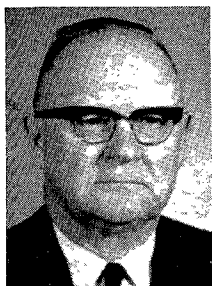




The Far Eastern Division as constituted today has undergone a great many organizational changes through the years. Abram La Rue came to Hong Kong with the Message in 1887 but the first missionaries sent out by our Mission



Board did not arrive in Hong Kong and China until 1902. Our first missionaries to Japan were sent out by America in 1896. Early in the century missionaries were sent to Indonesia (East Indies), Philip-

pines and Southeast Asia from Australia. In 1903 the East Indies were added to the Australasian Union Conference. In 1906 a reorganization took place and the Malaysian Mission was formed which included Singapore and the Federated Malay States in addition to the East Indies but all were still a part of Australasia. In 1909 the Asiatic Division Mission was organized which at first included all of East Asia. In 1910 the Malaysian Mission was transferred from the Australasian Union to the Asiatic Division.

The General Conference organized the world field into divisions in 1913 and so the Asiatic Division began to take shape. India belonged to the Asiatic Division from 1912 to 1918 and the Australasian Union was a part of the same from 1915 to 1918. After the General Conference Session in 1918, India became known as the Southern Asia Division. The Australasian Union became a detached field and the

A Glance Back and A Look Ahead

By Chris P. Sorensen, President
Far Eastern Division



This large sign at the entrance of the Pines Hotel in Baguio City greeted delegates and visitors upon their arrival for the biennial session. W. R. Beach (left) and C. P. Sorensen are standing by the "Welcome" sign.

remainder of the Asiatic Division was called the East Asian Division for about a year, 1918-1919. In 1919 China and what is now the Far Eastern Division became known as the Far Eastern Division.

At the 1930 General Conference Session, China became a separate

division and the rest of the area was called the Far Eastern Division. This included the following countries: Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Southeast Asia, British areas of Borneo, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand. The East Indies (now Indonesia) belonged to



Delegates and friends who attended the pre-councils and the Division biennial council in Baguio City, Philippines, November 17 to December 4, 1963.

the Central European Division as a mission field from early 1929 to 1938. When the present Far Eastern Division was activated early in 1931 (without Indonesia) there were just over 17,000 baptized church members.

From 1931 until 1936 the Far Eastern Division headquarters were located in the Philippines, a greater part of the time in Baguio City. Following the General Conference in 1936 it was decided to move the office to Singapore where it has remained until the present time.

In 1941 when World War II engulfed the entire territory of the Far Eastern Division, the membership had doubled to about 34,000—this figure included the 5,000 or more members of the Indonesia Union Mission which had been returned to the Far Eastern Division in 1939.

At the close of World War II, when almost every church, every mission, and the union missions along with the Division had to be reorganized and rehabilitated, the membership was just a little higher than at the beginning of the war, just over 37,000. At the close of 1958 our membership had grown to better than 102,000. At the end of the third quarter of this year we had 146,773 members which is almost four times the membership at the close of 1946.

Organizational and Administrative Changes

Since our last Annual Council

two additional missions have been organized bringing the total number of missions to thirty-nine, including North Korea but not Cambodia.

At the mid-year Division Committee meeting we recommended to the General Conference that E. L. Longway, veteran missionary to the Far East since 1918, be appointed field secretary of our Division. C. B. Miller was subsequently appointed president of the South China Island Union Mission. This year K. Tilstra left West Irian to retire from active service and C. G. Oliver was called from the North Borneo Mission to replace him. A. E. Krogstad was called to Guam to serve as the secretary-treasurer of the Far Eastern Island Mission. Earlier in the year V. Hutabarat was appointed secretary-treasurer of the West Irian Mission, and following last year's annual council E. E. Jensen was invited to be the secretary-treasurer of the Japan Union Mission.

Thanks and Appreciation

As we gather here for this biennial council in this lovely place, we have much to be thankful for. God's grace and bounteous care have been far beyond our merit and our days have been full of joy, pleasant experiences and wonderful fellowship. Few calamities have come our way. True, we have had a fire or two but these have resulted in better buildings and facilities. We do appreciate the assistance

granted us by the General Conference to help meet these emergencies. Indeed, we have been wonderfully blessed.

The General Conference has dealt kindly with us. They have extended us a generous hand and we assure them that we will be wise stewards of the funds entrusted to us. We have appreciated during the past twelve months the association and fellowship with Brethren C. L. Torrey, F. A. Mote, W. R. Beach, K. F. Ambs, W. A. Scharf-fenberg, A. C. Fearing, Jewel Peake, E. E. Cossentine and George Huse.

We have a fine staff of Division workers—we think the finest! At the present time none are on furlough and we have a full complement of workers. We do need more secretarial help but that will be supplied in time.

Evangelistically Speaking

We are a growing church and we are well aware of our needs for larger buildings and better equipment. That is where the budget committee will come to grips with realities. We must never forget the reason for our existence—the reason we have been called and chosen. We must proclaim the everlasting gospel. Hence year by year we have been concerned over how we could possibly put more and more money into evangelism, not only from the Division but from the union and local missions. We have felt the need of adding more and more ministerial workers to our force of

evangelistic workers. Our baptisms during 1962 totalled 11, 895 and this year at the close of the third quarter 8,176 baptisms had been reported.

The Future

One year ago we laid plans for the organization of two new union missions by dividing the South Philippine and Indonesia Union Missions. Unless heaven intervenes to the contrary, we believe that we are ready at this Council to set up two new union missions. Recommendations are coming in from the field to organize two additional local missions. We have felt the need of strengthening our departments as far as leadership is concerned and we are now ready to bring certain recommendations to this Council. All of this will be done in an effort to strengthen the work and hasten the proclamation of the third angel's message to the ends of the Far Eastern Division territory.

