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Baptisms in Bangkok

By D. Kenneth Smith, Chaplain
Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital

DURING the first nine months of 1964, fifty new members have been baptized into the Bangkok Sanitarium church, Bangkok, Thailand. Two more baptismal services are planned before the end of the year. Of the fifty that have been baptized so far, forty were patients and workers at the hospital, or hospital contacts. In addition to these, seven former patients were baptized and united with the Bangkok Chinese church.

The chaplain's department of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital has been strengthened by the addition of several workers. At the present time, Mrs. Jean Smith and Boonsong Chinda are working especially for the workers and students. The writer, Pastor K. S. Wong, Branee Chinda, and Somchai Piromkraipukd are responsible for the visitation of patients and following up the interests. Chawlit Artamapadung directs the literature distribution program, the Bible correspondence work among the patients, workers, and students, and is in charge of the public address system. Another Bible worker, Miss Urai Chaitip, is being called to work for the women patients with Mrs. Chinda.

Working with the writer in the church, are two young men, Khun Keo Ayuperm and Khun Sutin Plainert. They are busy with Bible studies. In the last baptism, October 3, when seventeen were baptized, three were candidates Khun Keo had prepared. Several months ago, a nurse aid at the hospital was preparing for baptism. But before she could be baptized, she became sick and passed away. After the



New converts who were recently baptized in the Bangkok Sanitarium church.

funeral, arrangements were made to study with her aged mother and her two children, ages fourteen and seventeen. Now they have been baptized and they look forward to the resurrection morning when they can meet again with their loved one.

Pastor Darrell Nicola, the newly-appointed hospital chaplain of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, has arrived with his family, and he and his wife are beginning their study of the Thai language. We are looking forward to the time when Pastor Nicola will be able to give his full time to the work of the chaplain's department, and lay plans for a chaplains' training program for the chaplains of the Far Eastern Division.

The spiritual life of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital workers

has recently been greatly helped by the fall Week of Prayer conducted by Pastor Boyd Olson, educational secretary of the Far Eastern Division. Pastor Olson's practical messages on the steps of conversion under the series title of "Christ Is the Answer" brought home to every heart the way to the abundant life in Christ. Thirty-four signed decision cards indicating their desire to prepare for baptism. Pastor Olson also conducted Week of Prayer meetings for the students in the overseas church school, and eleven requested studies to help prepare them for baptism. We greatly appreciate the high spiritual tone of the messages and Pastor Olson's warm and consecrated ministry.

As the soul-winning activities of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hos-

pital and the Bangkok Sanitarium church continue, we pray that God will bless in an even greater way than in the past. Please pray for the work in this large center that many souls will be led to Christ and eternal life.

1964 — A Great Year for Vacation Bible Schools

By H. E. McClure

I don't know what to do. We have so many children I can't take care of them all. Can you send me teachers? Can't you come yourself? Catch the night bus and you'll be here tomorrow. I must have help immediately. I'm frightened! Be sure to bring another 20 to 30 copies of the Activity books." This was the excited message Mrs. Pauline Barnett, head of the Sabbath School Department of the Southeast Asia Union, heard as she picked up the telephone receiver in Singapore a few weeks ago.

The voice she heard was that of Mrs. Waworoendeng, wife of the pastor in Malacca. It was the third evening of their Vacation Bible School period. She had learned about this program in one of the institutes held in the Malaya Mission and decided to try a small one at first, with perhaps 15 or 20 pupils. Before the opening day so many had told her they were coming that she was forced to move out of their one-room church, which was the living room of the Waworoendeng home. She was fortunate in obtaining a large room kindly furnished by the military. Not only Indian and Chinese children flocked into the VBS, but British children as well. The number increased daily. Finally, on the third evening she excitedly made the call mentioned above. Mrs. Barnett sent her a good teacher and more books to care for the 72 students enrolled. Mrs. Waworoendeng says that next year they can easily have two to three times that many children enrolled without any special advertising—if she can only have enough teachers.

It is the same story from all parts of the Far Eastern Division, with slight variations, of course. There is no limit to the number of boys and girls who can be enrolled in 1965. We just need the foresight to plan and prepare, the courage to venture, and the volunteer personnel to serve.

Indeed, the 1964 record of Vacation Bible Schools in the Far East is one to cheer the heart, and water the soul. Every union and the two detached missions all participated in the VBS plan in 1964 for the first time. The record for previous years was good from the great majority of the unions, but there were one or two which had not yet tasted the joy and satisfaction that come from engaging in this type of community soul-saving service.

The summary report for the Division in 1964 shows a total enrollment of approximately 160,000 enrolled in nearly 2,000 separate schools, with around 8,000 dedicated men, women, and young people leading, assisting or teaching. The full story is yet to be told, and of course eternity alone will reveal final results; but we already know of nearly 100 baptized as a result of the Vacation Bible Schools held in 1964. Thousands upon thousands of boys and girls, and parents too, have enrolled in the Sabbath school; hundreds of new branch Sabbath schools have been organized; scores of cottage meetings have been held; and hundreds are studying the message as a result of a great follow-up program that is even now being carried on.

Consider these comparisons for a fuller appreciation of the full significance of these figures listed above. In 1963 approximately 99,000 were enrolled in Vacation Bible Schools in the Far East. Thus our gain has been approximately 60,000. Consider further that last year the total enrollment for the entire world field (including the Far East) was about 171,000. The enrollment in the Far East alone this year is within 11,000 of the world total just one year ago! What hath God wrought!

