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Japan Union 24th Biennial Session

By W. T. Clark, President

THE 24th biennial session of the Japan Union Mission was held in the Tokyo Central Church, December 16-21, 1965. There were in attendance 183 delegates from the various parts of Japan and Okinawa. "With the Affection of Jesus Christ," was the motto for the meetings. The guests from the General Conference and Division were: W. E. Murray, vice-president of the General Conference, C. P. Sorensen, president of the Far Eastern Division, H. D. Johnson, treasurer of the Far Eastern Division, and D. A. Roth, assistant division secretary and public relations secretary. A fine spirit of cooperation was present throughout the entire session.

On Sabbath, December 18, the Sabbath School and the worship hour were held at the Tokyo Suginami Hall. All the seats of the auditorium were filled as 1,400 of our members from the various churches worshiped with the delegates. Pastor W. E. Murray was the speaker of the hour. The Choral Arts Society of Japan Missionary College, conducted by Frank Araujo, provided a reverent atmosphere with their beautiful voices. At the close of the service a sacrificial offering was received which amounted to 1,400,000.00 (US\$ 4,000). This offering will be used by the missions for evangelism.

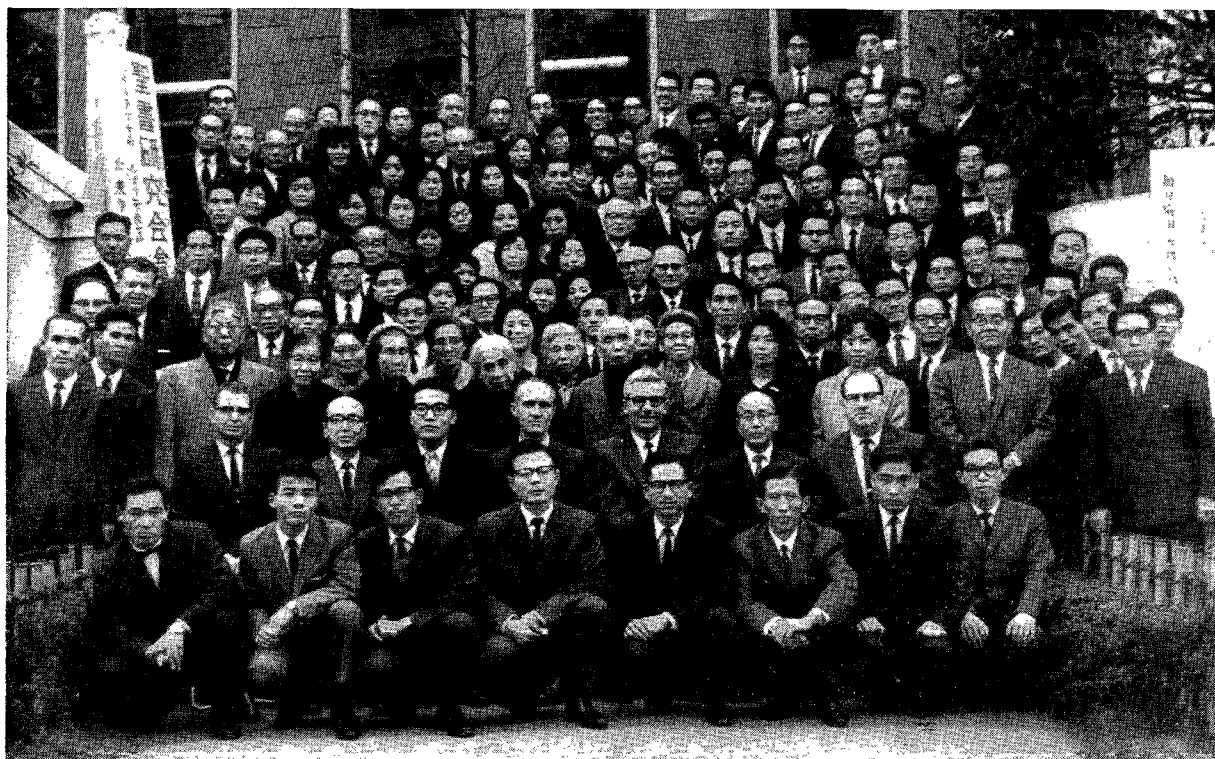
assembled at the Tokyo Evangelistic Center December 14, 1965, for the first meeting. Pastor W. T. Clark, president of the Japan Union, challenged the large group of evangelistic workers on the opening night to a new sense of urgency in the Lord's work—to sense the urgency of heaven itself.