Figures Tell a Part of the Story*

**By A. E. Gibb
Division Secretary**

The Far Eastern Division **Working Policy** states that the objective of our church is "to teach... the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the commandments of God." The object of each institution—educational, medical and publishing and of each department — home missionary, educational, medical, publishing, Sabbath school and



Missionary Volunteer—should be to assist the church in the

teaching of "the everlasting gospel." There is no other justification for our existence as a church or for the activities of our missions and institutions.

How have the activities in your mission, your union, your institution during the past biennial period helped the church reach its objective? In what direction is your influence leading the church? Do your objectives need a reevaluation or realignment?

Union Mission	Baptisms		Church Membership	
	1962	1963	1962	1963
Indonesia	1,756	1,313	22,694	23,503
Japan	347	310	5,198	5,448
Korea	3,042	1,473	19,735	21,131
North Philippine	1,837	1,775	28,406	29,797
South China Island	705	417	5,970	6,164
South Philippine	3,612	2,416	49,962	51,826
Southeast Asia	544	384	7,759	8,118
Far Eastern Is. Mission	21	27	462	473
West Irian Mission	31	61	251	311
Far Eastern Division	11,895	8,176	140,437	146,773

I believe the above figures speak for themselves. God has wonderfully blessed the soul-winning activities of the church. However, two notes of caution need to be sounded.

- 1) The percentage relationship between church membership and baptisms has declined during the last few years.
- 2) Our losses are far too large.

Ministerial Internships

One hundred and nine ministerial internships were granted by the Division during the last two years. All of these new workers have finished the approved ministerial or Bible worker training programs in their fields. They were assigned as follows:

	1962	Two-Years	
		1963	Total
Indonesia Union Mission	7	12	19
Japan Union Mission	9	8	17
Korean Union Mission	8	12	20
North Philippine Union Mission	5	3	8
Southeast Asia Union Mission	6	5	11
South China Island Union Mission	10	8	18
South Philippine Union Mission	2	10	12
Far Eastern Island Mission	2	1	3
West Irian Mission	1	—	1
Total	50	59	109

Summary

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Far Eastern Division

The Far Eastern Division headquarters at 800 Thomson Road, Singapore. The large new addition at the rear of the building is not seen in the picture.



has become a large church. We have many large mission and union organizations with large educational, medical, and publishing institutions. God has blessed His church and it has had a marvelous growth. But, Brethren, the best years of this church are yet before us. Let us rededicate ourselves to God so He can use us in this mighty hour in the finishing of the work in the Far Eastern Division.

* In this number of the **Outlook** we bring you excerpts from the reports given by the president and the secretary at the recent biennial council. Future issues will have selections from the treasurer's and the departmental secretaries reports. —Ed.



Prior to the Division biennial council this welcome sign greeted the delegates at the Pines Hotel where the chaplains' pre-council was held. R. F. Waddell, M. D. (right) was chairman of the council and with him in the picture is Andrew Peters.

Hospital Chaplains' Pre-Council

By Andrew Peters, President Sabah (North Borneo) Mission

Baguio! City among the Pines in the cool, refreshing heights of Mountain Province, Philippines, was host to the first Hospital Chaplains' Pre-Council Workshop in Far Eastern Division history. Chaplains and delegates from fifteen sanitariums and hospitals in twelve countries convened November 18-19 in the Pines Hotel.

This first Division-wide chaplains' pre-council was initiated and directed by Dr. Ralph F. Waddell, medical secretary of the Far Eastern Division. The twenty participants—in panels, symposiums, demonstrations and lectures—considered all the major aspects in this specialized area of ministry to the sick.

Chaplains and others who attended the Chaplains' Pre-Council and Workshop in Baguio City, the first meeting of its kind to be held in the Far Eastern Division.

Pastor Andrew Fearing, associate ministerial secretary of the General Conference, inspired every chaplain in the first morning devotional message to pursue with more earnestness his sacred duty to minister the healing balm of heaven.

Delegates were welcomed by both Pastor C. P. Sorensen, president of the Far Eastern Division, and Dr. R. F. Waddell. In the hospitable atmosphere that permeates the Philippines, representatives from the far-flung tropical unions met their fellow chaplains from the Division's cooler climes of South China, Japan and Korean Unions. Chaplains attending this pre-council were: R. B. de Angel, Rifai Burhanu'ddin, P. R. Diaz, J. F. Harris, P. T. Kim, Le Huu, Boon Lert, Shiro Ogura, T. S. Pang, Mrs. M. U. Pasamonte, A. N. Somoso, E. B. Smith, W. E. Smith, Richard Liu, O. C. Yoon, and Paul Hung.

New perspectives of the chaplain's role were visualized when a symposium of five delegates gave their personal views of "Hospital Chaplaincy as Others See It." The chaplains viewed their work through the eyes of the Hospital Board Chairman, Medical Director, Business Manager, School of Nursing Administrator, and Patient. Convictions were strengthened that the chaplain is indispensable to the Seventh-day Adventist medical institutions that are dedicated to the healing and restoration of the whole man.

Another symposium, "Dynamic Evangelism Through Hospital Chaplaincy," was a study in six presentations on how to realize the maximum potential of conversions among our patients. Methods were considered in approaching and awakening patients' interest, exploiting awakened interests, and in work for polytheists. Strong emphasis was given to the need for a united effort by hospital staff and chaplain's department to reach every soul whom the Lord sends for physical and spiritual healing.

A special interest was shown in the demonstration and discussion of "Effective Chaplaincy Tools." This panel discussed the effective operation of a chaplain's department. Practical suggestions for an ideal chaplain's office and library, the public address system, and appropriate literature for patients were given. Many ideas for catching and awakening the interest of patients in spiritual subjects were explained.

