

**S**ABBATH, June 5, was a very special day here in Bermuda, a day our church had been looking forward to for many months. On the Sabbath afternoon when Dr. and Mrs. Richard Davenport were baptized, a series of events that brought Christ and conversion to two young scientists was climaxed.

This story began in 1962. Dr. and Mrs. Davenport were on their way to Bougainville in the South Pacific to collect specimens for research projects for the National Science Foundation. Because of bad weather the plane on which they were traveling was forced to make an unscheduled landing at a little jungle airport on the island of New Britain. It was providential that Pastor Cyril Pascoe, president of the West New Britain Mission, happened to be at the airport when the Davenports landed. This friendly Seventh-day Adventist missionary introduced himself to the Davenports and offered to help them in any way that he could. When Pastor Pascoe learned that they were

going to Inus Bougainville, He told them that there is a Seventh-day Adventist mission station there, and, since there were no hotels at that place, he suggested that they stay at our mission. Although arrangements had been made for the Davenports to stay in the home of an American business man, they were so impressed by the kindness and Christian attitude of Pastor Pascoe, the first Seventh-day Adventist they had ever met, that they decided to stay at the Seventh-day Adventist mission.

Pastor Pascoe sent a radiogram to the Bougainville Mission. When the Davenports arrived at Inus Bougainville, New Guinea, they were met by Pastor Horace Watts, president of the Bougainville Mission. Pastor Watts took them to his humble little home at the mission station. The gracious hospitality that Pastor and Mrs. Watts extended to the Davenports warmed their hearts and broke down many of their prejudices. This was the first Seventh-day Adventist mission they had

ever visited. However, it was not the first Christian mission they had seen. In fact, they were quite disgusted with what they had previously seen of Christian Missions. They had felt that the churches were just confusing and exploiting the natives. They had reached the conclusion that the natives would be better off without missionaries. Like many scientists, they did not believe in Christ or creation. They were agnostics.

What they saw at the Bougainville Mission was a new revelation to them. When they saw the type of mission program conducted by Seventh-day Adventists, they changed their entire concept of Christian missions. When they met the natives that our missionaries had won to Christ, and saw the tremendous difference in them, they realized that only a supernatural power could have accomplished this. They began to reason that if there is a God that can transform and recreate human lives, then this same God could have created life as we see it on our planet today.

This encounter with the Watts was just the beginning of a series of similar experiences with the same gratifying results. Later they went to Borneo and while there stayed with Pastor and Mrs. Roy Musgrave at the Sarawak Mission. They next went to Singapore and while there they were entertained by our missionaries. Their respect and regard for Seventh-day Adventists and for our mission program continued to grow. The hospitality they continued to receive, and the dedication they saw in the lives of our missionaries everywhere, convinced the Davenports that only individuals possessed and controlled by a great

## *Friendliness Pays Big Dividends*

By V. E. Kelstrom, President  
Bermuda Mission



Left to right: Pastor Alvin R. Goulbourne, pastor of the St. Georges Church in Bermuda. Mrs. Richard Davenport, Pastor James V. Scully, secretary, temperance department of the General Conference, Dr. Richard Davenport, Pastor Vernon E. Kelstrom, president of the Bermuda Mission.

and powerful God of love could move them to do what they are doing. This conviction grew on them as they continued to meet our missionaries in places like Thailand, Iran and Lebanon.

Dr. and Mrs. Davenport returned to Washington, D. C., in November of 1962 to do research in Cytology at Johns Hopkins University.

While in Washington, they were introduced to Pastor James Scully by Pastor Kenneth Juhl, whom they had met in Singapore. Soon they were studying the Bible with Pastor and Mrs. Scully. They became good friends. They were introduced to Seventh-day Adventist scientists and other scholars who helped them to understand creation, the flood, and other related doctrines. Before long the Davenports were attending the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist church. Here they met our world leaders. Here they received the growing conviction that the Seventh-day Adventist church is God's true church.

After one year at Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Davenport joined the staff of the University of Illinois as Professor of Zoology. Mrs. Davenport is also connected with the staff. She is a research chemist. For the past two years, the Davenports have been attending the Seventh-day Adventist church in Cham-

paign-Ubana, Illinois.

The past two summers the Davenports have come to Bermuda to do research at the Bermuda Biological Station. Last summer they attended the St. George's church, one of the four Seventh-day Adventist churches in Bermuda. The Davenports fell in love with Bermuda and with our beloved people here. By their interest in and participation in our mission program here, the Davenports have endeared themselves to all of our church members.

When the Davenports made their decision to unite with God's remnant church, they asked to be baptized by Pastor Scully, and if possible in Bermuda. Arrangements were made for Pastor Scully to visit Bermuda and to hold a number of temperance meetings here. On Sabbath, June 5, Pastor Scully had the joyful privilege of baptizing Dr. and Mrs. Davenport at one of Bermuda's beautiful beaches. The ceremony was an inspiration to our church members here in Bermuda. The Davenports have united with the St. George's Bermuda Church. They will spend the rest of the summer in research projects at the Bermuda Biological Station. They will return to the University of Illinois again this fall.

Dr. Davenport is considered by his fellow scientists and his col-

leagues in the field of research as a genius. His quiet unassuming witness for Christ has made a tremendous impact on his fellow scientists. We believe that in these last days world renowned scientists will take their stand for God and the Bible. We believe that Dr. and Mrs. Davenport will be used of God to lead some of these great men to a knowledge of the truth.

## Defending the Principles of Temperance

By R. F. Waddell, M. D.  
Division Temperance Secretary

"AM I my brother's keeper?" is the first recorded reply made by sinful man after the gates of Eden had been closed. This same question has been the excuse for lack of concern, withdrawal from responsibility and self-centeredness down through the ages.

It was the Christ of the Galilean countryside who came to break down the middle wall of partition between us—that partition of isolationism that had for centuries kept the chosen of God from accepting the service-challenge of their fellow men. His discourses and His life gave meaning to the injunction "love thy neighbor as thyself."

The Philippine National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism held its Fourth Institute of Scientific Studies in the University of the Philippines, in Manila, May 31 to June 11, 1965. An outstanding panel of lecturers presented various aspects of the alcohol problem as it is related to sociological influences in the home and at school, its impact upon society and the inroads it has made into civilization by bringing a deterioration of the physical, moral and spiritual fiber of its users.

Fifty-four men and women from all parts of the Philippines assembled at this important conclave to study ways and means of effectively combating a threatening national evil. High levels of motivation gave significance to being our brothers' keepers.

Dr. Basilio J. Valdes, "the MacArthur of the Philippines," pointed out in graphic terms the Christian responsibility of every citizen to bring about those influences that will promote the prosperity, security, peace and tranquility of the community in which he lives. Alcoholism was equated with a loss

of respect for law and order, with broken homes and a general deterioration of cultured society.

Lawyers, doctors, educators, statesmen, clergymen, military leaders and law enforcement officers exhibited great enthusiasm as they unitedly laid plans for the coming year's activities. Methods of implementing dynamic programs were demonstrated in the experiences of those who had actively promoted temperance through seminars, rallies, and health education classes. Senators, judges and prosecuting attorneys brought a felt need, as well as means of satisfying it, into focus by turning the responsibility for effective enforcement upon education, public cooperation and the example of a respected citizenry. Liberty and justice, law and order are everybody's business!

The Church, through the facilities of the International Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism, continually emphasizes the responsibility of everyone, regardless of social status or creed, to unite in a mutuality of interest for the promotion of a sane society through rational health habits and the prevention of addicting practices.

The personal appearance of Adventist leaders at the speaker's desk, on TV interviews and before civic groups in the interest of temperance gives tangible evidence of the Church's community concern. It is believed that direction thus given will have far-reaching effects, for as Mrs. E. G. White has stated: "By opening the door, and inviting them to unite with us on the temperance question, we secure their help along temperance lines; and they, by uniting with us, will hear new truths which the Holy Spirit is waiting to impress upon hearts."

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The Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism has been developed to obtain and disseminate objective information, to train for leadership and to inspire public-spirited citizens for the effective implementation of national good neighbor policies based upon brotherly love and mutual concern, acting in good faith and sobriety.

As more National Committees for the Prevention of Alcoholism are organized in countries of the world, and as their boards promote the holding of institutes of scientific studies, it is believed that the work and influence of the Church will be widened and strengthened, providing we desire to work with them

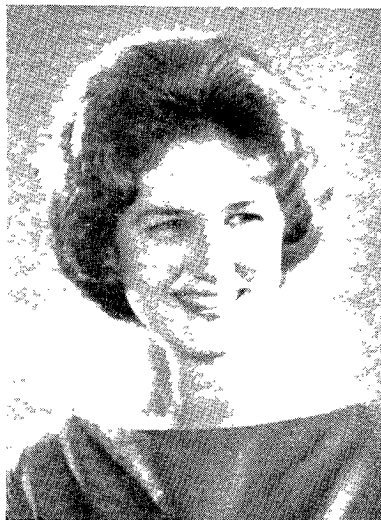
and through them. We are reminded of this truth by Ellen G. White, as she points out in **Testimonies to the Church**, volume 6, pp. 110, 111: "In other churches there are Christians who are standing in defense of the principles of temperance. We should seek to come near to these workers and make a way for them to stand shoulder to shoulder with us. We should call upon great and good men to second our efforts to save that which is lost."

This is the objective behind the Church's interest in the various Committees for the Prevention of Alcoholism. This is the reason for our identification with it and the justification for our continued support. It is the work of God, an important work entrusted to His people as a means of helping to prepare the world for Christ's return.

## Life Sketch of Lora Dick

**L**ORA JOYCE DICK, daughter of Doctor and Mrs. W. G. Dick of Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital, Bacolod City, Philippines, was instantly killed when an automobile in which she was a passenger struck a tree near Nimes, France, June 2, 1965. She would have been 21 years old on July 16.