The morning and evening devotional periods were the highlights of this workers' meeting. Another highlight of the three-day meeting was a three-hour session with one of Japan's leading speech teachers, Dr. Godo Abe, director of the Japan Speech Association. Following his lecture on proper speech and

ministerial magazine, **Bokuyo**, was the chairman of a very interesting panel discussion on "The Binding Off of Interests."

Pastor S. Tabuchi of the theology department of the college, presented to the workers the opportunities and challenges of an active program of pastoral counseling.

The three-day workers' meeting was climaxed with renewed consecrations in the ordinance of foot-washing and acceptance anew of the emblems of the Lord's great sacrifice. Pastor T. Kajiyama, a veteran worker in the union, led out in the beautiful communion service.



One hundred and twenty-eight mission workers attended the union-wide workers' meeting held in the Tokyo Central Church just prior to the biennial session.

Union-Wide Workers' Meeting in Japan

By E. E. Jensen, Secretary-Treasurer

UNDER the auspices of the Ministerial Association, a Japan Union workers' meeting has just been concluded. One hundred and twenty-eight workers from the snow-covered mountains of Hok-

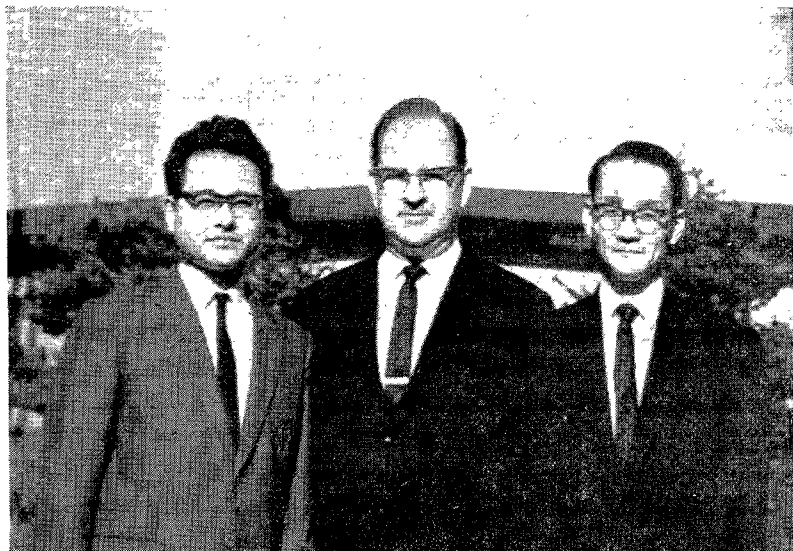
kaido in the north to the warm shores of Okinawa in the south, pronunciation, three-minute speeches by four of the ministers were recorded and analyzed by the group.

A forum on "New Methods of Evangelistic Approach" was led by Pastor Paul W. Nelson, union ministerial secretary. Five leading evangelists from various parts of the union mission field described their methods of approach.

Pastor S. Nagakubo, Bible teacher at Japan Missionary College, and managing editor of the Japanese

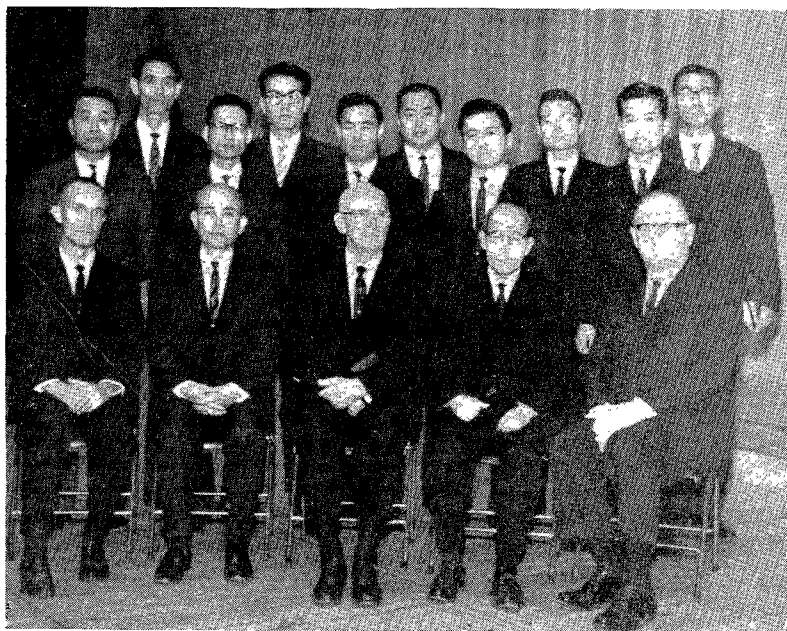
The meeting came to a close with a fellowship dinner, sponsored by the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital in their newly-enlarged cafeteria.