"Win More in 64," the chaplains' pre-council motto, inspired every chaplain during the thrilling report of experiences of soul winning through hospital ministry. Miracles of Divine grace as witnessed today through our medical work paral-



lel the miracles of Bible history. In **Counsels on Health**, p. 335, is predicted the increase of conversions through our medical work: "On the sick bed Christ is often accepted and confessed; and this will be done oftener in the future than it has been in the past, for a quick work will the Lord do in our world."

On the second and last day of this inspirational workshop, Pastor Paul H. Eldridge, ministerial secretary of the Far Eastern Division, introduced the subject of "Christ, the Master Counselor," the pattern for effectual soul-winning today. Counseling has a significant role in today's bedside ministry. The principles of counseling, known

and applied, increase the soul-winning potential.

A role-play of fifteen skits demonstrated common errors and correct procedures in visiting and working for the sick. Each skit was followed by a question and answer period with audience participation.

The chaplains' pre-council workshop closed with the presentation of medical department and chaplains' reports. With nearly 300 conversions resulting from our medical work in the Far Eastern Division for 1963 the chaplains determined to "win more in 64" with the inspiration received from the hospital chaplains' pre-council.

A Clarion Call

By **R. R. Figuhr, President**
General Conference

We have come to a new era in our literature work. It may even be described as critical. The dollar value of the literature sales is mounting year by year. 1963 promises to be the best in our history of sales. This is encouraging. But with this excellent showing, a disturbing question arises, namely, is the number of people we now reach year by year increasing? Is the number of literature evangelists growing? Are the total hours spent in literature ministry greater each year? To our regret in some fields these questions must be answered in the negative. In many unions the number of colporteurs and the number of hours used to be greater. This should not be.

Today we have larger and better-equipped publishing houses. We have more skilled workers and artisans. Our editors and writers are more able. Never have we been in a better position to put out more, better, and a higher type of literature than today. Our books give evidence of first-class workmanship. They are beautifully illustrated and well written. The publishing houses and their staffs are dedicated to the sole purpose of proclaiming through the printed page Seventh-day Adventist teaching. The problem is therefore not production. It is in

getting our product into the hands of the people. What can be done to solve this problem?

We believe that in all of our churches there are individuals who, with a little encouragement, some training, and assistance, could and would undertake literature evangelism, either on a full-time basis or part-time, as circumstances permit. There was a time when we had many more part-time literature evangelists than we have today. But there must be many today who can undertake this work right in their areas. Many housewives as well as young people and others who are older can do much in this field. Those who undertake it find it very rewarding.

If this type of literature evangelist force can be built up, we shall see not only continued gratifying increases in our mounting sales, but also an impressive increase in hours and in number of people contacted. There is a great field and opportunity for service here which we believe today is being neglected. From the 1963 Autumn Council a clarion call has gone forth inviting our people to enlist in this important work. Maybe you are being called to this work for just such a time as this.

A Forward Move

By **A. E. Gibb**

The 1963 Division Council authorized the dividing of the South Philippine Union Mission into two new unions to be known as the Central Philippine Union and the South Philippine Union. This authorization was given further consideration at the time of the 1963 South Philippine Union Biennial Session, and effective January 1, 1964, the two new unions began to function.

The officers and departmental staffs for the new unions are as follows:

Central Philippine Union Mission:

President, E. A. Capobres; Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor, M. G. Jereos; Sabbath school and Home Missionary Secretary, D. C. Sabrine; Educational Secretary, L. L. Quirante; MV Secretary, J. R. Obregon; Publishing Secretary, S. M. Moreno; Ministerial Secretary, A. Z. Roda; Medical Secretary, F. T. Geslani, M. D.; Capital Center Director and Union Evangelist, L. E. Montana.

South Philippine Union Mission:

President, V. M. Montalban; Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor, P. T. Reyes; Sabbath school and Home Missionary Secretary, R. G. Garcia; Educational and MV Secretary, B. U. Danato; Publishing Secretary, F. D. Lao; Ministerial and Radio Secretary, P. P. Ramos; Union Evangelist, A. A. Villarin.

The first Union Mission organization in the Philippines was the Philippine Union Mission which was organized in 1917. In 1951 this union was divided into the North and South Philippine Unions. The total membership in the Philippines at that time was 33,728. Now there are three union mission organizations in the Philippines with a total church membership of more than 80,000. The Central Union, which is made up of the East and West Visayan and Negros Missions, has just over 25,000 members. The North Philippine Union Mission consisting of the five missions on Luzon Island has just over 30,000 members, and the South Philippine Union in the three Mindanao Missions has about 25,000 members.

The headquarters of the Central Philippine Union will remain in

Cebu City and the headquarters of the South Philippine Union will be located at Davao City, the largest city on the Island of Mindanao. Plans are being made for the purchase of suitable land and construction of the new office building and other needed housing.

The Philippine Publishing House will continue to serve the entire territory of the Philippines. Representatives from the three union missions will serve on the various boards. Mountain View College will be the training school for both the Central and the South Philippine Unions, and will be operated jointly by the two unions concerned.

A new 50-bed hospital will be opened in Bacolod in the Central Philippine Union sometime during the first half of 1964 and major expansion programs are planned for both the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital and the Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital.

South Philippines

After Many Years

By **L. E. Montana, Evangelist**
South Philippine Union Mission

Argao, Cebu, had been tagged as one of the dark places of the East Visayan Mission territory to be entered this year and the mission requested the writer to lead out in an evangelistic campaign.

Argao holds a memorable place in the early history of our work in the Philippines. It was here that Dr. Carlos Fattebert and his wife came to labor in 1914. Through his labors a small church was built but death, migration and apostasies exacted a heavy toll among the members and the church ceased to exist. When we arrived in Argao we found but one lone member—a new convert who had been baptized at the Capitol Center in Cebu City.

The town of Argao is the bulwark of Catholicism in this highly Catholic province. It has given more than 30 of its sons to the Catholic priesthood and almost the same number are now studying in the seminaries. Argao was the birthplace of my father and I was born just ten kilometers from there. When I first began in the work as a literature evangelist, this was the

territory assigned to me by our publishing secretary, Pastor Ramon Almocera.

