sacrifice that is helping to advance the work of God in Vietnam. The advent message is being carried into the deepest jungle, to the highest mountains and into the most perilous places in the country.

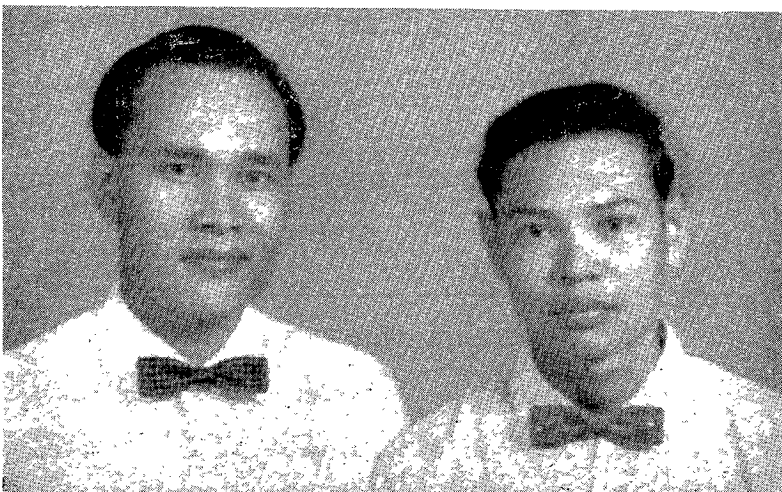
Seventeen baptisms have been reported from colporteur interests during the first five months of 1963. Within the past ten months four pastors of another Protestant

church have been baptized. One of them brought along thirty-five of his former members who are now being prepared for baptism. Please pray for our work in this field.



Pictured above are Mrs. Nguyen Mhuong (center left) and Mrs. Le Tran, the wives of the two kidnapped colporteurs. Do Binh, publishing secretary of the Vietnam Mission stands at the right and at the extreme left is his assistant, Pham Cuu. Le Cong Giao, manager of the Vietnam Signs Press, is at the back.

Jan Hutaauruk (left) and his first convert from the Muslim faith after laboring in Penang and north Malaya for three years. The name of the young man is Ibrahim and he is 23 years old.



NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● Miss Opaljean Whiteaker, returning from furlough, is spending a little time at our Medical Clinic on Guam before going on to Indonesia to connect with the Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital. Miss Whiteaker received her Masters degree in nursing education at Loma Linda University last June.

● Pastor and Mrs. C. D. Martin and three children arrived in Singapore on September 2nd, returning from furlough. While on furlough Pastor Martin studied at Andrews University and he received a Master's degree at the close of the summer session.

● Chris Dompas and family, formerly workers in the Indonesia Union Mission, have joined our staff of mission workers in Kota Baru, Irian Barat. (West New Guinea).

● We have received word that Mrs. P. R. Gultom died in Djakarta, Java, on July 28, 1963. We extend our sympathy to Brother Gultom and other members of the family who are left to mourn her passing.

● Mountain View College has a total enrollment of 823—512 in the college section, 162 in the academy and 149 in the elementary school. The school family is happy to have Pastor and Mrs. Murdoch back at the college. Pastor Murdoch has fully recovered from his illness and surgery.

● The new auditorium at Philippine Union College is now ready for occupancy. Vespers on Friday night, Sabbath services and the college chapel programs are all held in the new building which is a pleasant change from the old college gymnasium.

● We were pleased to receive a letter from Mrs. Sibylla Wortman who worked as a medical missionary in Indonesia from 1930 to 1960. She writes that Pastor and Mrs. K. Tilstra and Mr. Nantje Twynstra paid her a visit recently. She thinks of Indonesia as her homeland and awaits the resurrection day when her husband, who is buried in Indonesia, will again be with her. Mrs. Wortman is now in Apeldoorn, Holland, and is busy with church activities in that city. She sends greetings to her many friends in the Far Eastern Division

and especially in the Indonesia Union Mission.



Mrs. Sibylla Wortman
New Arrivals in Our
Division

We take pleasure in welcoming the following new arrivals to our Division field:

Betty Louise Millard, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. F. R. Millard, teacher in the elementary school on the Division compound; Jack Elmer and Beverly Staddon, teachers at the Far Eastern Academy, Singapore; Harriet Elsie Dinsmore, nurse, Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital; Thomas Eugene Gibson, Jr., M. D. and his wife, Emily, and small son, Far Eastern Island Mission Medical Clinic; Mary Alice Grove, church school teacher, Seoul, Korea; Martha Ellen Jones, secretary-accountant, Japan Union Mission; Larry Glendon Sibley, teacher, Far Eastern Island Mission Academy; Mr. and Mrs. Grant Elmer Volsch and family, business manager, Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital; Pastor and Mrs. Avery Dick and family, Bible teacher, Mountain View College.

At Rest

Mrs. Kong Tsun Min passed away at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Jesselton, North Borneo, on July 19, 1963, after an illness of several months. She was 85 years of age at the time of her death. Funeral services were conducted by H. S. Leung, pastor of the Jesselton Church, on the following day. She

was laid to rest in the Christian cemetery and there awaits her Saviour's call to life eternal at the great resurrection day of the righteous.

Pastor Kong, husband of the deceased, went to his rest in 1961. He had been a minister in the North Borneo Mission for many years. Left to mourn are four sons, K. C. Kong, K. F. Kong, K. T. Kong, K. Y. Kong, four daughters-in-law and many grand-and-great grandchildren.

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