Lora was born at Parson, Kansas, July 16, 1944, and went with her missionary parents to Shanghai, China, in 1948; later to Manila where her father was Medical Director of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital till 1953. The family



Lora Joyce Dick

then returned to the United States and remained there till 1961. In that year Dr. Dick became the Medical Director of the Penang Sanitarium and Hospital.

Lora, after finishing the grade school, took her first two years of academy studies at San Diego Union Academy. She spent her last two academy years at the Far Eastern Academy in Singapore. Her first year of college work was at Pacific Union College and her sophomore year at Seminaire Adventiste, Collonges-sous-Saleve, Haute-Savoie, France. (French Adventist Seminary).

She leaves her father and mother, Doctor and Mrs. W. G. Dick, a sister, Dorothy, of Glendale, California, and a brother, Glenn, of Chicago, Illinois.

Note: In a personal letter to C. P. Sorensen, Dr. Dick expressed thanks for the money the Division had sent for flowers for Lora. He then states that they are requesting that any flower money received be put to a Lora Dick Memorial Surgery Fund for the new Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital.

—Mrs. C. P. S.

## Far Eastern Academy 1964-1965

By Don F. Aldridge, Principal

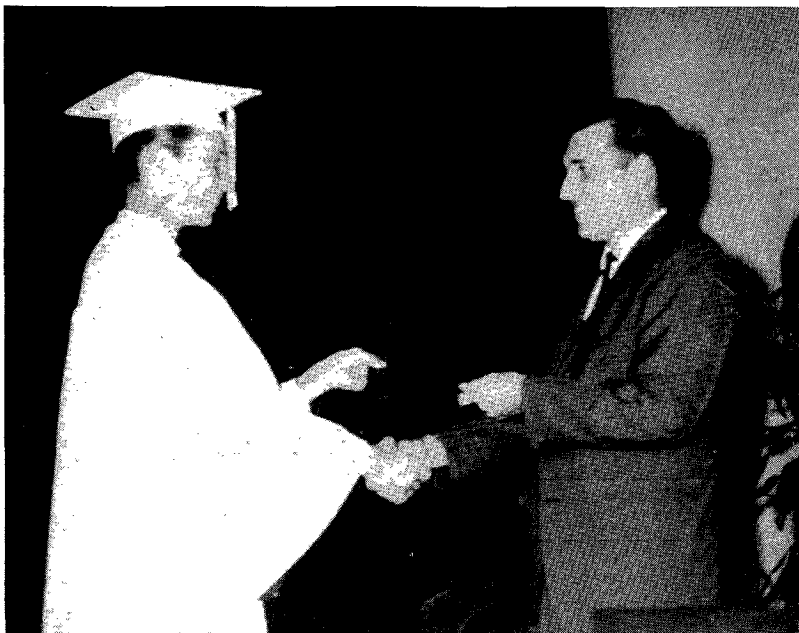
**A**NOTHER school year has passed and once again we wonder how it passed so quickly. It seems only yesterday that 52 eager students were standing in line registering and wondering what another school year would bring.

We were privileged to have Graham Mitchell with us over the first Sabbath. He was on his way to Israel as Australia's contestant at the Bible Contest to be held at Jerusalem. Our prayers went with him as we bade him farewell. Of course we were overjoyed to learn that he won the contest. I am sure each one resolved to get to know his Bible better. The fact that this first Sabbath was spent behind locked gates because of riots in Singapore did not dampen the enthusiasm of faculty and students and our first Sabbath together proved a real blessing.

Other high lights of the year included the two Weeks of Prayer conducted by Pastor P. H. Eldridge in the fall and Pastor C. H. Dameron in the spring. Both of these friends of young people made real



Two classroom scenes from the academy. To the left is the English IV class with their instructor, J. G. Keyes, standing in the rear of the room. On the right is the Bible Doctrines class with D. F. Aldridge as teacher (extreme left).



Charles Steele, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Steele, receives his diploma from D. F. Aldridge, principal of the Far Eastern Academy.

Pastor C. H. Damron (left), evangelist from the Thailand Mission, counselling with David Coffin during the Week of Prayer meetings. On the right a group of students meet as a prayer band.



appeals and gave practical suggestions for Christian living.

Chapel periods were varied. One of the three per week was under the direction of a faculty member. We were privileged to have Mr. Sullivan of the U. S. Consulate General with us for one chapel period. He told us of the work of the Peace Corps in Malaysia and around the world.

Sabbath afternoons found some of the students with the other young people of the church out distributing literature. Others were conducting or assisting in Story Hour activities. Needless to say, that during the week most of the time was spent in study. No matter how hard you try the teachers will figure out a little more than you can complete without intensive effort.

Social amenities were not neglected. The Student Association sponsored a southern-style banquet the first semester. The second semester officers used "Japan in Springtime" as their theme. Then to say Thank You to parents and friends for all the things they have done for the students and teachers, there was a special banquet for the patrons of the school.

One of the outstanding programs which was carried on through the year was the MV Silver Award program under the direction of Betty Millard and Jack Staddon. This work was being done in the physical education classes. All worked very hard to measure up to the marks which had been set. It took a great deal of practice to pass the physical fitness exercises which consisted of running, jumping, swimming and other exercises. Other areas dealt with leadership and culture. The final test for the seven who had passed all the other requirements was a hiking test. The group hiked thirty miles through the jungle with full pack and camped out better than three days.

How proud we were to have Pastor John Hancock of the General Conference MV department pass out the awards at our investiture service. We are pleased to be the first in the Far Eastern Division to be thus awarded and we hope that many more will follow the Silver Award plan.

Twelve young people graduated this year. As far as we can find out this is the largest graduating class in the history of the Far Eastern Academy. We wish these young people God's richest blessing as they continue their education for service.

## *Lay Instructor's Training School*

### **130 Laymen Receive Diplomas**

**By Lewis O. Shipowick, Division Home Missionary Secretary**

**W**HILE hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from the four corners of the earth made their way to Cebu City to celebrate the fourth centennial of Christianity in the Philippines, 130 faithful laymen from four missions also made their way to Cebu City. But they had not come to celebrate the canonization of Santa Nino, neither had they come to pay homage to the papal legate who was to open the third Eucharistic Congress in the Philippines. They had come to study, to pray, to receive counsel and inspiration that would make them mighty workers for God. For five days these laymen with their pastors, mission presidents, and lay activities secretaries met at East Visayan Academy.

With great eagerness these men devoured the instruction that was given to them. One layman expressed it this way: "I'm now determined to roll up my sleeves. I am willing to stand in my place and to take the gospel of Jesus to my friends and to my neighbors." Another layman had come to observe the program for just one evening. He found the course so magnetic that he could not leave until the entire course had been completed. "How grateful I am," he said, "that I came as an observer the first night. Now I am going to apply these teachings and these methods in sharing my faith with all my friends and neighbors." A layman, who had guided five souls to Christ in 1964, said: "The lessons I have

received during this Lay Instructors' Training School have given me better methods for bringing many souls to Christ. The new and simple way of reaching the people assures me that, if I follow the instructions, God will give me a great harvest of souls. I promise to do my very best in bringing many souls to the feet of our dear and loving Jesus."

The Lay Instructors' Training School was climaxed by a graduation program at the Capital Center in Cebu City when these 130 delegates received their diplomas. It was a heart-warming experience to see these men and women indicate their zeal and enthusiasm to do great and glorious things for the Master. Under the blessing of the Lord, they cumulatively pledged to visit 869 homes a week, distribute 2,326 pieces of literature and to give 579 Bible studies each week. These men stated "That as the interest develops, we will be willing to conduct 368 lay efforts and organize 448 branch Sabbath schools. With all these missionary activities we are setting our goal of guiding 1,356 souls to the Lord Jesus Christ." As some 800 guests stood with these delegates at this special service there was a mutual feeling of profound gratitude to God for giving us the divine blueprint for lay evangelism in finishing the work of God.

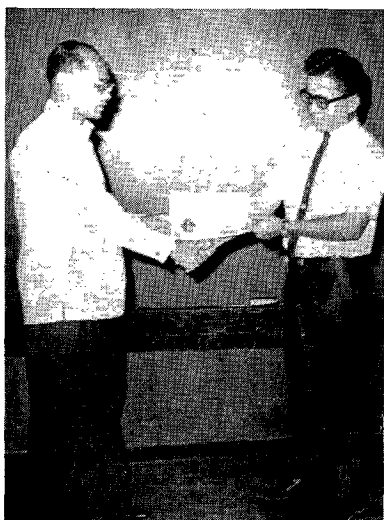
The mission presidents and lay activities secretaries with the laymen have gone back to their respective missions with a determination to take this training program to all churches in the missions. They desire to give these new tools and these new methods to every member of God's church to the end that all may be gloriously involved in the saving of souls.

## *What Others Say About The Training School*

**T**HE South Philippine Union Mission wishes to express sincere gratitude to the Far Eastern Division for making it possible for Pastor L. A. Shipowick, home missionary secretary, to lead out in our

union-wide Lay Instructors' Training School.

More than one hundred laymen plus all the presidents and home missionary secretaries from the missions in the South Philippine Union



**Pastor R. C. Garcia, home missionary secretary of the South Philippine Union, presents a lay instructor's certificate to Delegate R. S. Sinco who has already guided 77 souls to Christ this year. His goal for 1965 is 150 souls.**

converged at Davao City for their first Lay Instructors' Training School. This program has greatly inspired and encouraged our laymen in disseminating the truth to others. All speak in glowing terms of the help they received at this institute.

Personally, I feel that a new day has dawned for the South Philippine Union. Harnessing the talents of our church members in a united action, as one man, in presenting simultaneously the truth in all places, we see in this not only the fulfillment of our hope to reach our baptismal goal, but also the possibility of doubling and even tripling our baptisms from year to year because of the unified power that will motivate our church members in working together.

May the good Lord bless our laymen as they return home to their churches and put into action what they have learned in the Leadership Training School.