Korea of course is the shining example of VBS success. The accomplishments there during several recent years have been a great inspiration to Sabbath school leaders and members the world over. But the 1964 record in Korea eclipses anything done even there, either last year or in any previous year. Writing regarding their 1964 report, Pastor Ralph S. Watts, Jr., recently stated, "In Korea we have our own interpretation of the 144,000, and that is VBS enrollments. Latest reports indicate 144,145 enrollments, 111,984 graduates in 864 schools,

with 4,202 teachers. . . . The largest VBS was Chonan of the Middle West Mission, with 2,500 enrollments and 1,550 graduates. However, the Chai Chon church in the Middle East Mission conducted 20 separate Vacation Bible Schools, beginning on May 22 and running into September. Their enrollment: 7,045 with 6,695 graduates."

Korea increased their enrollments over their 1963 record from approximately 81,000 to 144,000. Fantastic! Yet true. But this outstanding record did not just happen. It was carefully planned for. Materials were prepared and printed in record numbers. A wonderful organization was perfected, and a careful training program was carried on. Then, of course, there was a wholehearted response in the churches, as over 4,000 dedicated men, women, and young people unstintingly gave of their time and talents to reach and teach the boys and girls and their parents as well.

Thrilling, stirring stories of VBS accomplishments and triumphs could be related from every union in the division territory should space permit. We think of the 105 Vacation Bible Schools held in the South China Island Union; the hearty endorsement given to the program by Mr. Adam, head of the Department of Religion in West Java after attending a VBS near Bandung and remaining all day, so intrigued was he; and the fact that in the Palembang VBS where 28 were enrolled, 13 were from Moslem homes, 10 were Buddhists, 3 Catholics, one Protestant, and only one from an Adventist home.

1964 will go down in history as a great year for Vacation Bible School Evangelism in the Far East. But these attainments should be only preludes to a far greater work in the year that lies just ahead.

Southeast Asia

Floods in Vietnam

By H. W. Bedwell, President
Southeast Asia Union Mission

FOR the past several years Vietnam has been troubled by serious political problems that have hindered the work of the church. In recent weeks additional troubles have come upon this land. Weeks



This picture of Phu Hoa village was taken on the twelfth day of the flood. A recently-built church in this village was seriously damaged.

of heavy and prolonged rains, and two destructive typhoons have recently swept through the Central Vietnam area in and about Tourane.

Serious flooding in many areas has resulted in the loss of crops, homes, animals, and people. According to reports, nearly a million people have been made homeless and hungry, or affected to a serious extent. Nearly 8,000 lives have been lost.

Many Seventh-day Adventist church members and workers have been seriously affected. As far as can be determined, no lives of Seventh-day Adventists have been lost. But many have lost their homes, and all, or nearly all, of their earthly possessions. Their food supplies and rice crops have been destroyed. Thus, many are faced with hunger and starvation.

To meet this crisis, the Vietnam Mission and church members gathered together five tons of food, clothing, and supplies which were airlifted by plane to the flooded areas. Vietnam and United States agencies made possible the free transportation by air of these supplies. The union office has also made available emergency funds for relief purposes.

An appeal has been made to the Far Eastern Division and the General Conference for emergency assistance in this time of crisis. The union appointed December 5 as the time for a special union-wide Disaster Offering to be taken in all the churches in Southeast Asia to aid the flood victims.

MV Camping in Vietnam

By W. A. Burton, MV Secretary
Vietnam Mission

VVIETNAM'S youth recently enjoyed another camp. This was the first one to be held in the mountains of Dalat. Such calm, peaceful beauty was in direct contrast to the war and trouble in much of this country.

Youth camps can hold challenges, and this was to be no exception. On the opening day of camp, we discovered that the rainy season was going to be just a little early

this year! Plans had to be altered in a hurry, for tents which were reputed to be water-proof, suddenly were not. Sufficient tents for sleeping were found, but the cafeteria and craft tents were not good enough to use. In Dalat City, Pastor Thanh offered his front porch for cooking and eating, which meant that three times a day, everyone rode the five miles back to Dalat to eat.

Crafts were held in the open air. It was here that God showed His goodness to His own children. The area surrounding our camp was drenched with rain each afternoon; but we never lost faith. When it started to sprinkle, we would quietly remind God that this was His camp, and He took care of the rest.

Surprises? Yes, we had those on the fourth night of camp. Several boys with their counselor, Mr. Hung, went to the spring as usual to take their baths. Suddenly they heard terrible noises and they felt sure the Communists were attacking. Quickly the boys jumped behind trees and not a moment too soon, for two of them were violently hit on the head and shoulders. After that it was each person on his own, and each boy decided that "his own" was to return to camp as rapidly as possible. It was a long time before sleep reigned in camp that night!

Early the next morning, the writer investigated. There ON the path



These boys and girls in Vietnam have something to be happy about as they pose for their picture showing their textile paintings.



Number painting was one of the crafts enjoyed by the juniors at their camp in Vietnam.

and ACROSS the spring itself, lay a huge tree about 90 feet long. It had not been Communists who had caused the disturbance, but a dead tree, eaten by termites. God was good to us that night. If the tree had fallen a few minutes earlier or later it would have killed the boys as they walked either up the path to the spring or away from the spring.

One week later a successful junior camp was held in Danang, despite the fact that the Communists have made it unsafe to camp on the beach or anywhere outside the city limits. Pastor Thien and Mrs. Brooks solved the problem by transporting all 30 children the eight kilometers to camp in the morning, and bringing them back in the evening.