Despite its highly Catholic population, other religious organizations are working in the area, such as the Free Evangelical Church, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Iglesia Ni Kristo. Spiritism has succeeded in gaining a foothold among a segment of the Catholic population.

When we began our meetings on the night of January 27, we had to begin in a partially finished auditorium. The evangelistic team was still looking for living quarters as housing was difficult to get due to prejudice. Our meetings continued with the team still working at the construction job and living in one-room which a kindly neighbor offered to us free of charge. After two weeks we found that our hall was not large enough so we had to begin another construction job. A suitable house for us to

ly used to help defray the expenses of the archbishop to the recent Vatican Council in Rome and this greatly aroused the anger of the people. The sale had been made without their permission and no accounting of the money was given.

Not having any former members to help strengthen our converts, we decided to thoroughly indoctrinate them by presenting seventy sermon topics and thirty-five Bible marking studies. These studies were held twice a week beginning with the second week. A Bible correspondence course was opened using the lessons provided by the union mission Voice of Hope headquarters. Fifty-six students finished the course. As soon as our sermon topics had been completed and there had been baptisms, we extended our meetings by holding evangelistic services on Saturday and Sunday nights. Training Light Bearers' classes were held for the



One of the baptisms conducted by L. E. Montana, (extreme left) South Philippine Union evangelist and director of the Cebu evangelistic center, during his meeting at Argao, Cebu.

live in did not seem to be available so we put up a canvass extension at the back of the auditorium and that served as our living quarters for five months. The heat was intense and we were subjected to hordes of flies by day and mosquitoes by night. Heavy rains occasionally flooded our quarters. But we patiently endured these privations so that the message of life might penetrate this dark town.

One factor in our favor was the general feeling of anger of the local population against the parish priest for selling one of the images of their patron saint, St. Michael. It was an old relic from Spanish times. Many parts of the body were made of solid gold and so was highly prized by the town. The amount realized from the sale, which was several thousand pesos, was alleged-

new believers on Wednesday evenings and Sabbath afternoons. They were thus trained to work for others, and just recently I baptized six who had been won to the truth by two newly-baptized young men who had been members of this class.

The devil was not happy over what seemed to be an invasion into his territory. However, when a call was made for baptismal decisions, 72 signed up but the devil used all the agents he could muster up to hinder the final surrender. Physical force, intimidation, and procrastination were used against the believers. Four families were separated at first due to religious differences in the homes. A husband threatened to shoot his wife who was a prominent member and leader in Catholic church activities.

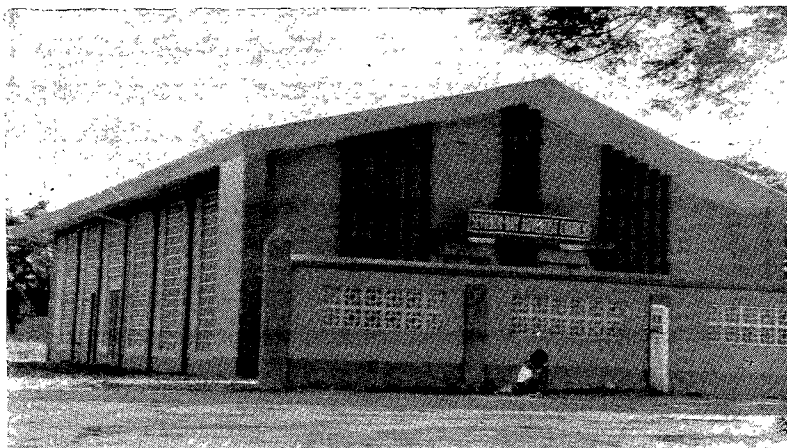
She ran away from home and was one of the first to be baptized. A man sharpened his bolo one Sabbath afternoon and threatened to bolo his wife and us if she were baptized. Nevertheless, we proceeded to the seashore. Her son, who followed us, grabbed her clothes and ran away with them. Upon counting the baptismal robes we found an extra one and so we proceeded with the baptism. A young man, who was formerly a teenage terror in his neighborhood, was boxed by his uncle right in my presence and he also challenged me to a fight. This young man stood true to his faith and is now leading another group of believers in his barrio.

Now after thirty years of spiritual darkness, beams of light are again shining forth in this town where the lights once kindled were extinguished years ago. Five months ago, practically no one rejoiced in the truths of the three angels' messages, now two Sabbath schools have been organized. One is in the Poblacion with about 58 members, and the other is in Casay, Argao, nine kilometers away with fifteen members. Baptisms thus far total 47 souls with about thirty being followed up with Bible studies. A small lot right at the entrance of the town has been bought for a church and we plan to call it "Fatebert Memorial S.D.A. church." This will be a beacon light to all truth-loving people and will perpetuate the name of our first pioneer in this province. The other group also plans to build a small Chapel of their own soon. Please include our new believers in Argao in your prayers.

A Monument to God

By **D. M. Niere, Pastor**
Zamboanga City

November 3, 1963, was a red-letter day for the Zamboanga Seventh-day Adventist Church. Culminating the week-long ministerial retreat of the South Philippine Union Mission, the new edifice valued at 30,000 pesos was dedicated to the service of God. This new church stands along the beautiful shores of Zamboanga City, a monument to God and a memorial to every witness of the religious bigotry which destroyed the first church. As the people of God we



The new church home of our Zamboanga City members. Their former church was burned to the ground just as R. C. Williams was preparing to conduct evangelistic meetings in that city.

are reminded that His truth can never be dimmed by human interventions.

This new church building is the result of the self-sacrificing spirit of the Zamboanga church members and the Zamboanga Center staff headed by Pastor R. C. Williams. A large portion of the funds came from the local and union missions and the Division. We are deeply grateful for this. A couple from California who were on a world tour and are near kin of Mrs. R. C. Williams gave a donation of US \$1000 when they heard of the sad fate which befell the first church.