**V. L. Montalban, President  
South Philippine Union**

**T**HE LAY Instructors' Training School held in the chapel of the East Visayan Academy last April and directed by Pastor L. A. Shipowick of the Far Eastern Division was unique in many ways. The training was greatly appreciated by all who were privileged to attend. Everyone went home resolved to

apply the lessons in the art of soul winning. They are determined to impart to others the wonderful science of converting sinners to Christ.

This school was unique in that it was the first of its kind. The instructors knew their subjects and the program was supervised by Pastor Shipowick.

The instruction given was reinforced with visual aids and these left a deep impression on the mind and emphasized the studies given. The classes met promptly, records were taken and the certificates were well earned.

One of the important things received was the inspiration to win souls. We were made aware of the believer's responsibility to answer for the souls of perishing men. Every one in attendance set a goal for souls and this totalled 1,356.

The Lay Instructor's Training School is a chapter which will not be erased from the minds of those privileged to attend nor by those who had a share in the training given. We feel the school was a grand success.

**—A. Z. Roda  
Ministerial Secretary,  
Central Philippine Union,**

**K**NOWING the solemnity of the times in which we live, it is high time for us to utilize the talents of our laymen in all of our churches. But to be fruitful in their work they must first be trained to work for others.

"That which is needed now for the upbuilding of our churches is the nice work of wise laborers to discern and develop talent in the church, talent that can be educated for the Master's use. There should be a well organized plan for the employment of workers to go into all our churches, large and small, to instruct the members how to labor for the upbuilding of the church, and also for unbelievers. It is training, education, that is needed. Those who labor in visiting the churches should give the brethren and sisters instruction in practical methods of doing missionary work."—C. S., p. 58.

I am thankful to the Lord for the Leadership Training School that was held in the East Visayan Academy under the able leadership of Pastor L. A. Shipowick. It proved to be very successful. Actual demonstrations were given by means of visual aids and other materials.

We are hoping that many more



**Mission presidents of the Central Philippine Union study the blueprint for lay evangelism. Left to right: R. B. Arit, Central Visayan; F. M. Arrogante, Negros; M. G. Yorac, West Visayan; T. V. Gulfan, East Visayan.**



Leadership Training Schools of this kind can be conducted in all the churches in the very near future.

Let us continue to pray that the Holy Spirit may be poured out as in the days of Pentecost in order that we may be able to reach our goal of 1,356 souls before the end of this year, 1965.

—**D. C. Sabrine**  
Home Missionary Secretary,  
Central Philippine Union

**I** FEEL IT a great privilege and pleasure to have been associated with the recently concluded Lay Instructor's Training School as an instructor in **Bible Doctrines** and part instructor in **The Art of Obtaining Decisions**. The training our laymen received and in turn will use as material in the hands of consecrated and Spirit-filled men and women

will help to lead our constituency to more active participation in our missionary and evangelistic program.

I know the impact of the recent institute will be felt very soon in the number of souls won to Christ in all of our churches when they, too, have been given this training. I am sure that more souls will be brought to the Master this year and in future years.

—**L. E. Montana**  
Union Evangelist, Central  
Philippine Union

**T**HE LAY Instructor's Training School held in Cebu City, April 19-24, 1965, under the able leadership of Pastors L. A. Shipowick and D. C. Sabrine of the Far Eastern Division and Central Philippine Union home missionary

departments was the first of its kind ever held in our field.

The instruction sessions were conducted very simply and interestingly. The impact of the instruction and counsel stirred new visions of winning more souls to the knowledge of the present truth. The class pledged to bring 1,356 precious souls to the feet of Christ during this year, 1965.

Fired with the new vision and burdened with the desire to illuminate every darkened soul wherever there is a possibility of an individual's hearing and accepting the advent message, the brethren and sisters went back to their respective home churches aflame with the message of the Advent Hope.

—**F. M. Arrogante**  
President, Negros Mission



Delegates to the Central Philippine Union lay instructors' training school which was held at the East Visayan Academy April 19-24, 1965.

## *Echoes and Glimpses from Two Recent Youth Congresses*

### **Youth Congress — North Philippines**

**By N. R. Arit, MV Secretary**

**W**HOOOOOO! Whoooooo! screamed the sirens from two police motorcycle escorts leading the motorcade which brought Pastors J. H. Hancock, C. D. Martin and Joseph Nelson, together with several of the union office staff and members of the reception committee, to the Philippine Union College auditorium. The young people were already lined up by missions and MV district associations, each mission led by the mission president and MV secretary. The president carried the national flag and the MV secretary the new MV flag. It was interesting to see the district association presidents with their banners and also the MV society leaders with their banners. These

men were followed by their respective delegates and all fell in behind the General Conference, Division and Union leaders.

The opening night of the North Philippine Union Congress was May 12. This climaxed a long period of preparation by the union MV department, the local societies and the individual members of the societies. The young people had saved their money in order that they might enjoy the blessings of this Youth Congress. The Northern Luzon and Southern Luzon Missions, though their territories are the farthest away, brought in more than 200 official and special delegates aside from the regular delegates.

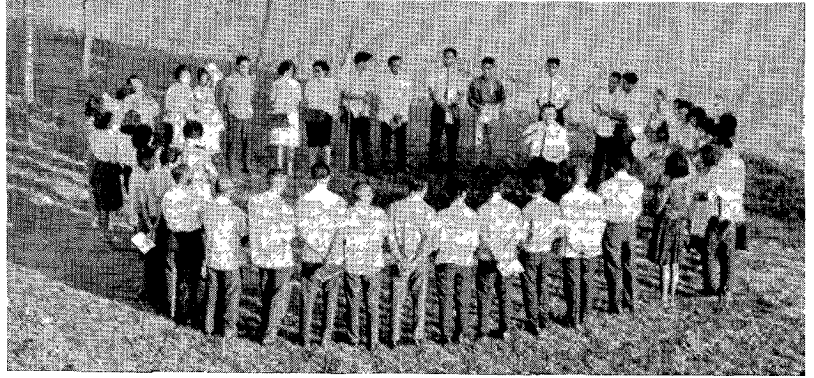
As the delegates marched into the auditorium, the combined Philippine Union College and Sampaloc rondalla (mandolin band) played "Mabuhay" and other of the national marching numbers.

On the platform, Pastor Hancock, bearing the lighted torch, was joined by three ladies, the only remaining converts of the first American missionaries to the Philippines. They are members of the Santa Ana church, the first Adventist church in the Philippines. As Pastors Hancock and Nelson held the torch, symbolizing the message of the MV Target 30,000, the young people were challenged to continue to spread the light of truth to their neighbors and fellow young people. Pastor Martin accepted the challenge by lighting his torch from those held by the General Conference men. Pastor Arit in turn lighted his torch and passed the light on to the mission MV secretaries and they in turn shared their lights with the delegates. At a given signal the candles were raised and a beautiful white light was spread over the throng of youth, the electric lights

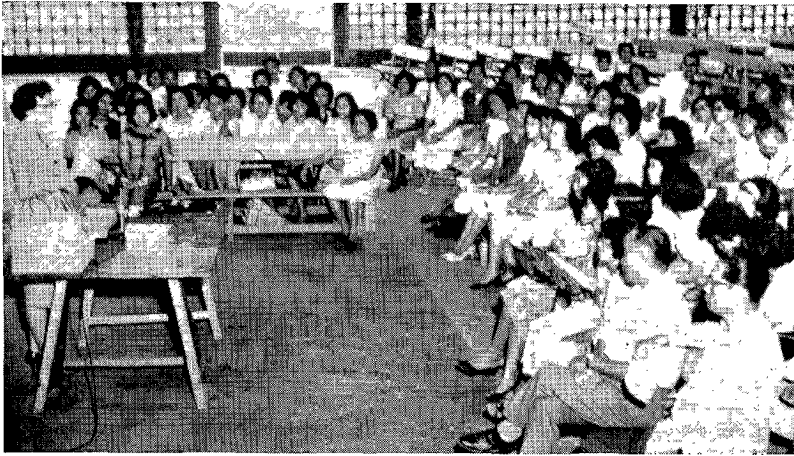


At the North Philippine Youth Congress there was an estimated attendance of 8,000 on the Sabbath. Every seat in the Philippine Union College auditorium was taken and many were standing outside the building.





The daily program at the Youth Congress began with the 6 o'clock Morning Watch exercises and this was followed by prayer circles, one of which is seen in the above picture.



The Branch Sabbath School Workshop conducted by Mrs. Elwood Sherrard (left) attracted a large group of ladies and also a number of men.



Fifty-two (52) Master Guides were invested on Sabbath afternoon during the program when many young people were invested in the various MV classes.



**The young man seen above is a paralytic but he has been instrumental in winning a number of converts. The cart is used for balancing and walking.**

having been turned off. The congregation then sang for the first time the Congress theme song, "We'll March Along Together," a song composed by Pastor Hancock. The mandolin band accompanied the singing.

A heavy program had been prepared for the three-day Congress. Every minute was precious. The daily program began with the Morning Watch at six o'clock and this was followed by prayer band circles which formed outside the auditorium. The mid-morning devotional period of 45 minutes served as a revival meeting for the delegates and friends.

We had four workshops, namely Branch Sabbath school, MV Leadership, Pathfinder Leadership and Voice of Youth Evangelism. One of the most interesting workshops was the Pathfinder Staff Training Course. This was conducted by Pastors Hancock and Arit. The group met under a towering mango tree in a camp-style atmosphere. At the center of the ten camping tents was a campfire circle where the young people gathered, seated on logs or the big branches of the trees, to listen to instructions on how to organize and conduct a Pathfinder Club.

The Branch Sabbath school workshop had the largest attendance. This group met in the auditorium.

Following the workshops there was a special Youth Hour when youth problems were discussed. Immediately after the afternoon sing-spersion the young people enjoyed another interesting activity, the panel discussion. Selected authorities on such topics as "Choice of Life Companion," "Choice of Life Calling," and "Christian Recreation and Amusement," kept the young people wide awake even though it was the time of day when they might be the most sleepy.