Danang was not in its rainy season, and for this the leaders and counselors were thankful. However, Typhoon Edna came along to help out, and brought with it enough rain to make it necessary for the campfire stories to be told in the church each evening. But again, God was good to us. On the last night of camp everyone prayed for dry weather, and God heard and answered our prayers. Campfire, stories, and marshmallows (from an American friend) made a grand ending.

Surprises? Yes! Challenges, fun, faith in God strengthened? Ycs! More camps next year? Yes!

Korea

Korean Publishing House Groundbreaking

By Robert L. Sheldon, Manager
Korean Signs of the Times
Publishing House

OCTOBER 8, 1964, marked another milestone in the advance of the publishing work in Korea. On this day the new extension was started for the Korean Signs of the Times Publishing House. A two-

storied building, 60 feet by 70 feet will be erected next to the present building. Funds for this building have come from a recent Missions Extension Offering, and the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow from the third quarter of 1964.

This extension has been planned over the last five years, but has seen many setbacks. Because of a master street plan running through the planned site, this addition was cancelled. Other building site problems have cancelled two following plans. Early in 1964 the city of Seoul revised their city plans, making it possible to utilize the land adjacent to the publishing house. It was felt that this was the most ideal location, and plans were revised and revised to meet present needs.

Friends of the publishing house gathered at the building site on October 8 for a simple groundbreaking ceremony. Pastor C. A. Williams, chairman of the Board of Directors, spoke briefly. "We have seen progress in every department of our work in Korea. We have every reason to expect advancement in the publishing department," he explained. "The literature evangelist army has grown from 70 workers five years ago, to 200 today. The publishing house has a good record of producing new books." Twenty-two of Mrs. E. G. White's books have been translated and printed in Korean. **Desire of Ages**, in three volumes, is translated and will soon be published.

This new building, which will triple present floor space, will be finished in March, 1965.

Left to right: C. A. Williams, president of the Korean Union Mission; R. L. Sheldon, manager of the Korean Publishing House; E. Yul Kim, editor; R. C. Thomas, publishing secretary; and Kun Kee Lee, contractor.





Korea's 225 literature evangelists and their leaders. Seated in the center of the second row are: G. W. Munson, Korean Union evangelist; R. C. Thomas, publishing secretary of the Korean Union; and J. T. Mason, assistant publishing secretary of the division.

"There were Two of You"

By Russell C. Thomas, Publishing Secretary, Korean Union Mission

"WILL you stop selling tobacco or will you drop out of the work?" was the question asked by the mission president and publishing department secretary. Literature evangelist Kim had a little store which was taken care of by his wife. The devil's products sell the best, and thus later Mr. Kim made the mistake of selling tobacco. Mrs. Kim made more from the tobacco sales than her husband could make as a literature evangelist. One sin leads to another. So the window to the little four by four street store was soon left open on the Sabbath too.

Brother Kim, though not the best salesman, by hard work and long hours, had topped all literature evangelist sales. Satan did not like this and tried his most successful wedge—the love of money.

After much counseling and prayer, in a spirit of love, by some of the brethren, Brother Kim made a clean break.

Several weeks later as he was

canvassing in the country, passing through the green rice paddies, a farmer dressed in the typical white Korean clothes hailed him, exclaiming, "What kind of a man are you? What are you doing?" Brother Kim explained his work. Then the farmer asked, "But, then, where is your partner?"

"I have no partner, sir. I work alone."

Then the farmer began questioning him in detail as though he disbelieved him, saying, "But THERE WERE TWO OF YOU. I saw two of you coming. Then I looked up again and the other man had gone."

Brother Kim had the opportunity of explaining to him that we have the companionship of heavenly beings. "That must have been my angel companion that you saw. Thank God for this wonderful experience," said Brother Kim.

Later this farmer looked up one of our church members. He told this member how he had been a reader of the *Signs* magazine for a long time. Then he told how he had seen these two men coming the other day. "When the man talked with me there was only one," he exclaimed. "He went on down the

road and there were two of them again."

It was thrilling recently to see 225 literature evangelists and their leaders crowded into one of our small churches, sitting on the floor, taking instruction from Pastor J. T. Mason, assistant publishing secretary of the Far Eastern Division, on how to go out and do more effective soul winning.

ALL WALKS OF LIFE. Your heart would thrill were you to sit down on the floor with me behind those literature evangelists and learn that one was a former Communist, another was a school teacher. Three men were policemen, one a former minister of another faith, and one was a county commissioner. Men who have been successful in other lines are being called of God to finish the work in Korea.

GIDEON'S ARMY. For five years our goal has been to have a Gideon's army of three hundred fearless warriors in the literature evangelist army. Our aim is to reach thirty million won in sales in 1965, or a 35% increase over 1964, and to work hand in hand with Pastor George Munson and the other pastors in evangelism. Our literature

evangelists have pledged to Pastor R. S. Watts, Jr. to raise up over 400 branch Sabbath schools in 1965.

BREAKING THROUGH. One story the literature evangelists told us was especially thrilling. One hundred miles off the east coast of Korea lies an island with no Seventh-day Adventist believers. We have canvassed this island year after year, and had full-fledged evangelistic efforts there, but as yet not one person has become a Seventh-day Adventist. The principal of a large school there recently wrote one of our literature evangelists saying that he had completed the Bible Correspondence Course, read our book, and was planning to become a Seventh-day Adventist. The people on that island have never seen a train, never seen a car, and have seen only one bicycle. Our hopes are that they will see something even greater than these — the power of the Gospel — and be able to say even though there was only one literature evangelist, "I saw, and THERE WERE TWO OF YOU." Let me appeal to my brethren in the homeland to take up the literature work, and work hand in hand with heavenly beings.