Pastors A. Z. Roda, union ministerial secretary, and R. C. Williams of the Manila Center took charge of the program. Pastor A. C. Fearing of the General Conference Ministerial Association gave the dedicatory sermon. All enjoyed his sermon which was based on Nehemiah, the great builder of old. Pastor P. H. Eldridge, ministerial secretary of the Far Eastern Division, offered the dedicatory prayer. Pastor B. R. Arit, president of the Western Mindanao Mission, gave a brief history of the growth of our work in Zamboanga City. Two of the children of the pioneer missionary who was sent to labor in this city during the early twenties were present. One of these is Pastor F. M. Arrogante, president of the Northern Mindanao Mission. Other early believers were also present. Two hundred ministers and workers from the South Philippine

Union Mission attended the service.

The present membership of the Zamboanga church is 120. This includes the forty-six new members who were baptized as a result of the evangelistic effort held in this city by Pastor R. C. Williams. A large group is preparing to join the fellowship of this new church in months to come. Please pray for these dear souls.

The "Thailand" of SPUM

By **S. G. Miraflores, Principal**
West Visayan Academy

West Visayan Academy is the oldest academy in the South Philippine Union Mission. It started as a junior academy on the island of Guimaras back in 1930. Eight of the sixteen teachers who are currently teaching in the school were former students of that school.

Our union mission visitors usually refer to this school as the richest academy in the union. At least this has been so for the past several years. We are now exporting rice in order to make way for another crop for there is not room enough to receive it! The students and teachers cannot consume the bumper second crop that is now coming on. No wonder they call us the "Thailand of SPUM."

West Visayan Academy is the first school to send a teacher to Philippine Union College on a full-time graduate scholarship. We sincerely hope he can come back to

us before very long and give new meaning to school administration.

Last but certainly not the least is the fact that this school has produced the largest number of foreign missionaries of any in the Far Eastern Division.

Our courage is high and we are continuing to hold the line over here. We attribute all the praise and glory to the Lord for making the above accomplishments possible and, God willing, we plan to forge ahead.

Southeast Asia

Lee Evangelistic Team Stirs Singapore

By D. M. Barnett,
Home Missionary Secretary
Southeast Asia Union Mission

Noble efforts were put forth for Christ in the Southeast Asia Union Mission in 1963. Outstanding among these was the city-wide Chinese effort in Singapore. The evangelistic team was made up of Pastors Milton and Daniel Lee and their wives, Helen and Shirley Lee.

On August 25, the opening night, a massed rally was staged on the Padang near the Memorial Hall where the Lees were to hold their



Multitudes in Singapore saw this large sign and picture in front of Victoria Memorial Hall inviting them to the Mandarin-Cantonese lectures by the Lee team.

effort. Workers from labour unions were pressing Japan to pay a blood debt and police anticipated trouble so that section was cordoned off. Re-enforcements for the police were brought in.

Now what could be done? The opening night had been advertised; time, effort and money had gone into the preparations for this opening night. Now it appeared that no one would be able to attend. But there were 600 people who were not easily discouraged. They found a way around the blockade and the hall was filled to capacity. God's name was glorified.

One man came to join in the blood debt rally but the large picture of Christ and a large sign in front of the hall attracted his attention. His curiosity aroused, he crossed the street and was soon invited in by one of the ushers. He came every night thereafter and is now in the baptismal class preparing to join the church.

For thirty night, five nights each week, the Victoria Memorial Hall was filled with an eager and attentive audience. Pastor Milton Lee feels that it was one of the best efforts he had ever conducted—people seemed eager to learn and were intensely interested in the messages presented.

On Malaysia Day, September 15, all traffic again stopped and floats were lined up on the roads surrounding the Memorial Hall. Thousands of people came out to see the floats. The gate keeper at the Hall would not open the door for fear the crowd would rush into the

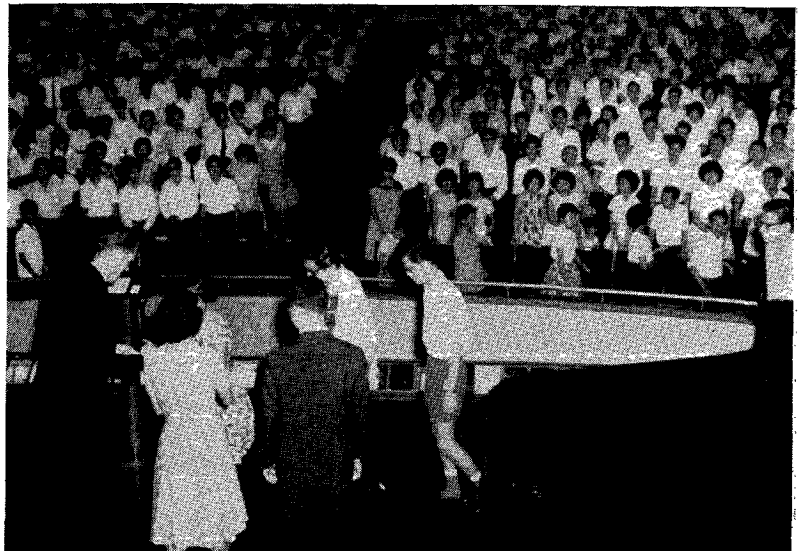
building seeking a higher point from which to watch the parade. Eventually, he was persuaded to allow the ushers to admit those with attendance books. In spite of all the obstructions and the fact the people had to walk considerable distances through the crowds, all who were not stopped and turned back by the police pressed through to the Bible lecture hall until nearly every seat was filled.