Even though the workers' meeting was a short one, it provided the inspiration of Bible study and prayer, the enlargement of vision, and the joys of fellowship.



NEW MISSION BORN IN THE JAPAN UNION

At the recent 24th biennial session of the Japan Union Mission, the Hokkaido Mission was officially accepted as the fourth local mission of the Japan Union. At the time of the 23rd biennial session in 1964, Hokkaido was separated from the North Japan Mission and became known as the Hokkaido Evangelistic District. During the past two years the work has developed well in Hokkaido and as a result of this the Hokkaido District is now the Hokkaido Mission. W. I. Hilliard is the president; Tsuneyoshi Watanabe and Kyuhichi Kaneda are the secretary and treasurer, respectively.



The ten men (standing) who were ordained at the recent Japan Union biennial session. From the left: Miyamoto Noboru, publishing secretary; Funamoto Yasuhiro, publishing secretary; Yanaga Kuniaki, pastor; Nagakubo Senzo, JMC Bible teacher; Kanno Mitsuo, pastor; Tabuchi Shozo, JMC Bible teacher; Fujita Kiyoshi, pastor; Fukushima Masahiro, pastor; Kondo Shinsei, pastor; Arima Sadayuki, pastor. Seated are the men who participated in the ordination service. From the left: W. T. Clark, K. Yasui, W. E. Murray, T. Kajiyama, C. P. Sorensen.

Ordination Service in Tokyo

At the Sabbath afternoon meeting of the 24th biennial session of the Japan Union Mission, ten men were ordained to the gospel ministry. This was the largest ordination in the history of the union mission and this makes a total of 60 men ordained since the close of World War II. This service was held in the Tokyo Sugunami Hall on December 18, 1965.

The ordination sermon was given by Pastor W. E. Murray, vice-president of the General Conference. Others who participated in the service were: Pastor T. Kajiyama offered the prayer of ordination; Pastor K. Yasui gave the charge and the welcome was extended by the writer. Fifty-nine ordained ministers were present for this solemn service, and all of these men were on the platform to participate in the service.

We firmly believe that with this large group of gospel ministers, now numbering 69, many souls will be won to this message in the years that lie ahead.

—C. P. Sorensen

US Servicemen's Weekend in Saigon

By C. D. Martin, Secretary National Service Organization, Far Eastern Division

In spite of increased Viet Cong threats against US troops in Saigon over the VC anniversary week-end of December 17-19, a very peaceful and inspirational program was attended by Seventh-day Adventist soldiers in Viet Nam. Because of combat conditions, the military authorities were not able to authorize a country-wide religious "retreat." Yet in spite of not being able to have an "official retreat", it was gratifying to find that there were 50 servicemen and staff in attendance.

It was a busy time on the Viet Nam Mission compound as the men arrived and were directed to the church school rooms where their cots were set up. The president of



The servicemen and leaders who attended the Servicemen's Retreat in Saigon, Vietnam, December 17-19, 1965. The retreat was held on the Vietnam Mission compound and the men were housed in the school seen in the background.



Chaplain Earl T. Lee gives the hand of welcome to Pfc. Jack Mracek at the Saigon retreat. Looking on are Major D. E. Liffell and Pfc. Daniel Drake. Mracek and Drake are from California and are stationed at the 8th Field Hospital, Na Trang.



Sp/4 Steve Thorsen, stationed at Qui Nhon, receives a Christmas package from Chaplain Earl T. Lee. Gifts were sent to the servicemen in Vietnam by the ladies of the State Dorcas Federation of Pennsylvania. Pfc. Jon Limeback also received a gift.

the mission, Pastor Ralph Neall, his wife, and other missionaries worked hard making necessary preparations for housing and feeding the servicemen. The program moved along well. On Sabbath, with over 70 in attendance, it was found that men had come in from Van Long (in the delta area south of Saigon), An Khe, Qui Nhon, Nha Trang, Phan Rang, Bien Hoa, Cholen, and Saigon itself. Unfortunately, some of the men in the immediate Saigon area were not permitted to attend because of existing conditions.