Brief News from Korea

A total of 737 evangelistic meetings and 19,439 decisions for Christ have been reported in Korea during 1964.

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For the first nine months of this year over one million pieces of literature have been distributed, and missionary visits total over a quarter of a million.

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Pastors Milton Lee and George Munson have recently conducted evangelistic meetings in the city of Seoul. Pastor and Mrs. Lee spent three months in Korea this fall holding meetings for the Chinese people in Seoul. The Lord blessed their efforts, and it is expected that over 40 persons will be baptized, which will double the membership of the Chinese church in Seoul. Pastor Munson's meetings were very well attended with over 1,500 present each evening. On October 31, 143 persons were baptized, which is the largest number ever baptized from a single effort in Korea.

Baptisms in Korea for the first nine months of 1964 total 3,976, which is almost twice the number of baptisms reported last year. Reports are still coming in, and we feel certain we will go over the 4,000 mark for the year. We praise the Lord for this wonderful harvest of souls.

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Sabbath school membership in Korea has increased at the average rate of approximately 900 per month, for the first three quarters of 1964.

South China Island

Brief News from SCIUM

By **C. B. Miller, President**
South China Island Union Mission

PASTOR G. J. Bertocchini, who for the past number of years has been carrying several depart-



Pastor G. J. Bertocchini

ments in the South China Island Union Mission, has been appointed president of the Taiwan Missionary College.

After graduating from Emmanuel Missionary College, he entered educational work in the Columbia Union Conference. While on furlough in 1961 he attended Andrews University, and received his Master's degree in Education.

Pastor Bertocchini will continue to carry the YPMV Department along with his new position as college president.



Welda S. Jamandre, M.D.

Welda S. Jamandre, M.D. of the Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital, has been more than busy the last few months. Her reputation in the OB. Department is being proclaimed in ever-increasing circles in Taiwan. During the month of October she broke all previous records when she delivered 84 babies. September had been a good month with 61 deliveries. August had been another banner month with 72.

Before coming to Taiwan, Dr. Jamandre completed a residency in OB. Gyn. at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital. She also had special training at the White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles.

A Loving Tribute to Godly Parents

By **E. L. Longway**

ON the morning of November 22, 1964, the groundbreaking ceremony for the proposed new church in connection with the South China Union College, took place on the site at the college. Pastors R. R. Figuhr, C. B. Miller, and A. J. Robbins, and Brother Chan Shun, of the Crocodile Shirt Factory, were the principal participants in the ceremony.

Brother Samuel Young, currently the president of the college, gave a brief review of the history of the school, mentioning various people who have been instrumental in fostering the institution from its infancy to the present time. Pastor H. S. Leung, a former president of the school, read an appropriate passage of Scripture, which emphasized the fact that, "Except the

Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

Brother Chan was called upon to explain to the assembled guests his reasons for making his gift of HK\$250,000.00 for the express purpose of building a house of worship at the South China Union College. He told of how his parents had moved to Saigon in the early days of the Sino-Japanese war, and with very meager means, established their business, which has since grown to its present proportions. He spoke with great feeling of how his father and mother had insisted from the very beginning, on observing faithfully two cardinal points of the Seventh-day Adventist faith — the keeping of the Sabbath, and the paying of God's tenth to His church. He further remarked that his father had acted on the same principle that motivated the patriarchs Abraham and Isaac, who, wherever they pitched their tents, erected an altar unto the Lord. His father and mother had been among the prime movers in establishing a Chinese church in Saigon, and in providing a house of worship for the church.

Among other things that Brother Chan mentioned as motivation for his gift was the fact that the SCUC has now been designated as the training center for Chinese workers for the entire Far Eastern territory, and the youth who are trained in the college for the ministry should have the privilege of worshipping in a properly built and dedicated house of worship as an integral part of their training for such service. When he had completed his speech he simply said, "Pastor Miller, it gives me great pleasure and much satisfaction to be able this day to honor my father and mother by making this gift, and to carry out the teachings and wishes of my parents that we support the work of God here on earth to the extent of our ability."

In accepting the gift from Brother and Sister Chan, appropriate remarks were spoken by Pastor C. B. Miller. Pastor Figuhr spoke briefly of the appreciation of the General Conference and the entire denomination for this splendid gift. He hoped that this church would indeed prove a place where God's name would be honored, and a place where those in perplexity, sorrow, or distress, could meet with

the God of all comfort and all wisdom.

The church will be a modern reinforced concrete structure, with a seating capacity of approximately 300. It is to be known as the King Fai Tang, in honor of Brother Chan's worthy father, who passed to his rest some years ago, and is buried in Hong Kong.

Advancement in SCIUM

By C. B. Miller, President
South China Island Union Mission

GOD has richly blessed His work in the South China Island Union Mission this past year. Every condition has been favorable for the preaching of the gospel. With the help of the Lord, advancement has been made.

For the first nine months of 1964, 611 persons have been baptized. Our total membership now stands at 6,984. We feel that the division of the island of Taiwan into two missions will lead to more baptisms in the future.

This year our own Union publishing house was organized. This has been a great help to our literature evangelists in supplying them with more books. Under the leadership of Brother Larry Colburn, 29 students entered the literature work this summer. They were successful in selling almost US\$8,000.00 worth of books. With this record we believe more promising young people will enter this field of service next year.