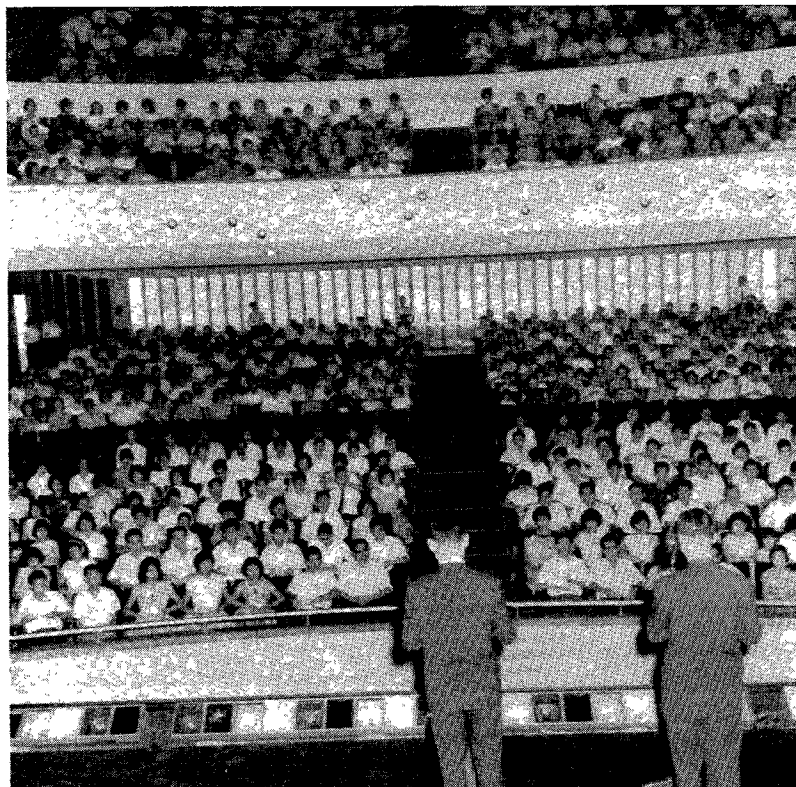
In preparation for the effort, an extension Bible correspondence school was started several months prior to the meetings. At the conclusion of the first 30 nights of meetings in the Victoria Memorial Hall a graduation service was held. The hall was filled with Bible school students and more than 200 received certificates.

The meetings were transferred to the Chinese church on Thomson Road for the last 15 nights. More than 150 people joined in the Bible Marking Class and their attendance kept up to the last night of the meetings.

In this effort, there was real team cooperation with Pastor Milton Lee speaking three night a week and Pastor Daniel Lee two night a week. Both also had speaking appointments at our two schools in Singapore—the Chinese school on Thomson Road and Southeast Asia Union College. On November 1, 34 souls were baptized in the Chinese church by Pastor Daniel Lee. Another baptism is planned for on December 21 and it is expected that 25 or 30 more will be ready to join the church at that time.

The more than 200 Bible correspondence school graduates are presented their diplomas by Milton and Daniel Lee. Mrs. Daniel Lee was their instructor.





Daniel Lee speaking to a full house of intensely interested listeners. Joshua Chong (right) translates into the Cantonese.

Offerings received during the effort amounted to over M\$3,400.00. Fifteen hundred people signed cards requesting literature and the church now has this large interest to follow up. We rejoice over the success of the Lee effort and we can see tremendous possibilities in follow-up work with nearly 1500 names of people who are somewhat acquainted with our message.

Isolated but Faithful

By D. M. Barnett

Kueh Yan Piang lives in the little town of Marudi, Sarawak. Pastor R. C. Hall landed his plane on the small airstrip and, with Pastor Jerry Chang, we walked down the hill to visit this isolated family—that is they are isolated from other Adventist families and do not have the privilege of worship and fellowship with like believers.

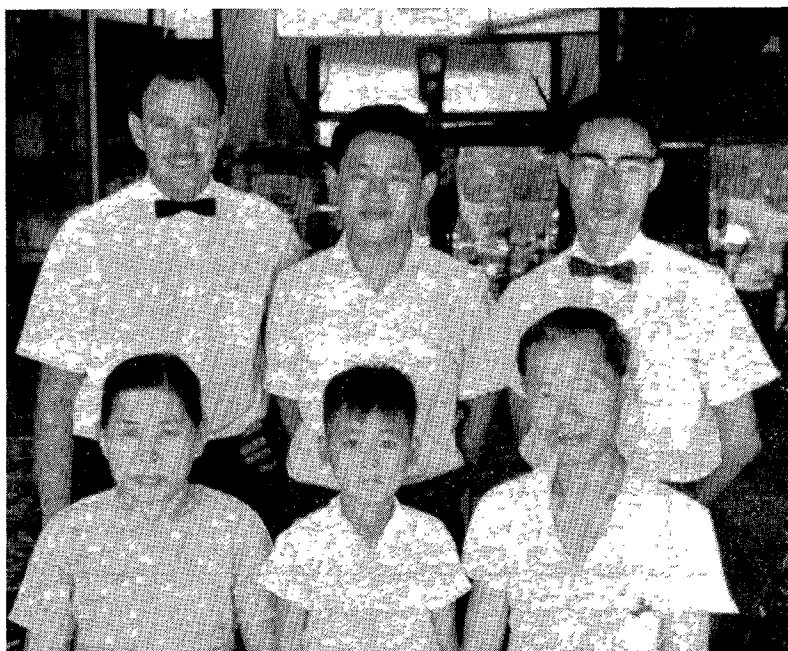
Pastor Hall had sent word ahead that we were coming and they were anticipating our arrival. It was an inspiration to meet Brother Kueh and his family. Even though

they are cut off from all but occasional contacts with other Adventists, yet they are still maintaining their faith and trust in God. It was like finding a refreshing oasis and our hearts were stimulated by our visit with this family.