The opening service of the retreat was held Friday evening in the improvised chapel in the school dormitory. There was a warm feeling of fellowship as the retreat master, Chaplain Earl T. Lee, Adventist chaplain of the US Army based in Qui Nhon, gave a hearty welcome to everyone. The message of the evening was given by the writer, and the response to the appeal of dedication among the men present.

Sabbath morning dawned clear and beautiful. Amid the sounds of helicopters "chopping" overhead and jet fighters streaking through the skies, the Sabbath services continued. The 7:30 devotional sermonette was given by Pastor J. H. Lantry, MV secretary of the Southeast Asia Union Mission. Pfc. Daniel Drake of California, was Sabbath School superintendent and he led out in an active program

with good participation by the servicemen themselves. They manifested real interest. It was such a welcome change for these men to be with a group of their own church members again after spending days and weeks in the field and in combat areas. Major D. E. Littell, one of our active Adventist doctors, conducted the missionary period. He related several personal experiences showing how God has blessed his attempts to distribute literature and witness to the men in his unit at Ah Khe. During this period the servicemen had a practical demonstration of what each one of them could do to share his faith with his buddies while in Viet Nam.

After the opening features and Scripture reading by Capt. Gary Anderson, Adventist dentist from Colorado, the morning sermon was given by Chaplain Lee. It was a timely message, "God's Guiding Hands," and at the close of the service, the men came forward and shook the hand of the speaker as an expression of their determination to let God's hands guide them through their days in Viet Nam and the life ahead. It was a meaningful hour of devotion and consecration for the men at the retreat.

The Sabbath afternoon was spent in an active discussion period called, "Let's Face It." Members of the staff formed a panel and the men sent in written and verbal questions relating to their problems in military service. Interest ran high. Numerous expressions of appreciation made it clear that the time was well spent. As the Sabbath closed, the servicemen joined the Vietnamese church members for a vesper service at the central church adjoining the hospital. The entire audience was then invited over to the mission compound for an evening of recreation and fellowship. To close the evening's activities, a motion picture was shown and a special Christmas celebration—tree, gifts and all—was enjoyed. The special air-lifted presents sent by Mrs. Gertrude Honnicker and the State Dorcas Federation of Pennsylvania added much to the happiness of the occasion.

Sunday's Activities

Two religious services were conducted on Sunday morning with Pastor Ralph Neall, Viet Nam Mission president, and Pastor T. V. Zytkoskee, acting educational secre-

tary of the Division, as speakers. Pfc. Wesley Dormer of New York, Pfc. Jack Mracek of California, and Sp/4 Steve Thorsen of California, assisted with these services.

A large chartered bus, with screened windows as a precaution against hand grenades, took the group on a two and one-half hour tour of Saigon. This was packed with interest as the city of Saigon presented its scenes of historical, religious, and cultural highlights to the men on this guided tour. Cameras were clicking constantly as pagodas, temples, palaces, and government buildings provided much to see. The last stop on the tour was the large military Post Exchange, and to some of the men, who had come in from isolated combat areas, it was a treat just to walk along the counters and see the many things that there were to buy.

After a Sunday evening meeting and a final Monday morning devotional service, the cots were moved out, school desks put back in place, and the mission compound put back into order. The men packed their bags, boarded the C-123's, jeeps, and trucks, and headed back to their home stations and back into action. But before they did, they said again and again "You'll never know what this retreat has meant to us. We have really been blessed by the spiritual food we have been given." This made every effort put forth worthwhile. No one could know how many of these men would join us for the next retreat, or would even return safely to the homeland, but we all felt that the fellowship and worship together had strengthened all of us.

The following are some of the men who attended the Saigon retreat: Pfc. Dennis N. Dickhaut, Sp/6 Ronald B. Joy, Capt. Carlyle McDunnah, Pfc. Jack Mracek, Sp/4 Marvin Christiansen, Capt. Gary Anderson, Pfc. Ronald M. Smith, Pfc. Billy R. Tillman, Pfc. Jose Sanchez Gonzalez, Pfc. Gary El-mendorf, Pfc. Cris Dancel, Pfc. Wesley Dormer, Pfc. John Frye, Sp/4 Ronald Groger, Pfc. Moses Nealy, Pfc. Jon C. Limeback, Pfc. Walter W. Labrenz, Pfc. Leon E. Harris, Major D. E. Littell, Pfc. Donald Johnson, Pvt. Timmie A. Walter, Pfc. Daniel Drake, Pfc. Donald J. Heusser, Sp/4 Henry Grahm, Pfc. David L. Brinton, and Sp/4 Steve Thorson.