The 13th Sabbath offering for the third quarter of this year broke all former records. Perhaps the fact that a portion of this was to come to our own island field helped to inspire our members to give more than ever before. This offering amounted to US\$1,723.89. Within the past year our Sabbath school attendance has grown from 16,572 to 18,545.

May 20 was a high day in our Union this year. It was on this date that the Tsuen Wan Hospital was officially opened; however, patients were not received until about a month later. The officials and the community have received us very well. Dr. Roger Heald and his staff have built up a good reputation, and have labored far beyond the call of duty in organizing and starting this new institution.

The opening of the Hong Kong

medical work threw many and heavy burdens on the Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital. The work headed by Dr. E. C. Frank in this hospital, is appreciated by people over the entire island of Taiwan.

Recently several new families have come to join our medical work. The work in the Tsuen Wan Hospital has been greatly strengthened with the arrival of Dr. Marjorie Young, Dr. Duane Brueske and family, and Miss Opaljean Whiteaker. All these have previously served in the Far Eastern Division. In Taiwan, Dr. Lyn. Lamberton and family arrived in January, and this summer he opened our new dental department. The arrival of Dr. George Vannix and family in August also brought courage and strength to the staff of the hospital. And just recently our new hospital manager, Mr. Ramon Forbes, and family arrived from the States. These workers are all new in mission service, but are giving very strong help in their chosen fields.

Our educational work continues to grow, as is evidenced by an enrollment of nearly 500 students in our two colleges. We have also started a tribal school for boys in South Taiwan. Seventy young men applied for entrance this year, but we could accept only 36 at this time. The students are living and studying in tents while the building program is in progress.

We are full of courage as we face a new year, and we consecrate ourselves to the finishing of the task of spreading this gospel message to all in the South China Island Union Mission.

Irian Barat Mission

News Items from West Irian

ON Sabbath, October 24, the largest baptism to date in the mission, was held at the West Irian Junior Academy. Forty-two were baptized, climaxing the school Week of Prayer, and the successful conclusion of a series of public meetings held in the nearby town of Sentani by Brother Jorry Sumual and the students and staff of the school.

A second public effort is currently being held by Pastor L. A. Smith in the town of Abepura, which is 16 kilometers from Surkarnapura. The attendance has been good, with over 80 persons regularly attending the Bible-marking class which follows the regular evening meeting.

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Mrs. L. A. Smith and the three children left Irian Barat for furlough in Australia, and Australian New Guinea, on November 11. Pastor Smith will follow about the middle of December when the public effort in Abepura is completed.

Central Philippines

East Visayan Mission Ministerial Institute

By A. Z. Roda, Ministerial Secretary, Central Philippine Union Mission

THE largest local mission in the Philippines as far as membership is concerned, is the East Visayan Mission, with over 12,500 members. The mission territory is large and populous. Samar island is the third largest in the Philippines. Leyte and Cebu are two of the most thickly populated islands in the country, while Cebu City is the second largest city in the Philippines. Population explosion is a problem, and with this follows the grave responsibility of proclaiming

the advent message to the millions in this vast territory.

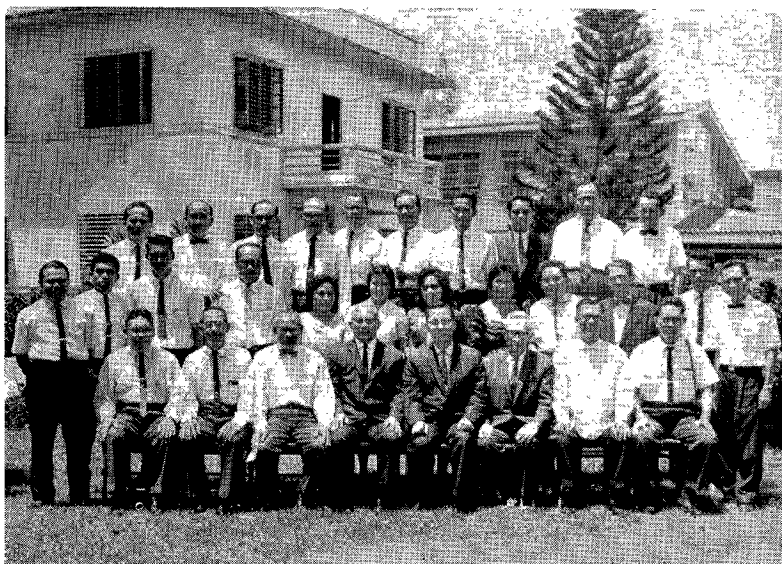
A ministerial institute was held the first week of September, 1964, with all the office and field workers, including some wives, attending. The retreat was held in one of nature's beautiful spots high up in the mountains about fifteen miles from Cebu City. The camp was made available for our use by the Y. M. C. A.

Items on administration were ably handled by Pastor E. A. Capobres, president of the Central Philippine Union, and Pastor B. R. Arit, president of the East Visayan Mission. Brother J. M. Coloma, secretary-treasurer of the East Visayan Mission, gave instruction in matters of finance. The departmental secretaries also assisted in these meetings.

The writer led out in the devotional meetings, and was assisted by Pastors Capobres and Sabine. Subjects on pastoral and evangelistic ministry were presented in the studies.