There were three programs on Sabbath afternoon. The first was the grand investiture service when scores of Friends, Companions, Explorers, and some Guides, together with 52 Master Guides were invested. The second part of the afternoon's program was the Youth and Literature Ministry Hour which depicted the role the young people play in the success of the literature ministry in this union. The third feature was the MV Target 3,000 Share Your Faith symposium. Each mission presented three young people who had had outstanding soul-winning experiences. One young man who is paralyzed and has been from boyhood was among those who related their experiences. If a paralyzed young man can win souls for Christ, what hinders strong and able-bodied men and women from bringing more souls to Him.

Sunday was a busy day for Pathfinders. They came from different areas of the Philippines. The dif-

ferent clubs participated in drill exhibitions, human pyramid building, slowdown bicycle race, improvised bridge construction, signal tower building, fire building by friction, water boiling, cake baking, knot tying, semaphore flag signaling, kite flying and other contests. According to Pastor Hancock, the drill exhibition by the Manila Central Church Junior Pathfinders compared favorably with the best Pathfinder drill exhibitions he had been privileged to see in his world travels. This same club brought home the red, white and blue flag pole streamers, the first award. We were also told that our fire by friction with the use of bamboo sticks gives faster results than the method being used by Pathfinders in the States. As a whole the events proved very interesting to all Pathfinder directors, counselors, and their parents. Sportsmanship ruled over the activities. Almost every club went home with a first, second or third award for 1965.

Pastor Hancock used one reel of 16 mm color movie film for the different Pathfinder activities and exhibitions of skills. He will include these in a film he is producing to depict the Pathfinder activities around the world.

We are thankful to the Lord for having blessed the Youth Congress and the Pathfinder Field Day. It is the hope that our youth were strengthened spiritually and inspired to do more for Christ.



**Many of the congress young people availed themselves of the privilege of attending the Training for Leadership Workshop conducted by C. D. Martin.**

# Pathfinder Day at the Congress

By C. D. Martin

**L**OOK, here they come now marching down the road!" And sure enough there they were—the happy, smiling Pathfinders of the North Philippine Union. Sunday, May 16, was a big day for the many boys and girls fortunate enough to join the big Pathfinder Parade at Philippine Union College. It started about 8:30 in the morning and all the neighbors and friends gathered around to see what was happening.

It was a real parade to watch too! The color was thrilling—tan uniforms for the boys and green for the girls, along with the colorful Pathfinder flags and guidons made the picture more complete. There were lovely floats. Everyone was surprised to see how beautiful they were. You will notice a float in the accompanying pictures where the Pathfinders of Pasay City are portrayed carrying the message of God's Word to the entire world. All of the floats were excellent and gave evidence of much hard work.

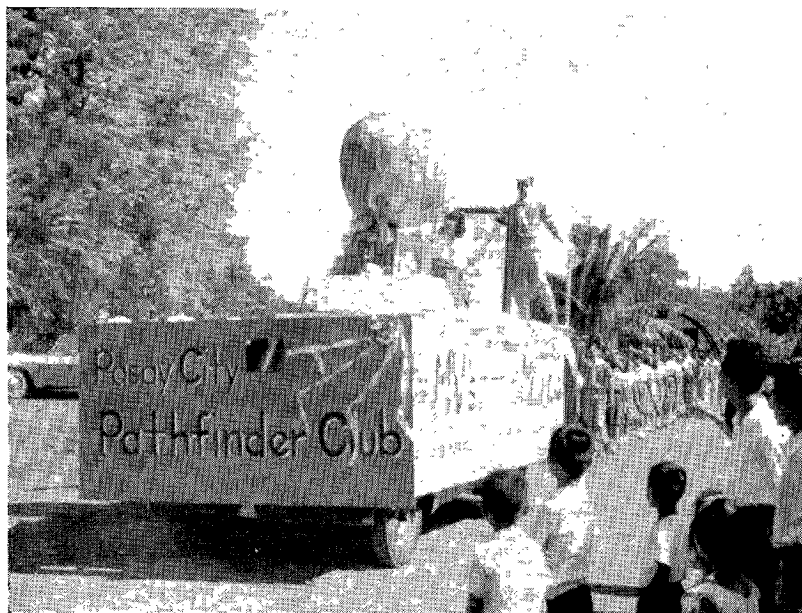
When the outdoor and camping events began, everyone sat up and took notice. The variety and skill

were far beyond expectation. It thrilled everyone to see the boys

take their two pieces of bamboo and by rubbing them together rapidly fire started—fire by friction. Next the spectators were amazed to watch the teams work and struggle to get their fires burning the best so as to make their tin of water boil first. The Pathfinders put on first-rate performances in everything they did—bicycle racing, knot tying, bridge building, marching and drilling. One



At the right and above are the participants in the kite-flying contest, one of the exciting features of the congress.



The Pasay City Pathfinder Club float which portrayed the carrying of the gospel message to the world.

of the most exciting features of the day was the kite-flying contest. Kites of all shapes and sizes leaped into the air and soared into space. Some stayed up for a long period of time and their owners got the honors. Other kites were caught in the down draught and could not find enough wind and so crashed to the ground, much to the sadness of the Pathfinder on the other end of the string. And so there were activities all the day long. It was a busy day and a full day but all were happy.

The enthusiasm and excitement of the Pathfinders was seen everywhere. They had a wonderful time. The great success of the May 16 Pathfinder Day at Philippine Union College will not soon be forgotten. Many other Pathfinders are looking forward to more activities just like that. Our congratulations to MV Secretary N. R. Arit of the North Philippine Union and his fine team of local MV secretaries for a job well done.



**Pathfinders rubbing two pieces of bamboo together and thus starting a fire by friction.**

**At the right the Pathfinders are struggling to get their fires burning in a race as to who could get their tin of water to boil first.**



## *East Indonesian Youth Congress*

**By MV Secretary Paul Emerson**

**T**HE Youth Congress for the East Indonesia Union was held May 25 to 29, 1965, at the North Celebes Training School in Kawangkoan. A large "bangsal" (tabernacle) was built which seated more than 1000 people.

MV Secretaries John Hancock and C. D. Martin, from the General Conference and Division, respectively, arrived in time for the opening meeting which had an attendance of more than 1000 young people.

At the appointed time 25 runners came into the meeting carrying a torch from the village of Ratahan some 24 kilometers away. Ratahan was the first place to which the

truth was brought many years ago. These young men brought new inspiration to us to fulfill our Congress motto, "Give the Gospel to All East Indonesia." John Rondonuwu, MV secretary of the North Celebes Mission, received the torch from the last runner and handed it to Paul Emerson, union MV secretary, who lit a larger torch which officially opened the first union-wide Congress.

Our delegates marched in from 87 of our 200 MV societies displaying their beautiful banners as our academy students sang our Congress chorus, written and directed by Pastor Edward Higgins, "Trumpet the Call." Pastor John Hancock

stirred our hearts with a world report of what young people are doing for Christ everywhere. The theme of our Congress was based on the "MV Target Share Your Faith" program. We had two devotional periods each day, early morning and evening. A Leadercraft Workshop was conducted by C. D. Martin during the morning and afternoon periods which resulted in 250 young people completing the course.

We had wonderful special music and Pastor Hancock taught us many new choruses each day.

On Thursday afternoon, seven young men came riding in on their bicycles. They had ridden 150 kilometers from the village of Kotamobagu. Due to trouble with one of the bicycles, they were late in arriving. The boys were tired and hungry but thrilled at having arrived at their destination.

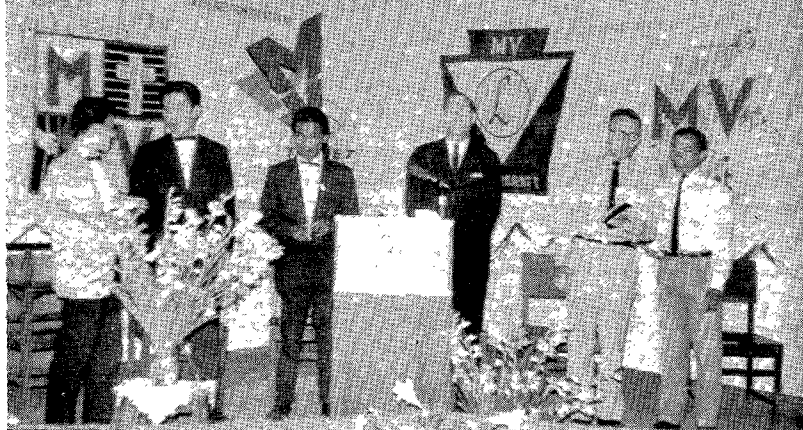
Our young people have held eight Voice of Youth efforts; 218 branch Sabbath schools; and with 221 Bible



study groups and 393 Friendship Teams, they have 393 baptisms credited to their activities. We have a goal of 1000 baptisms this year. Sabbath morning, for our prayer groups of two, we formed a large MV circle with the MV Target pointing at 1000. At the Sabbath morning service 100 young people came forward when the appeal was made to give their hearts in service to the Master.

Sabbath afternoon was filled with interesting activities such as a question and answer period, a report from each mission by a young person, 54 young people received Tell Twenty pins, and the Sabbath closed with an hour of singspiration.