Brother Kueh operates a dental clinic and he has a good practice. One of his sons manages a radio shop in the same building. Both of them close their businesses every Friday afternoon and are thus ready to keep holy the sacred hours of the Sabbath. On Sabbath mornings, the family meets together and they conduct a home Sabbath school. They sing the gospel songs, unite their voices in prayer, and then open their hearts to the entrance of God's Word as one leads out in the lesson study.

Once a month they remit their tithes and offerings to the mission headquarters in Kuching. As we listened to their testimonies, our hearts were touched by their faithfulness. Pastor Hall added that the mission can always depend on receiving a goodly sum in tithe regularly every month from Brother Kueh.

I was interested in learning how long Brother Kueh had been an Adventist. He was baptized by one of our pioneer missionaries, Pastor J. W. Rowland, back in 1921. He



Mr. and Mrs. Kueh Yan Piang and two of their sons. With them are Richard Hall and Jerry Chang. (Back row left and right)

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was the only member of his family that accepted the message then but he never gave up trying to win others. In 1956, 35 years later, Pastor Arthur Mountain baptized his wife. I was reminded of the text that assures us that they that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He had not been hiding his light under a basket but he had let it shine.

As a result of the work of Brother Kueh, six young people from his village are attending Sunny Hill School in Kuching and all of them are deeply interested in our message. Two are his own boys. He also has a daughter attending Columbia Union College, formerly Washington Missionary College. She is preparing for a part in God's service. Two more of his children are looking forward to the day when they too can be baptized into the same faith as their father—more living testimonies to his faithfulness.

In January and February of 1963 the river next to Marudi overflowed its banks and covered the village with water nine to thirteen feet deep. The Kuehs, same as the other villagers, moved to the second story of their shop. The water did not all recede for a month. Their losses were great but they thanked God for protecting them through it all. Brother Kueh expressed his thankfulness by giving a liberal donation for us to take back to Kuching for the Sunny Hill School building program.

Before leaving Marudi that day to continue our Ingathering work in other areas, we knelt in a little circle with the Kueh family to pray that God would keep them faithful to the end, make them shining lights in that village, torches of truth to lighten the hearts of those about them.

An isolated family back in the jungle areas of Sarawak you say! Yes and no. They are isolated from contact with fellow believers in the faith but not from the source of their strength and fellowship with Christ. God has kept them and He is able to keep all souls who commit themselves unreservedly into His hands.

"Big Month" in Japan

By V. L. Bretsch,
Publishing Department Secretary

The month of November was set aside by our union mission committee as a special "BIG MONTH"

achievement program for the literature evangelists and church members within our union mission. The publishing department and the publishing house cooperated in supplying some very nice awards for those who were outstanding in hours worked and for those who turned in the best missionary reports.

The North Mission turned in sales reports showing a total of 4,181,981 yen worth of literature sold during the month. Their Big Week total for 1963 was 877,765 yen. The November report for 1962 showed sales amounting to 2,044,582 yen. The North Mission established new records this month when three literature evangelists each delivered more than 200,000 yen worth of literature. This is the highest single individual sales for one month's time in our history. The sales of one young man totalled 251,260 yen.

The South Mission delivered 3,713,866 yen worth of literature in November as compared with the 1962 November total of 1,627,065. Their Big Week total was a staggering 1,062,456 yen, another new record. This is the highest single week's sale of literature by a local mission in our history.

Not to be outdone by the larger missions, Okinawa's six literature evangelists delivered 359,730 yen worth of literature as compared with sales amounting to 130,680 yen in 1962. They show an almost 40 percent increase in sales this year (11 months) over the previous year.

We also wish to express our appreciation to our pastors and members throughout the Japan Union Mission who entered into the spirit of our BIG WEEK and BIG MONTH programs. Hours were spent in literature distribution. Sales reported by churches range from 3,250 yen to as high as 20,285 yen. In the South Mission the publishing leaders were joined by the mission office workers and local pastors in selling more than 300,000 yen worth of literature during Big Week.

May God grant that the inspiration of this Big Month program will remain with us and serve to enlarge our vision to comprehend the heights of achievement before us if we will but reach out for them.

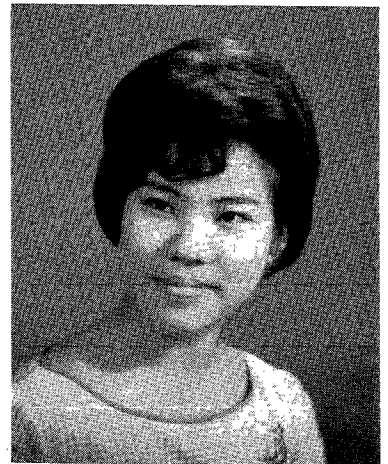
North Philippines

"Firm As a Rock for Principle"

By B. B. Alsaybar, Principal and Public Relations Officer

Lily Pan is a senior student in Philippine Union College Academy. Early this school year she was unanimously chosen by the faculty to represent the school in the competition for the American Field Service scholarship which carries an all-expenses-paid, one-year study and travel in the United States.

At the division screening, she passed with superior rating. During the interview she was asked, how-



Miss Lily Pan

ever, if she would be able to attend social functions on Saturdays while in the States. Lily's answer was of course No. And because this was the only question with her—her religion—they decided to recommend her for candidacy for the national screening.

At the Chancery building of the American Embassy on November 7, Lily was one of the 32 candidates for Manila and suburbs from which 18 were to be chosen. Again she emerged with flying colors. She satisfied everyone of the screening committee in point of scholarship, personality, facility in English, character, reasoning power, etc. But the question came up again, would

she be prepared to attend social functions on Saturdays in the United States? She was told that this she must do in order to be a good representative of her country. Her answer again was a courteous but firm No.

The screening committee adjourned. They decided to give Lily 48 hours during which she was asked to "consider and reconsider" the matter. Lily, however, did not need the 48 hours, though she was grateful for the interest of the screening committee members. She knew she had lost the scholarship.