Miss Kit Watts, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Carl Watts of Okinawa, is among the 17 seniors selected for "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" at Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska. She was chosen by the faculty and student body on the basis of scholastic excellence, and religious and civic leadership. She is majoring in physical education and religion and plans to teach.

North Philippines

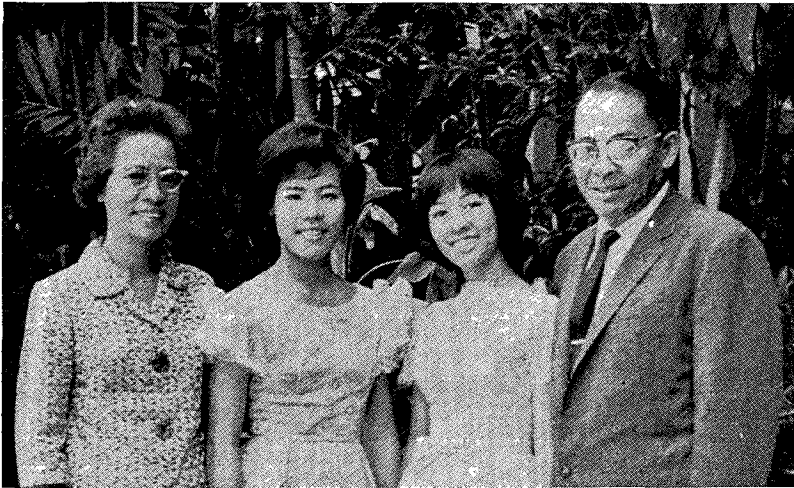
Another Victory for Lily Pan

LILY Pan, one of the twelve people who had won the national musical competition sponsored by the Manila Symphony Society, was to be featured, along with five fellow-winners on a Sunday at the Philamlife Auditorium, finest of its kind in the Philippines.

The rehearsal was scheduled on the preceding day, Sabbath, and it was to start at two o'clock. For Lily's sake, Dr. Herbert Zipper, conductor of the Manila Symphony Orchestra, had agreed to start the rehearsal at three o'clock and Lily would appear last. He thought she might be able to come at 5:30. Sundown, however, was at 6:24.

The rehearsal with the orchestra was a must. No rehearsal, no appearance. Would Lily again give up this rare opportunity as she did the opportunity of a lifetime when late in 1963 she rejected an American Field Service scholarship in the United States because of refusing to compromise on the matter of Sabbath keeping.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Pan, approached the public relations man in charge of the auditorium



Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Pan, their daughter Lily (second from the right), and Mrs. Danny Pan, their daughter-in-law. Lily played Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5, also known as the Emperor's Concerto, and regarded by many as the greatest piano concerto ever composed.

and he agreed that the rehearsal might last till 6:45 instead of 6:00 o'clock. At eight o'clock that evening a concert was to be held which meant that the hall must be vacated by that time.

Six o'clock, however, was 24 minutes before sundown. Mr. and Mrs. Pan very respectfully told Dr. and Mrs. Zipper that Lily would not and could not start rehearsal earlier than 6:24. Mrs. Zipper, an officer of the Manila Symphony Society, at this point did not disguise her disgust. What she did not say was all too clear to the Pans, "Don't be narrow-minded!"

Then came the call from Lily's piano professor, top man in the field, pleading, "Lily, it is a difference of only a few minutes; please do come at 6:00." Mrs. Pan heard her answer, "Sir, what is the difference if I come for the rehearsal at 2:00 or 6:00? It is still breaking the Lord's Sabbath."

Lily was prepared to give up this much-coveted opportunity. Her parents felt that they had done everything humanly possible and decided to leave the rest with the Lord, believing that "if He wills, He will provide for this situation."

The Lord did provide and in two ways. Three days before the rehearsal a call came from the auditorium saying that the scheduled concert on Saturday night had been cancelled. The star performer was sick. The rehearsal could then last till 7:00 o'clock. But would the 90 members of the orchestra be willing

to wait until sundown for Lily? Many of them had other appointments.