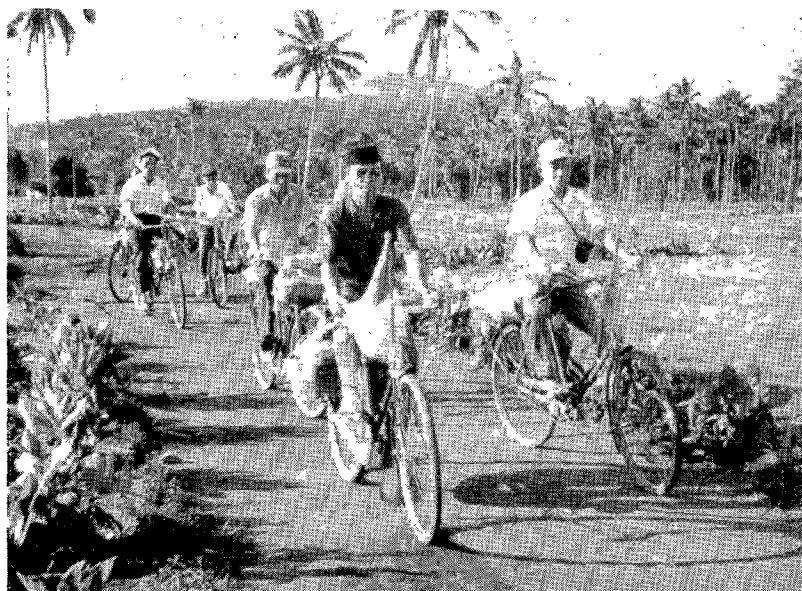
At our last meeting, Saturday evening, Pastor Hancock challenged us to carry our light to the dark areas of our union. The torch was carried by a boy and girl, both dressed in white, to the platform and there five young people, one from each mission, stepped forward and in turn spoke for the youth of their mission. They accepted the challenge to carry the light of truth while they lit their candle from the torch. The MV leaders then lit their candles and thus represented the youth all over the world. The candles held by the audience were then lit by the five mission representatives and thus all pledged to share their light with someone in darkness.



**Congress program in action. Left to right: John Rondonuwu, MV secretary, North Celebes Mission; James Mamanua and Rudolf Matahari, teachers in the North Celebes Training School; J. H. Hancock, representing the General Conference MV department; Paul Emerson, East Indonesia Union MV secretary; and a congress delegate taking a part in the program.**



**A group of delegates with their home-made marimba (bamboo) and other instruments. They added much fine music to the East Indonesia Youth Congress.**



**Bicycle riders arriving at the East Indonesia Youth Congress after travelling over many miles of rough and winding roads.**





The Tondano MV choir brought pleasure and blessings in the songs they sang for the delegates at the congress.

A young lady produces beautiful music from a homemade marimba made largely from bamboo.

## Central Philippines

### Baptisms in Negros Mission

**T**HE evangelistic effort under the leadership of O. L. Alolor and C. F. Fadri at San Enrique, Negros Occidental, was begun March 1, 1965. To begin with, outpost evangelistic preaching was held at the market place and in other sections of the town. When the Gospel Center Auditorium was ready, all the people who had attended the sectional meetings came to the Gospel Center and filled it to capacity. This building is to be the permanent chapel for this growing church.

Our brethren in the surrounding areas are cooperating enthusiastically by contributing of their means and by attending the nightly meetings. They bring their friends, neighbors and relatives and encourage them to make the decision to accept Christ.

Pastors O. C. Aguirre and M. M. Zamora baptized 26 precious souls on May 8. The second baptism of 20 more persons will be held on June 5, 1965. We solicit your prayers in behalf of our regular evangelistic efforts now going on at San Enrique and Silay City and also our major effort in Dumaguete City which began May 30.

—F. M. Arrogante, President

### Doctor and Mrs. W. G. Dick Welcomed

**D**R. and Mrs. W. G. Dick arrived in Bacolod City on May 10, 1965. The brethren of the Negros Mission are very thankful for the safe arrival of the Dick family. A hearty expression of welcome was given at the Bacolod City church on Wednesday evening, May 19. A surprise party sponsored by the Drs. E. T. Verde and attended by Negros Mission office and field workers was given the Dicks at the beautiful Punta Taytay beach on May 23.

Dr. and Mrs. Dick are now living in the Silos apartment at San Juan Street, Bacolod City. Their influence and dedicated services are now be-

ing warmly felt by the people in the Negros Mission territory.

We appeal for your prayers in behalf of the development of the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital and for the growth of the medical work in this part of the world field.

—F. M. Arrogante

## Negros Mission Briefs

**T**WO baptismal services have already been held in connection with the successful evangelistic effort at San Enrique, Occidental Negros, which began March 1, 1965, under the leadership of Oscar Alolor and Cajilwayan Fadri. Twenty-six precious souls were baptized on May 5 and twenty-five on June 12.

More baptisms will follow after the many interests have ripened into gospel fruitage. Outpost evangelism, home visitation and Bible studies are still going on while the finishing touches of the Gospel Center Auditorium are being done to convert it fully into the permanent chapel of the increasing membership of San Enrique church.

The four objectives of the effort at San Enrique are to evangelize the town, and its suburbs more extensively and intensively; to bring into the fellowship of the church new converts; to strengthen and revive such as have weakened in their faith; and to build a presentable church building that will help in the promulgation of the Advent message.

—F. M. Arrogante, President  
Negros Mission

**West Visayan Academy teachers working with students transplanting rice seedlings.**

## By Two's at W. V. A.

By S. G. Miraflores

**W**EST Visayan Academy, the oldest academy in the South Philippines, is living up to its objectives and putting into clear focus the desired results.

With the Commission on Agricultural Productivity (CAP) helping us in our rice project, the school raised an all-time-high crop last November. With the assistance of the Bureau of Soils, West Visayan Academy became the seed bank of the new variety of rice from Taiwan called "shianong." This early-maturing variety can be harvested within 90-100 days and it was introduced here in Bongco in the province of Iloilo for the first time.

We have had more than our usual share of floods this school year. Two floods came on two Fridays. The first flood, coming on a Friday, it took us till Monday to get the palay back to its place and the library books back on the shelves—all having been soaked by the rain. The campus and the classrooms also had to be cleared of all the debris and silt. The next Friday the waters visited us again!

The two Weeks of Prayer conducted by Pastor A. Z. Roda and Dr. L. L. Quirante, respectively, resulted in two baptisms totalling forty-five young people, all of whom joined the church. Our schools are indeed soul-saving agencies.

Two new teachers joined the faculty—O. Basco, a graduate from

Mountain View College, and Virginia Gentapanan, a teacher in West Negros College who decided to cast her lot with God's people. Pastor A. C. Segovia, principal of the academy, who had been on study leave, arrived in the middle of February. The writer had been substituting for three semesters.

The "Westerner" (WVA male quartet) is on call all the time for baptisms, weddings, rallies, programs, tent efforts and funerals. WVA Medical Cadet Corps won the Union Mission pennant as the best corps in that field last year. Twenty-four seniors graduated on May 24, 1965.

The last Week of Prayer, April 2-10, was marked with signal blessings and victories. It was climaxed with a communion service. On the night of the last meeting, Dr. Quirante made an altar call. A young man surrendered his all to the Master, including his two deadly weapons.

It will be noted that this summary report of West Visayan Academy for 1964-1965 is a striking coincidence of two's.

## East Indonesia

### Record Sales in West Indonesia

By M. R. Lyon, Publishing Secretary

**D**URING 1964 the colporteurs of the West Indonesia Union Mission set a new record in literature sales. With total sales at Rp. 78,000,000, they topped all Far Eastern Division sales unit records by placing 33,915,100 pages of literature in the homes of the people.

Our 213 colporteurs are enthusiastic workers for the Lord. From their efforts come experiences ranging all the way from selling books to an outraged priest to that of winning Muslims to Christ in increasing numbers. Recently one of our men nearly died from poisoning in the interior of Kalimantan but God spared him to stand before a large audience that night to preach the message. Another of our colporteurs, a lady, assisted a customer in the delivery of her first child. This kind act prompted Bible studies later which resulted in both the father and mother accepting Christ and they are now waiting for baptism.



Often faced with shortages in paper, chemicals, parts and necessary supplies, Lloyd Barber and the brethren at the Indonesia Publishing House must overcome new obstacles every day in order to supply enough books and magazines to the field. But with God's hand on the publishing work, the work continues to go forward with increasing success. As for goals, we are expecting at least a 20 percent increase in 1965.

## Japan

### College Literature Evangelist Workshop

By V. L. Bretsch, Publishing Secretary, Japan Union

**T**HE student-literature-evangelist program within the Japan Union should prove to be another great success in 1965. We can only come to this conclusion from the enthusiasm displayed by the students and faculty during the recent institute held at Japan Missionary College, May 7-9, 1965.

More than 90 students signed contracts before the week-end program ended. We have since heard of several students who have contacted the various mission publishing secretaries since then. We are planning for 100 students to enter the literature ministry this summer.

Our sales last year amounted to a little more than 11 million yen and this year we should approach the 13 million mark. The books to

be sold are: **Desire of Ages**, Volumes 1 and 2; and **Bible Pageant**, Volumes, 1 and 2. The magazine, **Signs of the Times** will be sold with each unit.

Our students are a tremendous power for good as they visit from house to house. They are thus gaining valuable experience preparatory to the years of service they will give to the denomination after their graduation.

These young people need our prayers as they work this summer among their own people numbering 100 million or more. Most of these people are Buddhists. The military spirit of Soka Gakkai (a Buddhist military sect) and the zealous efforts of other organizations, such as **Rissho Kosei**, are also reasons why we should remember our young people as they meet these elements day by day.

## Korea

### Behind Prison Walls

**L**EE HAI RYONG was born in 1937. He grew up in a non-Christian home. Early in his life, his mother died. His aged father is sick with palsy. Lee Hai Ryong entered Korean Union College in 1958. When he was a senior in the college (1961) he was drafted into the Army. There he ran into problems. The first problem was that of Sabbath keeping. During basic training, according to army regulations, he must stand for inspection on the Sabbath. He was permitted

to have his worship but only after the regular training and inspection. Mr. Lee asked for the privilege of keeping the Sabbath in the proper way. He also requested to be put into the medical service. However, according to their regulations even if they received medical service classification they must have six weeks of basic training and during this training they must carry a gun.