In a sermon entitled, "It is Time to Fly!" the writer emphasized the need of putting on the wings of faith and prayer, and having the power of the Holy Spirit. We need to reach spiritual heights, and live above the world. We need today a crusade to remove all worldliness out of the church. If souls are to be won as is expected in these last days, and as is assured us by those wonderful words of inspiration, "thousands shall be converted in a day," we must be girded with the wings of faith and prayer, and have the power of the Holy Spirit.

Workers who attended the East Visayan Mission ministerial institute held in Toledo City, September 9-12, 1964.



Everyone, we believe, returned home determined to attain a higher level of spiritual living, and bear more fruitful ministry.

North Philippines

Filipino Nurse Flies on 16,000-Mile Mercy Mission

MISS Nenita Sumalnap recently made a Libya to Tokyo 16,000-mile mercy mission, and received the gratitude of the Japanese people. Miss Sumalnap is a member of the Benghazi Adventist Hospital staff, and one of PUC's foreign



Miss Nenita Sumalnap

missionaries.

A Japanese chief steward, who was paralyzed as the result of an accident, had been under her care. It became necessary for him to be flown to his homeland, and Miss Sumalnap volunteered to be his attendant and traveling companion. During the 16,000-mile trip Miss Sumalnap gave constant attention to her patient.

When they arrived in Tokyo on August 9, unannounced, the newspapers carried the mercy mission on their front pages. She was also featured in an interview over Tokyo's largest radio-television network.

Miss Sumalnap was happy for the opportunity of helping in a time of need, and felt that she was just doing her duty.

The mercy mission not only gave favorable publicity to our work, but also gave Miss Sumalnap an opportunity to visit her parents in Artacho, Sison, Philippines, for ten days. She has returned to Libya to complete her four-year term.

—B. B. Alsaybar, PRO

Former MSH Director Makes U.S.-Manila Solo Flight on One-Engine Plane

DR. William C. Richli, first post-war medical director of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, surprised Manilans when he arrived alone in his 1948 model, single-engined Bonanza plane. He took off on July 2 from Colton, Cali-



Dr. William C. Richli

fornia, and landed on the Manila International Airport 55 days later. He flew via Alaska, Adak, Attu (both islands in the Aleutians), Tokyo, and Kagoshima, and covered more than 10,000 miles. Local aviation authorities say that Dr. Richli has thus made a record of being the first private non-commercial pilot to fly alone across the Pacific in a one-engined plane.

The trip took him 55 days because he was confronted and harrassed with equipment trouble,

clouds, fog, ice on the propellor, nicked propellor, et cetera. To all of this Dr. Richli proved himself equal. He did the repairs himself, and came out with flying colors!

Dr. Richli is well known to many as being more than a human mechanic. Biggest monuments to his genius with machines are: the elevator of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, which he installed after the war; and the hydroelectric plant at Mountain View College, which he donated and installed.

Some years ago he was featured by leading metropolitan publications as the "flying doctor." With his "Flying Hope 1" he has been hopping again from one city to another all over the country, meeting surgical appointments and bringing hope to many.

—B. B. Alsaybar, PRO

Former PUC President Makes Two-Week Visit

By B. B. Alsaybar

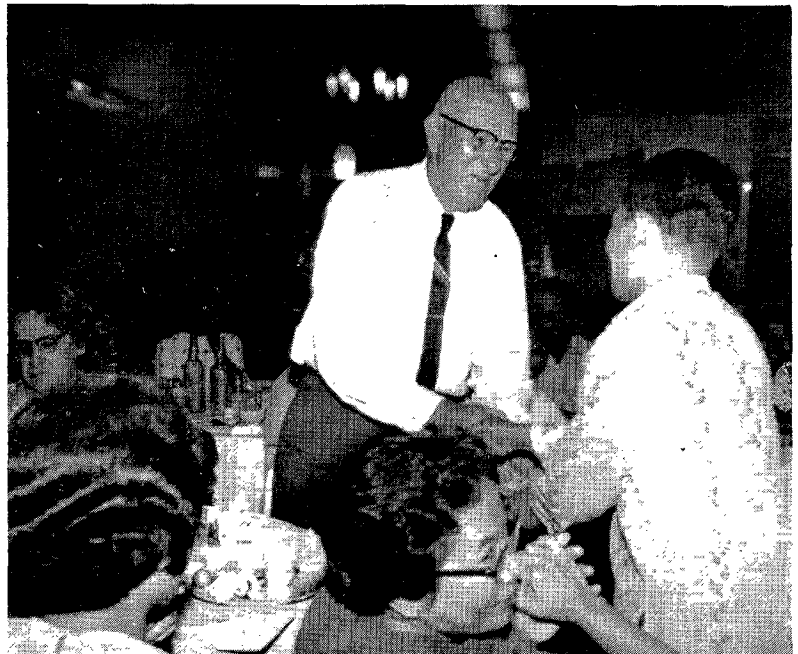
PASTOR William B. Ammundsen, former president of the Philippine Junior College, arrived with Mrs. Ammundsen on the S.S. **Oron-**

say on October 15 for a two-week visit. To them it was a sentimental journey to the place where they had labored for ten years before the war.

Pastor Ammundsen arrived in the Philippines in 1920, and until the year 1926, served as president of the Northern Luzon Mission. In 1926 he was appointed principal of the Philippine Seventh-day Adventist Academy. This institution, which in 1928 became Philippine Junior College, is now known as Philippine Union College. He carried this new responsibility until 1930. For some time Mrs. Ammundsen served as head of the Normal Department.