Lily did not make the grade to represent her country because of being true to her religion. She is indeed a shining representative of young people in our church who are trained properly in the home and in our schools and who when faced with a challenge like this would rather stand for principle than "enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

"The greatest want of the world," we are told, "is the want of men ... who in their inmost souls are true and honest ... men who will stand for the right..."

Would that we had more Lily's in the ranks of our youth!

South China Island

Youth Baptisms at Aberdeen

By C. D. Martin, Division MV Secretary

It was an impressive sight to see the 26 young people walk out into the water at Aberdeen and follow their Master in baptism. This was the experience of the friends and teachers of the Sam Yuk Secondary School in Hong Kong who witnessed the baptismal service on Wednesday morning, November 20, 1963. Here was the fruitage of the youth evangelism crusade of the Missionary Volunteer Society.

The story really began with the Voice of Youth effort which was held in Aberdeen last July when a group of students, who had recently been baptized themselves, organized to share their faith. One of the city pastors teamed up with the young people and the campaign was launched. The youth put up the posters, handed out handbills



The 26 Chinese young people who were baptized at Aberdeen. Seated, beginning second from the left are the four ministers who officiated at this service.



MV Secretary G. J. Bertochini addressing the baptismal candidates. T. M. Lei, left, translated for him.

week by week, visited Voice of Prophecy contacts and during the meetings the young people did the ushering, sang in the choir and provided special music. It was a thrilling experience and the Lord richly blessed their efforts. Every meeting was well attended by more than 100 youth of Aberdeen. The chapel was filled and there were more than 300 children on the roof top for their special program.

As the meetings progressed, the interest continued on. Sixty-nine young people signed their names to join the Bible study class and later 46 were organized into a baptismal class. It is easy to understand how happy the students of the branch Sam Yuk Secondary School in Aberdeen were when it was

finally announced that a baptismal service would be held. Pastor Handel Luke and Alex Lam organized the program and made the necessary arrangements. The candidates were questioned and the details finalized.

The brilliant sun seemed to shine a little brighter that Wednesday morning, November 20, as the dedicated 26 young people made their way down into the sea. Pastors T. M. Lei, L. S. Chan, G. J. Bertochini and C. D. Martin officiated at this service. As the students and teachers stood on the beach singing, these fine young people pledged themselves to the service of the Lord. Here was a stirring testimony that devoted youth working for their friends can bring many to Christ.

NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Baldwin returned from furlough just prior to the Division Council in Baguio, he to resume his work as secretary-treasurer of the North Philippine Union Mission. Mrs. Leah Baldwin, mother of Brother Baldwin, joined them later in Manila and she will make her home with them.

● Dr. L. R. Downing, for the past several years academic dean at Mountain View College, has accepted a call to join Southeast Asia Union College as president of that institution. Daniel Tan, who has been the acting president since the departure of P. G. Miller, former president, is planning to go to Philippine Union College for graduate studies.

● Pastor and Mrs. K. Tilstra are now living in Loma Linda, California. Brother Tilstra will be working for the Voice of Prophecy in the interest of the more than 60,000 Dutch people living in southern California. If funds permit there will be a Dutch broadcast once a week and that will be a medium for advertising the Bible course. Mrs. Tilstra writes: "This project will be our part in doing missionary work at home. We are still homesick for New Guinea but we are happy that the Olivers are doing such a good work."

● Bunny Cheah, who recently returned from Walla Walla College where he completed the college course with a major in business administration, has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Sabah (Borneo) Mission. Bunny and his wife, formerly Kathryn Lim, will leave shortly for their new home. Since returning from the States, Bunny has been teaching at Southeast Asia Union College.

● We were shocked and saddened to hear of the death of Josue A. Ladion from a heart attack on the morning of December 24. He was a member of the Mountain View College faculty. He leaves his wife, two children and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Our sincerest sympathy to the bereaved family.

● Pastor John T. Mason, publishing secretary of the North Philippine Union, has been appointed assistant publishing secretary of the Far Eastern Division.

We anticipate the arrival of the Masons in Singapore at an early date and the welcome mat is out on the Division compound.

● P. R. Sibarani, who has been the secretary-treasurer of the Sabah (Borneo) Mission for a number of years, is being transferred to the Sarawak Mission where he will serve in the same office.

Sixty-Eight Non-SDA Students Respond

We just closed our Week of Prayer with the real blessing of the Lord. I was the guest speaker—guest in that I am new here and have not taken up my work with the college as yet—and the president of the college, M. D. Lee was my interpreter. The entire week was filled with wonderful experiences and at the close of the week, on the last Friday night, 68 of our non-Adventist students at Taiwan Missionary College took their stand for the Lord and joined the baptismal classes that had been arranged for by the faculty.

There is a fine group of students at this college and many come from non-Adventist homes. This group of 68 includes nearly every one of these students. Our people here who are used to working with these students are hopeful that at least fifty will join God's church at the completion of the baptismal classes in the spring.

—G. E. Volsch, Teacher
Taiwan Missionary College

● Pastor F. R. Millard, returning to Washington, D. C., from the Australasian Division, spent a few days in Singapore with his daughter Betty who is one of the teachers in the elementary school on the Division compound. Pastor Millard has many friends and former co-workers in the Far Eastern Division where he served for many years before joining the secretarial staff of the General Conference. En route home he hopes to visit a number of our centers. He was a welcome visitor to our Division compound.

● Pastor and Mrs. A. V. Dick are guests on our compound for a few days. Brother Dick has been called to be the Bible teacher at Mountain View College in the South Philippine Union Mission.

● I have been requested to inform the readers of the Far Eastern

Division Outlook that the article, "The Pink Dress Miracle", appearing on page 6 of the December issue was written by Mr. Do Binh, translated by Mr. Le Cong Giao and rewritten by Mrs. Wilbur Burton. —E. A. Brodeur

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