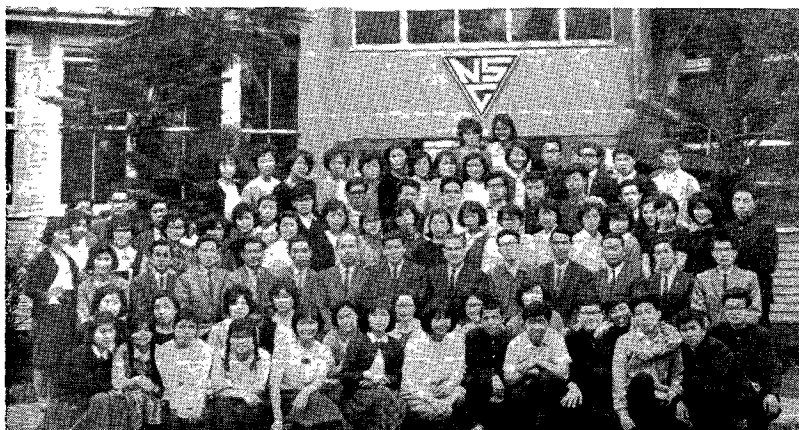
Mr. Lee did not refuse to carry a gun but he did insist on being in the medical service. The army officers felt that he had disobeyed their command and so they decided to have him court martialed. This happened right after the army revolution when the army government came into power. The army felt that any disagreement with their rules was a big offense. Mr. Lee was given a seven-year prison sentence but they cut it to five years. This was the longest sentence that any of our Adventist boys had received. He has now been in prison 42 months but he still has nine more to go.

At the time of the Korean Youth Congress he was given leave for one week. This was a very unusual concession. It was indeed a privilege for him to attend the Youth Congress.

Mr. Lee's personal experiences in the prison have been hard but he has felt that he has been blessed with time to study the Bible, pray, and to study with other prisoners. Four young people, who had long sentences, have been converted through his efforts and they are preparing for baptism. The chaplain of the prison has requested Mr. Lee to preach once a week to the patients in the prison hospital. While his circumstances are very difficult, Mr. Lee gets comfort from seeing long-term prisoners converted to a belief in Jesus Christ. They desire to become good citizens. Many of the patients look forward to Mr. Lee's service each week. They are happy to be able to become acquainted with the Bible through him.

—C. D. Martin

**Japan Missionary College students who attended the recent literature-evangelist institute. More than 90 students signed contracts during the institute.**



## South Philippines

### MV Leaders Tour SPUM

By B. U. Donato, MV Secretary

**G**ENERAL Conference Associate MV Secretary John H. Hancock and our Division MV Secretary C. D. Martin toured the South Philippine Union last May 7 to 11. Rallies were held. Special emphasis was placed on MV Target 3000, Medical Cadet and Pathfinder programs.

The places blessed by the visits of these leaders were Bagontaas, Mountain View College, Davao City, Dagos, and Southern Mindanao Academy. At the academy the Medical Cadets and Pathfinders showed the guests their many crafts, field demonstrations, etc. Pastor Hancock took pictures of these with his movie camera.

the local mission MV secretaries, and the president and academic dean of Mountain View College, Dr. Douglas Brown and Ottis Edwards, respectively. Others who participated were MV sponsor and MCC Commandant Ramero Castro; Delfe Alsaybar, principal of the Southern Mindanao Academy; Pathfinder Directors Eunice Llaguno, Jeconias Solis, and Pacifica Eresmas; V. M. Montalban, South Philippine Union president, and a host of union and institutional workers.

Pastor V. M. Montalban led the staffs of the Union Mission and the Davao Mission in bidding farewell to the visiting leaders at the Davao airport.

### Soul Winning in Western Mindanao

By T. C. Cabaluna, President

**I**N THE early part of 1965, five of our evangelists decided to launch

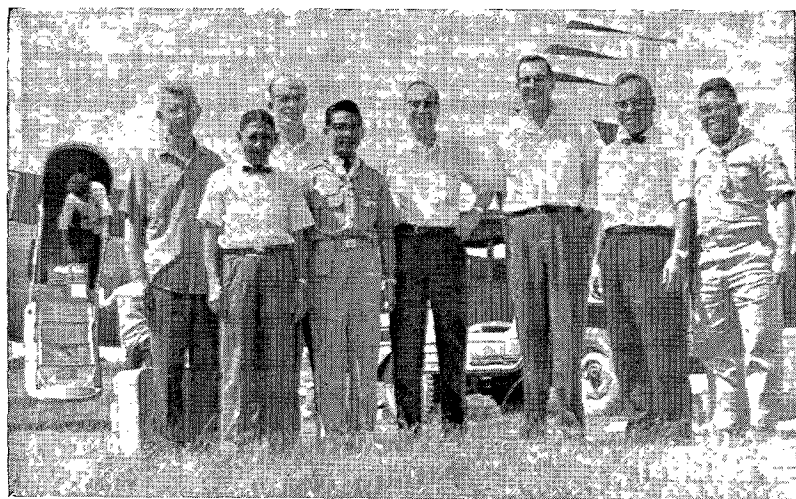
The Lord richly blessed the efforts of these men. At the close of the first quarter, these men had garnered in 115 souls. In the Pagadian area alone, Pastor D. M. Niere and C. S. Rosco baptized 24 persons at the time of their first baptism. The other three evangelists had prepared 30 souls and they were baptized by the mission Sabbath school secretary and our active treasurer. Many more earnest and truth-seeking people are being prepared to take their stand for the Master and will soon be baptized.

An interesting phase of C. S. Rosco's and D. M. Niere's effort is worthwhile mentioning here. Lamitan happens to be a town where the people know no other religious affiliation than that of Catholicism. From the time our workers began to lay the ground work for their effort, they met barriers instigated by the priests and their agents. But the Lord overruled in the affairs and somehow the message penetrated into the spiritual darkness of the Lamitan population.

One evening our evangelists experienced stoning for quite a time. They were alarmed but they decided to count the number of stones that would fall on their building. As they counted they noted that the stones falling were the same number as the souls they were then preparing for baptism. On the day of the baptism, with tears in their eyes, they counted the candidates standing on the shore waiting to be baptized and found it to be just the number of stones which had fallen on their building that dreadful night.

As these two brethren, faithful servants of the Lord, talked to each other the following night, after the baptism of the 24 persons, one of them commented: "If this would be the case always, I would be willing to endure longer stoning only to have its counterpart in the harvest of an equal number of souls."

Our laymen are also doing their share in the great soul-winning program in the Western Mindanao Mission. To show their great appreciation for the very timely instruction given by all the instructors at our Leadership Training Institute at Davao City, which was under the direction of L. A. Shipowick, division secretary of lay activities, many of them have organized training classes for their own lay preachers. All are moved with greater zeal to finish the work in each of their respective territories.



**Pastor C. D. Martin and J. H. Hancock (third and fourth from the right) at the start of their tour of the South Philippine Union. Others in the picture are (left to right): Dr. William Richli, Mr. A. D. Lazaro, Dr. D. K. Brown, Pastors B. U. Donato, T. A. Layon, and M. L. Ligan.**

Special literary and musical programs were presented in honor of the guests at Mountain View College and Southern Mindanao Academy. These programs were under the direction of Miss Rosie Mary and Rudney Bartolome, respectively. Pastor Martin sang old favorites and Pastor Hancock played several selections on his 40-pound accordion. Investitures were held in both of these schools.

Associated with these leaders on the tour in the various places were

evangelistic efforts in five important places of the Western Mindanao Mission. C. S. Rosco started his effort at Lamitan, Basilan City, aided by the union evangelist, Pastor D. M. Niere; Pastor F. Banez chose the big towns of Pagadian and Tukuran, Zamboanga del Sur; N. N. Macarine settled for the town of Osmena in Zamboanga del Sur; J. A. Layon held his meetings in Pines, Oroquieta, Misamis Occidental, and J. L. Balacuit held forth in Bacolod, Lanao del Norte.

## Faithful Unto Death

By P. P. Ramos, Radio-TV  
Secretary, South Philippine Union

**N**O ONE dreamed it could happen. That was a black day in the maritime calendar—November 23, 1964, at five o'clock in the afternoon. The boat "Don Jose" was leaving Zamboanga City for Cebu. On Recode Bay, just 100 meters from shore, the tragedy struck.

Tidal waves, believed to have been caused by a giant waterspout, overturned the boat which sank without warning. The mishap occurred in shark-infested waters. The toll—48 known dead and five declared missing. There were only eight survivors. Among the dead and missing were the captain, chief engineer, radio operator, and our own dear brother, Second Engineer Adolfo Monterde.

Adolfo Monterde's conversion began when a nurse from the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital handed him a copy of the **Signs of the Times** magazine. This he read over and over again till the messages sank deep and touched his heart. At Cebu City, he and his wife received Bible studies from Pastor de Angel, chaplain at the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital.

After his baptism, his friends and shipmates witnessed a great change in the life of Brother Monterde. Those who knew him saw the evidences of a genuine conver-

sion. When requested to do so, he and his wife posed for a picture with the endeared **Signs**. It was his joy to have shared hundreds of copies of the magazine with the passengers on the boat.

I shall never forget the gleam of determination in his youthful eyes when at our last meeting he said: "Pastor Ramos, my life belongs to God. Wherever I may be, I shall always be faithful to Him." We never met again but I know he kept his word.

## A Boy Preacher

By T. C. Cabaluna

**A**LAY preacher in the Bogo Calabat church has a boy only five years old. He possesses a special talent in being able to memorize as well as a pleasing way of delivering his message. The father decided to use this lad in the father's place for he was a better preacher and he would be more of an attraction than an older person. The Lord has used this small preacher to accomplish great things for Him.

Brother Dahunan, the boy's father, wrote five sermonettes for his small son, Bernabe. These the boy memorized and also some choruses and appeals. Not only did Bernabe memorize the sermonettes but he delivered them fluently, much to the amazement of the older members of the church, and no less to the unbelieving members of the community.

One Sabbath afternoon, Bernabe gave the Three Angels' Messages. Those present did not notice that their barrio captain was seated under a coconut tree within hearing distance of the lad. When the boy made his appeal, much to the brethren's surprise, they saw their barrio captain rise to his feet with others and bluntly confess that he was convinced of the truth of the boy's message. The barrio captain began Bible studies and later took his stand with God's people.

Bernabe is conducting six branch Sabbath schools and he has no less than 58 children attending regularly. Bernabe's older brothers assist him by singing before and after his sermonette.