When Lily and her parents arrived at the auditorium after sundown, they wondered as they anxiously opened the door—would the orchestra men still be there. They were. It was revealed later that the orchestra would not have waited for her that long had not one participant consumed about half the rehearsal time due to her

difficulty in getting together with the orchestra.

The Lord blessed Lily for her faithfulness. Her performance of Beethoven's Concerto No. 5, also known as Emperor Concerto, was so well done that she had to return twice to bow and acknowledge the prolonged applause of the elite audience. Dr. and Mrs. Zipper and some of the orchestra members remarked later that "Lily was worth waiting for."

Since graduating from Philippine Union College academy in 1964, Lily has enrolled for music studies at Sta. Isabel College, a Catholic institution. There she is letting her light shine. Recently she was chosen to play the stellar role in a big dramatic play for which the school invested some forty thousand pesos. Examining the script, Lily had to tell her professors a gentle but firm No. They cannot understand her willingness to give up such a chance to be popular, but the Lord understands. The Lord has promised "him that honoreth Me I will honor." Lily is gaining the respect of her superiors because of her being true to her conviction.

Would that there were more youth like Lily and more parents like hers who are true to the Lord's Sabbath.

—B. B. Alsaybar



Mrs. Amy Sherrard, seated third from the left, was the guest speaker at the graduation of thirty parents from a Parent and Home training course.

Thirty Parents Graduate

By B. G. Mary, Secretary
Parent and Home Education

MANILA Central Church was the scene of a very colorful graduation for the Parent and Home Association on November 27, 1965. Thirty members had completed the prescribed course of study as set forth by the department in the North Philippine Union Mission.

Mrs. Amy Sherrard was the guest

speaker and she stressed the problems of the home, the school and of the society in which we live. She emphasized that the solution of all ills can be traced back to the individual homes. If we are going to improve the moral and spiritual condition of our church and country we must have educated parents. We need not only men and women who fear the Lord but who are versed in their solemn responsibility of guiding and leading young people in the paths of obedience.

The early training of children is vital. They should be trained to be industrious by giving them work to do at home. Other virtues to be cultivated are honesty, integrity,

obedience, purity, self-control, respect and reverence. The Bible promise is that if a child is trained in the way he should go he will not depart from it.



The Mountain Province Mission received an award, a beautiful trophy, at Pasonanca Park, Zamboanga City, November 16, 1965, for having had the highest percentage in deliveries for the year 1964 among the five missions of the North Philippine Union. W. D. Jemson, manager of Philippine Publishing House, presented the award before an audience of 650 literature evangelists. Andrew Corouz, assistant publishing secretary of the mission, is holding the trophy.

—J. C. Medina, President

South Philippines

"To Keep the Saved and Save the Lost"

THE new South Philippine Union Mission held its biennial session in Davao City, January 17-22, 1966. The 292 churches in the union were represented by nearly 100 delegates. The combined membership of the four missions comprising the union is 31,645. The business sessions and devotional meetings were held in the Davao City Central Church. The Sabbath services were held in the spacious auditorium-gymnasium of the University of Mindanao in the heart of Davao City.

V. M. Montalban, union president, and P. T. Reyes, secretary-treasurer, reported on the opening night of the session. The first South Philippine Union Mission was organized in 1951 with a membership

of 20,641. A reorganization took place in 1964 when the total membership of 52,260 was divided between the new South Philippine Union and the Central Philippine Union—each with a membership of a little over 26,000. In the South Philippine Union 5,879 persons were baptized during 1964 and 1965. There was a net loss of 325 members through apostasy, by letter or death.

The work in this union is under the direction of 397 workers, including 23 ordained ministers. On Sabbath afternoon, January 22, the following men were ordained to the gospel ministry: P. T. Reyes, B. U. Donato, S. L. Llaguno, C. O. Gravino, G. U. Ellacer, Isidro Bello, R. S. Villaruel, D. U. Gonzales, R. S. Rosco and Jesue A. Layon.

A new dedication and determination to go forward in a spirit of unity was made by the workers in attendance at the biennial session. The motto for the South Philippine Union for 1966 is **"To keep the saved and save the lost."**

—V. L. Villanueva

Baptism of Sitti Alya

By G. U. Ellacer, District Leader

THE LORD has continually opened the way for the natives of Jolo, Sulu, to hear and accept the Advent message. Last July 3, a group of Seventh-day Adventists and some Muslim visitors went to Maubo Beach to witness another result of the power of the gospel of Christ. We were escorted to this beach by some soldiers and a PC weapons carrier. Nine precious souls were baptized by Pastor B. C. Calahat and added to the company of believers in this Muslim capital.