The couple were met at the pier by friends from PUC and a group of old-time students and teachers. Receptions were held in their honor by the Old-timers' Club and a faculty-alumni group. A visit was also made to the Northern Luzon Mission.

They left for the United States on October 28. Their visit to the Philippines was described as "one of the high points" in their seven-month round-the-world journey.



Dr. Benjamin Bandiola presenting a certificate of appreciation to Pastor Ammundsen for dedicated service during his term of service in the Philippines before the war.

PUC Newsbits

The School of Theology has started the Christian Life Lecture Series, which discusses topics of interest especially designed for the maturer members of the school family and the community. The first two topics considered were "The Christian and Race Relations." It is planned that the lectures will be held three times a semester.



Mrs. Dorothea Van Gundy-Jones.

Mrs. Dorothea Van Gundy-Jones, nutritionist of the International Nutrition Research Foundation, and associate editor of *Today's Food*, visited Manila and spoke at the chapel assembly hour on October 2. She was sent by the U.S. government to the Tokyo Soybean Seminar and Trade Fair to promote more extensive use of soybeans.

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Mr. Ricardo Salamante, instructor in biological sciences, flew to the United States for graduate studies at the University of Missouri. Mr. Salamante has been granted an assistantship by the University. His travel is sponsored by PUC and he is the first to be so sponsored for graduate studies in the field of science.

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German is being offered in PUC for the first time. It is being taught by Mrs. Gottfried Oosterwal in re-

sponse to the requests from overseas students who have been allowed by the Bureau of Private Schools to take German instead of Spanish.

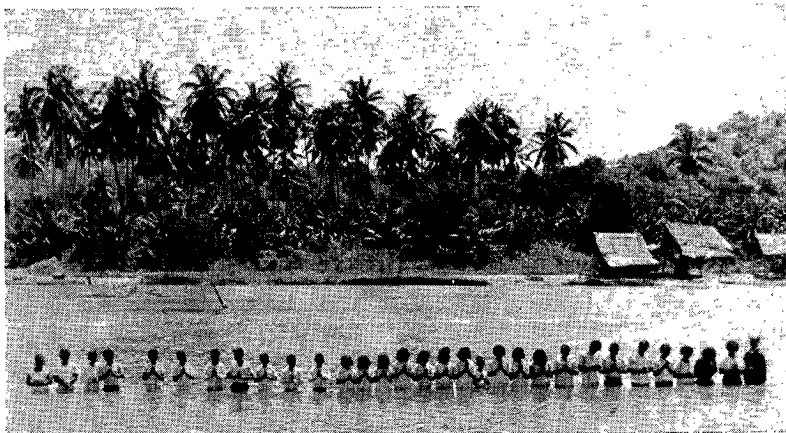
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Ten Sabbath school divisions in PUC contributed 1,227.00 pesos on the Thirteenth Sabbath of last quarter. This is a little over 1.00 pesos for each of the more than 1,000 members of the PUC Sabbath school.

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Seven souls were baptized on September 26 as first fruits of the ministerial association Bagong Barrio effort, and the personal follow-up work of ministerial students, Zineo Manalo and Armando Fa-

South Philippines



As the result of an evangelistic series of meetings held in the Siocon Center, this large group of candidates were baptized on July 11. Pastor Niere was the officiating minister.

Evangelistic Effort in Siocon Center

By D. M. Niere

ON May 17 of this year the Siocon Center opened its doors to the public. The vice-mayor, Mr. Suhaile Arabi, a Moslem, gave the opening remarks and exhorted his people to attend the series of lectures in the Center.

Despite the typhoon winds and rains the first week, the attendance

was good; and when the weather improved the Center was packed to capacity. Many of the people who attended had to walk up to 15 kilometers.

The Lord blessed bountifully the efforts of the eleven Ingathering "insect" bands (last year they were "birds"), and a faculty group this year. The result? Seventeen thousand five hundred pesos in just four days! This means an average of 4,375.00 pesos per day, as against a daily average of 3,060.00 pesos during the past five years, or a daily performance improvement of 43%. This is the best Ingathering record in PUC history. The goal this year was 14,500.00 pesos, a thousand pesos more than last year's goal. More student participation was noted.

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The most joyous occasion of any effort is the baptismal day. Sabbath, July 11, was the red-letter day. To date 36 souls have been baptized, and others are being prepared for a later baptism. The evening following the baptism was the fortieth lecture in the series, and the Center was full to overflowing, many having to stand outside.



Siocon Center, Zamboanga del Norte, Western Mindanao Mission, Philippines.

The Holy Spirit's power has surely been manifested, and we give glory and honor to God for what we have witnessed in Siocon. The church is already being enlarged to accommodate all the new members. Please pray for these new believers.

Birthdays Should Remind Us of God's Care

By **Kenneth H. Emmerson**
Assistant Treasurer, General Conference

IT IS impossible to have a birthday and not be reminded of our dependence on the Lord for every year of His life-giving care. Birthdays give us an opportunity to express our appreciation to God for the many blessings we receive from day to day.

As early as 1890 Ellen G. White wrote: "On birthday occasions the children should be taught that they have reason for gratitude to God for His loving kindness in preserving their lives for another year. . . . These birthday gifts are recognized in heaven."

Later, in 1894, Mrs. White stated: "Do not let the day pass without bringing thanksgiving and thank offerings to Jesus."

After reading these quotations from Mrs. White I began to wonder just how far back the birthday

thank offering idea goes. I find that at the beginning of the 1900's the birthday offering slogan, "a penny a year," became popular in our churches.