Late one Sabbath afternoon, father and son were going home together from a neighboring barrio where they had held services. The father suggested that they had better hurry for the river would be getting deeper and they would have



**Bernabe Dahunan, the five-year-old preacher posing with two mission administrators.**

a hard time to cross it. It was then raining up in the mountains. The boy insisted that they remain for there were more children coming to his Sabbath school. He encouraged his father by saying that there were four horses waiting on the bank of the river to take them across. He anticipated this and so did not want his father to worry.

When they reached the river, and while waiting on its bank, they noticed that a flood was coming. The river began to overflow its banks. Father and son stood waiting there. They almost lost hope for there was no boat nor were there any horses. Soon they noticed four horses coming in their direction. The three had a rider but the fourth had no rider. The strangers told them that the fourth horse was for their use. They gratefully got on the horse's back and rode to safety. Not far from the river they jumped down from the horse's back for the way was too steep for riding. Without realizing it, they soon saw that the horses and the three men had disappeared. What else could they conclude but that these were the angels of the Almighty God in the garb of men sent to help these faithful messengers in the time of their dire need.

The work of this five-year-old boy is a real challenge to all older laymen in the church. If a small



**Engineer and Mrs. Adolfo Monterde**



boy like Bernabe can call heavenly beings to his assistance, and can be instrumental in winning many souls to Christ, including a barrio captain, how much more should an adult layman be able to do if he is consecrated to the task God has left for us to finish.

## The Lamitan Effort

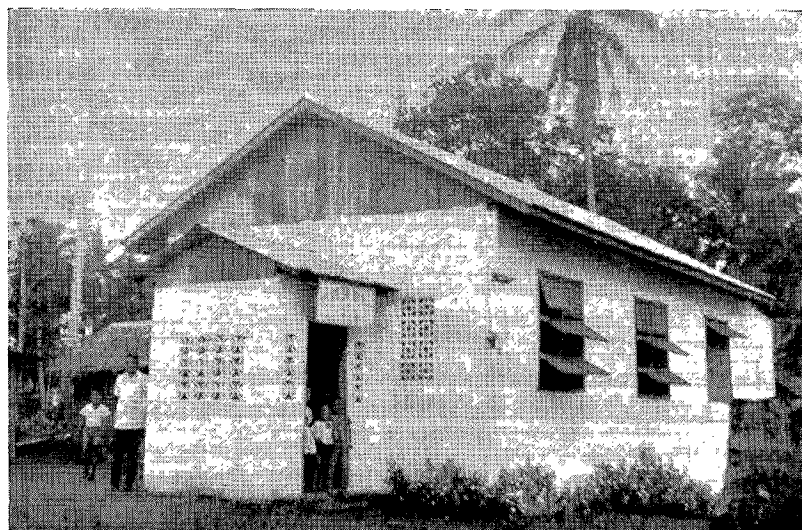
By D. M. Niere, Evangelist

**T**HE contract had been signed. The rent had been paid in full. We were in high spirits as we began the construction of the Lamitan Center on the choicest lot in town. The skeleton was up and the work was going forward. We had the paint ready, when, lo and behold, I received a long distance call from the owner in Zamboanga City to come to see him. As I came down the gangplank, the owner was there and he escorted me to his car and on to his air-conditioned office. "You see, Mr. Niere, I am being blamed by the people in Lamitan for allowing you Adventists to use my lot. I have just returned from the convent and the priest warned me of eternal damnation if I allowed you to use my lot." "But, Attorney, we have the contract," I protested. He was trembling and his face was as white as a sheet of paper.

We thought of bringing the case to court but that would only delay our work. We ordered the men to stop working. The news spread like wildfire. Our enemies naturally were jubilant. From our own people, we had various reactions. The majority sympathized with me while others blamed me for acceding to the wishes of the owner. They felt that to transfer the meetings to another place would only be defeat. But Advent people do not accept defeat. We are a church militant.

While we were seeking counsel from God, a Muslim friend dropped in and he told us that he had seen a signboard hanging on a vacant lot somewhere. We sent a committee to investigate the location. They reported back that the lot was available and that it was just as good a lot as the former one.

The owner had spent a rather long vacation in Manila. She had just arrived home in the morning when we approached her in the evening. She did not know about our past experience. We told her



**The Pinamalayan church which was dedicated on May 8, 1965. This is the eighteenth church raised up by Lay Preacher Urbano I. Castillo. (See story on page 22—One Lay Preacher, etc.)**

frankly that we would not sign the contract if it meant that the priest would tell her later to have our building removed from the lot. She replied that no one could dictate to her, not even her priest. Other denominations had often used her lot.

We opened our meetings on the night of February 23. There was no mayor, no vice mayor, chief of police or counselor to grace our opening night. Three-fourths of the crowd were teenagers and children. But in a few nights, the picture changed. The attendance increased and many were showing quite an interest. Among those interested was a lanky young man who belongs to a Protestant church. When he first started coming, he was usually drunk and he disturbed the meetings with his talking. His actions annoyed us to the extent that we were tempted to wish that he would not come. Little by little, he became sober and was well-behaved during the meetings. He was always the first one to arrive. When the testing truths were presented, he was among those who accepted them and stood to his feet when the call was made. One night before the meeting began, four husky men grabbed him and dragged him to the Protestant revival meetings. Being unable to free himself, he went to the meeting but when all had closed their eyes in prayer, he slipped out quietly and came back to our meeting.

On May 1, on the rocky shores

of Lamitan, we buried twenty-four souls in the watery grave, firstfruits of the Lamitan effort. We are expecting to baptize more and among them some Muslims. Incidentally, during the solemn baptismal rites, the Catholic priest was seen witnessing the baptism from a distance with the help of his binoculars. Please pray for the work in Basilan City.

## The Story of a Bottle of Oil

By F. D. Lao

**A**GUSAN, which is a part of Northern Mindanao Mission, is populated by different people who worship different kinds of gods. Some of these people are the disciples of the devil and help to propagate his power through the healing of the sick. A man was given a bottle of oil by the devil to be used as medicine for any ailment suffered by the people in his neighborhood. Many people looked up to him with reverence as a result of his magic power through the oil.

However, while this man enjoyed the respect of his neighbors, he had a struggle within himself for he could not cure the sickness from which he himself was suffering. His stomach continued to enlarge and

his skin became yellow. While he seemed to be able to cure others, he could do nothing for himself. He consulted the best medical doctor in the vicinity. He pronounced his case hopeless. He was told to enjoy all the food and pleasures this world could give him for his days were numbered.

Like a prisoner sentenced to the electric chair, he hoped for something better than this life could offer. One day Brother Corig and his companion knocked on his door. After entering, they gave him and his family a canvass for the book, **Great Controversy**. The promise of a life beyond the grave stirred this sick man. When the book was delivered, the entire family became interested in the truth. Bible studies were arranged and soon plans were made for baptism. Before the date of his baptism, the devil visited him and told him not to surrender that bottle of oil.

True to his word, the man kept the bottle of oil but there was an uneasiness about him and this was noticed by the mission president, T. A. Layon, who began to inquire into his former life. He confided to the mission president that he had kept the bottle of oil which the devil had given him before his conversion. He defied the devil and gave the bottle to the president of the mission and it now rests in the Northern Mindanao Mission office. The entire family of this man who had worked for the devil is now rejoicing in their new-found faith. They surrendered their hearts to God and the bottle of oil to the mission president.

## North Philippines

### Ordained to Bring Forth Fruit

By R. C. Williams, Union Ministerial Secretary

**I**T IS GOD'S plan that the good news of salvation shall reach sinburdened hearts through Spirit-filled hearts. No greater responsibility has ever fallen upon the shoulders of mortal man than that

of preaching the gospel to the world's condemned millions. With that divinely appointed obligation comes an indescribable feeling of joy and satisfaction in witnessing the rebirth of souls and the building of citizens for that better kingdom.

Throughout the entire struggle for the souls of men, the Spirit-filled messenger is ever aware of the fact that he is but a laborer "... together with God. . ." His part is to surrender and to be willing to go. God's part is to supply the direction, "Go. . . and teach all nations," the message, "... all things whatsoever I have command-



**Northern Luzon Mission:** Left to right: J. A. Bangloy, president; P. R. Ico, newly ordained district leader; Mrs. P. R. Ico, T. C. Murdoch, president of the North Philippine Union; Mrs. L. L. Macaraeg, L. L. Macaraeg, newly ordained district leader; and J. O. Bautista, union home missionary and Sabbath school secretary.



**Southern Luzon Mission:** Left to right: C. P. Sorensen, Division president; T. B. Frias, district leader; Mrs. V. P. Napod, V. P. Napod, newly ordained district leader; J. O. Bautista and J. P. Acosta, president of the Southern Luzon Mission.



**Central Luzon Mission:** The newly ordained ministers with their wives. Left to right: L. M. Baylon, district leader and now chaplain of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital; Mrs. L. M. Baylon; B. O. David, district leader; Mrs. B. O. David; R. G. Evangelista, district leader; Mrs. R. G. Evangelista; A. P. de Guzman, district leader; Mrs. A. P. de Guzman; Dr. G. C. Ekvall, medical director of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital; Mrs. G. C. Ekvall; and G. Oosterwal, department of theology, Philippine Union College.



**South-Central Luzon Mission:** Newly ordained ministers and their wives: Left to right, Mrs. C. C. La Villa, C. C. La Villa, district leader; Mrs. R. F. Ballesteros, R. F. Ballesteros, district leader; Mrs. O. H. Gucilar, O. H. Gucilar, district leader.

ed you. . ." and the power, ". . . Lo, I am with you. . . even unto the end. . ." Matthew 28:19, 20. The results of such a divine-human endeavor will not always be the same in each field of labor, but there is one blessed, unfailing assurance of God, ". . . My word. . . shall not return unto me void. . ." Isaiah 55:11.