One experience will long be remembered. Sitti Alya decided to be baptized. She was a typical Muslim young maiden. She painted her face with a powder made from rice, a Malayan shrub and guava leaves. Her lips were a dirty red. I still remember when I first met her at her home near the PC barracks. I was then giving Bible studies to Saira and Camilo, her sister and nephew, respectively. Sitti Alya snubbed me when I invited her to join in our study of God's Word. She went away with tobacco dangling from her lips. One look at her and one would be tempted to say, "There is no hope for this Muslim girl."

God opened the way. Her sister Saira and her nephew Camilo accepted the message. They became strong and healthy. Alya remained sickly. She had a bad cough and was miserable. Her sister told her that the reason she remained sickly was because she would not listen to God's Word. When I had my next Bible study, she sat with the group but did not kneel for prayer. However, an interest was developed and her attitude changed as did her appearance. She did not use tobacco and her lipstick and jewelry disappeared.

On this Sabbath day, Sitti Alya was not on our list of baptismal candidates. We felt that she was not ready although she had had many Bible studies. Being unschooled, she learned very slowly. But Alya came with her sister. She coughed incessantly but insisted on being baptized. Pastor Calahat asked her why she wanted to be baptized and her reply was that she wanted to be saved. He then told her that she was sick and should wait until the next baptism. But

Alya answered: "Now only, I'll be all right." When she was brought to the water, all thought she would collapse. After her baptism her face brightened. This is one of the many thrilling experiences we are having in our soul-winning endeavors in Jolo. Again we sound our appeal: Help us build a chapel.

Five-Day Plan Programs Continue

By D. M. Niere, Evangelist

A Five-Day Plan program was held December 5-9, 1965, in General Santos, Cotabato, under the auspices of the temperance department of the South Philippine Union Mission. The program was under the direction of Dr. W. M. Torres, Jr., union medical secretary, and two Adventist doctors in General Santos, Doctors B. Y. Mingcay and R. O. Diagan.

Due to the good public relations between the local mission temperance secretary, Gaudencio. M. Somoso, and the president of Mag-saysay Memorial College, Atty. Eugenio Millado, the facilities of this school were offered to us free of charge. More than 2,000 people attended a public rally the evening before the Five-Day Plan program began. The film "One in Twenty Thousand," was shown and a preview of the subsequent lectures was given.

To make room for the average attendance every night of 130 people, the temporary partitions separating three classrooms had to be taken out. There were many teenagers in the audience. Thirty-one

of the 50 confirmed smokers decided to quit smoking or about sixty per cent. There were several prominent professional people in the group, such as lawyers, an engineer, a college professor, a local radio commentator, and about a dozen high school and elementary school teachers.

The Five-Day Plan was featured over the local radio station through interviews held by Mrs. M. P. Es-guerra in a public service broadcast for thirty minutes on each day of the last four days of the program. The high points presented at the

program were covered during these interviews. D. M. Niere stressed the evils of tobacco and cigarette smoking during the first broadcast; Gaudencio Somoso on the following day discussed the evil effects of alcohol; and Dr. W. M. Torres, Jr., went into the aspects of a proper diet on the two other broad-casts.

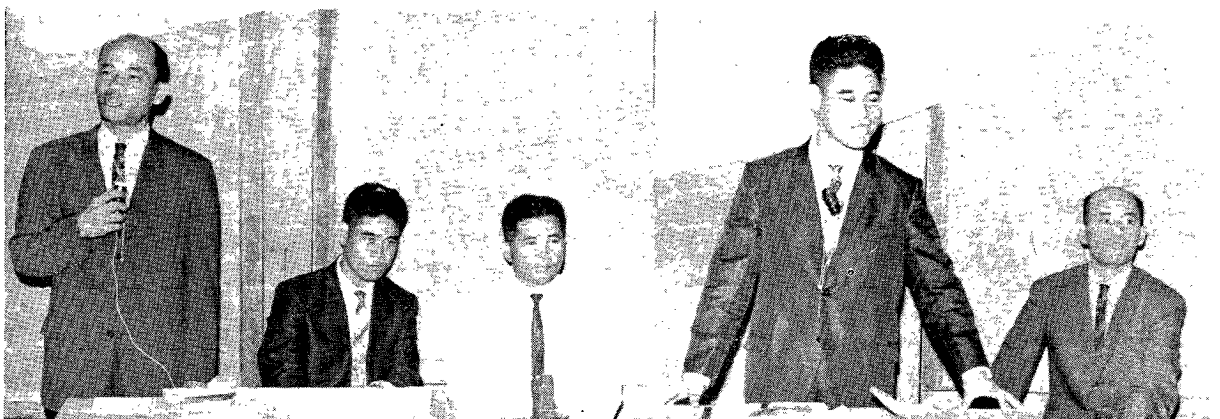
Iligan City in the Northern Mindanao Mission is the next target for the Five-Day Plan program in the South Philippines. D. M. Niere will direct the program in this city.