In 1905 birthday boxes were promoted. In 1908 Pastor J. N. Loughborough championed the birthday thank offering, not only for children, but also for adults. In 1917 the first birthday offering envelopes were printed.

In 1919 these envelopes became so important that the birthday thank offering became one of the official sources of mission income for the Sabbath school and was reported separately. By this time the total birthday offerings amounted to \$4,019.76. Work was rapidly expanding into new areas, and birthday thank offerings were sacredly set apart for new work and new missionaries.

We find in the records that in 1927 the birthday thank offering went for new work in Russia and Turkey. In 1928 it went to Malaysia. By this time the offering had passed the \$25,000 mark. In 1934 it amounted to \$28,997.14.

As mission enterprise progressed it became more and more difficult to tell in advance just what new work should benefit from the thank offerings. Because of this, special projects are not presented for this portion. Instead, these offerings go into the regular mission budget.

However, each year the amount budgeted for "specials," including new buildings, new equipment, new lands, etc., is from four to ten times larger than our birthday thank offerings.

In 1927 the following account appeared in the "Ministry" magazine concerning a Brooklyn Sabbath school.

"One church member made a thank offering because of a definite answer to prayer; a sister has given an extra dollar every week for a year in gratitude to God for the conversion of her husband; a sister and her husband took a long car trip, and were so grateful to God for His protecting care over them that they gave a liberal offering; the unconverted husband of one of our sisters sent a dollar each week because he believes he is placing the money where it will do good; a brother on his spiritual birthday gives one dollar for each year he has been in the church.

"And it is not all dollars which make up the thank offering. People who have financial difficulties to meet still put in something every week. People give because the love of God constrains them."

From the small beginning of \$4,019.76 recorded in 1919, the Birthday—thank offerings have grown to \$313,268.90 in 1963. We most certainly are living in the last hours of this world's history. There is a loud and true call to a renewed dedication and effort to take the Word of Truth to this sin-filled world. The goal for the Birthday—thank offering for 1964 is \$350,000. This goal will be reached! Will you have a part in it?

Man Learns From Animals

MAN is a wonderful fellow, learning from the other animals the way he does. He studies the hawk and the vulture and flies through the air with the greatest of ease. He learns from the crab with its shell and the skunk with its tear gas. He considers the ways of the squirrel and becomes a hoarder; the ways of the snake in the grass and goes in for espionage. He observes the caterpillar and the hippopotamus, the shark and the crocodile, the mole and the hedgehog,

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NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● The new Guam Mission Academy was dedicated on November 15, 1964. A full report of the dedication program will appear in a later issue.

● Pastor Arrogante, president of the Negros Mission, Central Philippine Union, writes that two new churches have been organized in the Negros Mission, one in Bagtuc, on September 12, with a charter membership of 63; and another in Manapla, on October 3, with a membership of 31.

● Friends of Pastor and Mrs. L. E. Tucker and family, will be interested to learn that Pastor Tucker is now working in the Texas Conference as public relations secretary and conference revivalist. Prior to their return to the States several months ago, Pastor Tucker was ministerial and radio secretary in the North Philippine Union Mission.

Furlough Returnees and New Arrivals

● Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Mote and family spent a few days in Singapore early in November on their way to Saigon, where Dr. Mote has joined the staff of the Saigon Adventist Hospital. Dr. Mote is not a stranger to the Far East for he was born here. He is a son of Pastor and Mrs. F. A. Mote, who spent many years in the Far Eastern Division.

● Pastor and Mrs. V. L. Bretsch and family have returned to Japan after a six months' furlough in the States. Pastor Bretsch is publishing secretary of the Japan Union Mission.

● Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Fisher and family are new arrivals in the West Indonesian Union Mission. Mr. Fisher is president of the Indonesia Union College.

● Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Forbes arrived in the Far Eastern Division just in time for Brother Forbes to attend the Medical Pre-Council meetings in Baguio. Brother Forbes

will take up his work as business manager of the Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital.

● Pastor and Mrs. H. D. Johnson, Delbert and Ronnie, returned from a six months' furlough in the States in time to attend the Division Council in Baguio, Philippines.

● Pastor and Mrs. C. P. Sorensen also returned from a brief furlough in the States in time to attend the Division Council in Baguio.

● Pastor and Mrs. R. E. Klimes and family have returned to Korea after a period of time spent in the States for study and furlough.

● Pastor and Mrs. L. A. Shipowick and family are the latest additions to the Division compound family. They arrived in Singapore on November 19.

● Miss Glenda Rolfe, director of Nursing Service of the Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital, arrived back from a furlough in the States in time to attend the Nurses' Workshop in Baguio, Philippines.

● Pastor and Mrs. W. L. Wilcox and family returned from furlough in November, stopping in Baguio en route to attend the Division Council. Pastor Wilcox is president of the West Indonesia Union Mission.

● Pastor and Mrs. P. G. Emerson have returned to Indonesia after spending their furlough in the States. Pastor Emerson is educational and MV secretary of the East Indonesia Union Mission.

● Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Haley and family have returned to Korea after a furlough in the States. Brother Haley is the director of the Industrial Department at Korean Union College.

Success in this life, success in gaining the future life, depends upon a faithful, conscientious attention to the little things. Perfection is seen in the least, no less than in the greatest, of the works of God. . . . And as God is perfect in His sphere, so we are to be perfect in ours.

Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 574.

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Man Learns From Animals

and makes himself terrible on land and sea and underneath both. . . . About the only creature left in nature for him to learn something useful from is the dove. —**New York Times**

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