Preachers of righteousness fall into various categories. There are those who care for the business of the church. Others labor where public speaking is not an absolute necessity. Yet there are those who are called, chosen, and ordained to proclaim in direct public endeavor the last warning message. All are preachers of righteousness through

word, deed, action, and every transaction of the life. They are joining hands under the Spirit's power to ". . . proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

The laying on of hands in ordination is the highest act of recognition which the church on earth can perform for a minister who has demonstrated by word and deed that he has been chosen of the Lord. No title or degree conferred by any institution of higher learning could ever be as precious or meaningful as God's stamp of approval and calling. Thus, to be an ordained minister of the Remnant Church is indeed a privilege of the most sacred order.

In recent weeks four ordination services were held in the North Philippine Union Mission. It is merely coincidental, yet unique, that a total of twelve men were set apart for the gospel ministry. Four came from the Central Luzon Mission, one from Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, one from Philippine Union College, three from South-Central Luzon Mission, one from Southern Luzon Mission, and two from the Northern Luzon Mission. The Lord has richly blessed these consecrated men in their past years of dedicated service and we have every reason to believe that the days ahead will be even more fruitful.

Jesus said, "... I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go out and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain. . . John 15:16." We request each reader to pray for these newly-ordained ministers of righteousness. May they be fruitful and may their fruit remain until the harvest.

## Fire Victims Given Aid

**T**HE biggest fire ever to hit Lucena City, Philippines, where our headquarters for the South-Central Luzon Mission are located, occurred at early dawn on May 4, 1965, razing to the ground 32 blocks of the central section of the city. The fire caused the death of three persons, destroyed property valued at 20,000,000 pesos, and left 5,000 families homeless. Our mission office was among the buildings destroyed. Four of our mission workers' families were living in an apartment building and this too was destroyed.

The accompanying picture shows H. M. Baldwin (center with glasses), secretary-treasurer of the North Philippine Union, handing over a check for 1,000 pesos to the city mayor, Mario Tagarao. This was the donation from the Union to the fund for the relief of the fire

victims. E. J. Tanguan (at H. M. Baldwin's right), president of the South Central Mission, gave a check for 300 pesos from the mission.

Three distributions of SAWS commodities by the local Dorcas Welfare Society and the Manila-Rizal Welfare Federation have been made so far to the families left destitute. Each time between 700 and 800 have been helped.

—J. O. Bautista

## From Eighteen to Ninety Thousand

By J. A. Bangloy, President  
Northern Luzon Mission

**I**N THE YEAR 1906 the territory of the Philippine Islands was organized as the Philippine Union Mission. It was then under the direct supervision of the Australasian Union Conference. On December 31, 1909 it was transferred to the General Conference to be administered through the Asiatic Division. As the work progressed in many parts of the Islands, the leaders in the General Conference felt the need of a central organization to coordinate the activities of the different missions.

Accordingly, the Philippine Is-

lands Mission was organized as the Philippine Union Conference at the conference session held in Shanghai, China, April, 1917. Pastor E. M. Adams acted as president in the absence of the president. The temporary setup of the union lasted until the next year when Pastor S. E. Jackson arrived in Manila to take up the leadership of the work.

In 1931 another change took place as the Philippine Union Conference was changed into the Philippine Union Mission in connection with the division of the Central Luzon Mission into two local missions. The organization continued by that name until a request came to the Far Eastern Division Committee that the union be divided in order that there might be more efficient supervision. The request was granted and at the Division Council in February of 1951, the North and South Philippine Union Mission were organized. For the purposes of accounting and statistics, the separation of the two unions was to become effective January 1, 1951. Administratively, the two unions were to commence functioning July 1, 1951. This action was brought to the union delegates at their biennial session in March, 1951. The delegates accepted it with rejoicing for it was a forward step in the growth and development of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Philippines.

Recently the South Philippine Union was divided into two unions making three unions in the Philippines, namely North, South and Central Philippines.

In 1911 at the organization of the first S. D. A. church at Santa Ana it had only 18 members. Today in the Philippines the membership is about 90,000. Our thanks be to God Who has always watched over, guided and blessed the work of Adventism in this section of the Far Eastern Division.

## One Lay Preacher— Eighteen Churches — Twenty Years

By J. O. Bautista

**A**T the recent biennial session of the South-Central Mission six new churches were accepted into the sisterhood of churches. Among these was the newly organized Pinalayan church in Oriental Mindoro. This town in Mindoro is rap-



H. M. Baldwin (center left,) secretary-treasurer of the North Philippine Union, presents a check for 1,000 pesos to Lucena City Mayor Mario Tagarao, a donation from the union for the relief of the fire victims.

idly growing in importance as a commercial center. It is also one of the most recent in which the Advent message has gained a foothold. Attempts at evangelization began almost three decades ago. All through these years this coastal community has proved to be stony ground for the gospel seed.

The first attempt was made as early as 1930 when two evangelistic campaigns were held. Not until 1955 was this repeated with the result that members of two families were won to the truth. Almost a decade later, when plans were being laid for the launching of the "Tell the Philippines Crusade" in 1964, it was felt that the time had come for another assault to be made on the enemy's stronghold. It was decided to ask Urbano I, Castillo, veteran

lay preacher, to conduct the effort. The first series of meetings began on January 10, 1964. Brother Castillo was assisted by his wife, young daughter and two young women. Opposition fires were rekindled but the efforts of the enemy did not prosper this time. The first baptism was conducted on March 8 when twenty-six souls went forward in the sacred rite, sixteen of whom constituted the firstfruits of the lay effort. Four evangelistic efforts were held in three different sections of the town with a total harvest of 60 souls. The church was organized by the mission president, E. J. Tangunan on March 8 with fifty-eight charter members.

Lay Preacher Castillo has followed the practice of making plans for the erection of a church building

even before the start of the meetings.

Before the start of the meetings in Pinamalayan, Brother Castillo with the help of the Lord found a lot just a stone's throw from where he had pitched his tent. The lot where the church now stands is 20 x 25 meters and it cost only 800 pesos. Adjacent lots of the same size now sell for 2,000 pesos.

Pinamalayan church is the eighteenth to be raised up through the labors of Brother Castillo and his helpers since he began to do lay evangelistic work twenty years ago. The number of souls he has won has passed the 900 mark. He is now 63 years old but he is going strong in his exploits for the Master.

(Picture of church on page 19.)

### *Baptisms -- First Quarter*

	1965	1964
East Indonesia Union	189	—
West Indonesia Union	258	61
Japan Union	52	121
Korean Union	56	59
Central Philippine Union	304	280
North Philippine Union	588	811
South Philippine Union	585	617
South China Island Union	125	70
Southeast Asia Union	140	78
Far Eastern Island Mission	26	2
West Irian Mission	—	—
Grand Total	2,323	2,099

—C.P.S.



## NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● The Korean Ministry of Education has granted accreditation to the entire Korean Union College so that the college is now able to grant government recognized degrees upon graduation of all students. Previously only the first two years of the college were government accredited.

● Charles Steele, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Steele, and a recent graduate of the Far Eastern Academy, left for Alaska on July 12. He will spend the summer with friends and in the fall he plans to attend Canadian Union College.

● Pastor V. L. Bretsch is the new publishing secretary of Southeast Asia Union Mission. Formerly he served in that capacity in the Japan Union. We welcome the Bretsch family to Singapore.

● Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Downing and family left for their furlough on July 15. It is permanent return for their daughter Karen for she plans to enroll at Union College for the next school term.

● Misses Connie and Candace Pender are spending the summer with their parents in Bangkok, Thailand. En route they made a very brief visit to Singapore. "The Twins" have been students at Southern Missionary College the past two years.

● Dr. F. O. Rittenhouse, president of Pacific Union College, visited friends in Singapore July 7-9. He was accompanied by a friend, Dr. Alstrup Johnson of Medford, Oregon. One purpose of Dr. Rittenhouse's visit was to counsel with the folks concerned as to the possibility of a future affiliation between Southeast Asia Union College and Pacific Union College.

● A new Job Training Program has been initiated at Korean Union College. Thirty traineeships for college students are now available in bookkeeping, translation, library work, audio visual services, secretarial work, agriculture and dairying. The traineeships shall consist of a three-year-on-the-job work and training program of 1,800 hours.

● The students and teachers of Korean Union College are laying plans for ten major evangelistic efforts and many Vacation Bible Schools during the summer vacation. These campaigns will be under the direction of the department of theology and student leaders.

● On July 19 the opening of the new Naga View Academy was featured. This new school will serve the young people of the Southern and South-Central Luzon Missions.

● It is with sadness that we quote this brief item from a letter written by Mrs. E. C. Frank, wife of Dr. Frank, who was the medical director of the Taiwan Sanitarium

and Hospital until he became seriously ill. Mrs. Frank wrote to Pastor C. B. Miller and her letter was received on June 26. She described the Doctor's passing on June 20 as though he just "drifted away." He has been in a coma for the past two months. He was buried in Grass Valley, California. Mrs. Frank's address for the present will be: 95 Manzanita Drive, Grass Valley, California, c/o A. H. Frank.

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## Interesting Facts about Our Medical Institutions

THE following paragraph is quoted from a report Miss Mazie A. Herin, associate secretary of the General Conference medical department, wrote to the officers of the General Conference. The entire report concerns her visit to the Far Eastern Division last year. We take the liberty of quoting one paragraph which we know will be of interest to our readers. The visits of T. R. Flaiz, M. D., and Miss Herin to our field last year were very much appreciated.

"Concerning the total number of overseas sanitariums and hospitals, clinics and dispensaries, the Far East has 20.5 percent of all overseas sanitariums and hospitals and 16. percent of all clinics and dispensaries. In these medical institutions, the Far Eastern Division has 21.6 percent of all the hospital beds, 31.1 percent of all in-patient admissions, 21.3 per cent of all of the out-patients, 45.8 percent of all the physicians and dentists, 42.8 percent of all the nurses, 33.1 percent of all medical institution employees. These medical institutions provided 32.2 percent of all the charity granted needed patients last year."

—Mrs. C.P.S.