Christian Home Week was recently observed in the Iligan City Church. It was sponsored by the Home and School Association. Directors of the program included Dr. E. D. Torres, Miss E. Parage, and R. Gravine. The program for the week included a Sabbath sermon, home nursing demonstration, discussion on family worship, musical program, a cocking demonstration, "Open House" for the church school, and a baby dedication. Members of the planning group (shown in the picture) all felt that it was a very worthwhile project.

—M. A. Sumile

In the picture below, the two men standing are Dr. W. M. Torres, Jr., and Pastor D. M. Niere. They were the speakers at the Five-Day Plan program at General Santos, Cotabato, in the South Philippine Union.





Students in home nursing at Harvardian Colleges give demonstrations in the taking of temperature and feeding a patient. In the first picture, the lady marked with an X is Mrs. L. Ramos, Philippine Red Cross nurse; Mrs. D. M. Niere, a registered nurse, stands in the center of the picture and is marked with a Y.

Home Nursing Classes Conducted

By Mrs. C. C. Llaguno, Secretary
Parent-Home Education

SABBATH afternoon, August 21, 1965, marked the beginning of another very special opportunity for our brethren in Davao City. At about 2:30 p. m. on that day our parents and some parents of tomorrow met on the second floor of the newly-built, two-story church school building for a class in home nursing which was to be conducted by Mrs. D. M. Niere.

For years it has been the great desire of the Parent-Home Education department of the South Philippine Union to conduct health and home nursing classes for our laity, especially in the rural areas. Due to lack of materials and a competent instructor it has not been possible to carry out the plan.

With the arrival of Pastor D. M. Niere, who was called to join the union staff as an evangelist, our plans for health classes materialized for Mrs. D. M. Niere is a registered nurse. Classes were held on Sabbath and Sunday afternoons. The topics studied included the following: Care of the Sick, Mother and Baby Care, Nutrition, etc. The classes were held for five weeks. The Davao City Red Cross Chapter gave us gracious assistance in the form of needed materials and other equipment.

It is our plan to disseminate and implement these lessons as much as possible to benefit our churches. Instructors are being trained to lead out in similar classes. Members and non-members in the vicinity participate in this work and we hope to make home nursing an avenue

to win friends, break down prejudice, and to provide an entering wedge for the proclaiming of the gospel and to win souls for Christ.

These home nursing classes were extended to the Harvardian Colleges and under the direction Miss Betty Postrero, one of the college teachers, more than one hundred students finished the course.

A joint graduation for the laymen and the home nurses was held at the close of the Laymen's Rally in Davao City, Saturday evening, November 20, 1965, with Pastors J. E. Edwards and L. A. Shipowick in charge.

Miss Victoria Garcia, assistant Red Cross regional supervisor for the Davao Chapter, and Mrs. L. Ramos, nurse in charge, were present. The former was the guest speaker for the home nursing graduates.

At present the writer is conducting three series of home nursing classes in three strategic places in our union mission territory.

We hope this phase of missionary activity will prove a real blessing to our people and to the cause of God. Kindly remember this humble endeavor in your prayers.

Angels Smiled Through the Rain

By P. P. Ramos

YES, angels smiled through the rain! This was when 28 new church members were added by baptism at the hinterland village of Sesemon, belonging to the new town of Magsaysay in the province of Davao, Philippines. To reach this place you have to hike eight kilometers to reach the highway. No preacher would think of going there to pitch a tent. But several families continued to keep a date with the Advent message through their transistorized radios. At first it was the friendly voice, the song, the announcements, and the prayer.

Transistorized radios first brought the Advent message to the people of Sesemon. Laymen followed up the interest which resulted in 28 baptisms.



To them—folks of the hinterlands—it was a signal honor to have a radio speaker pray for them and their children, and invite them to listen to the next broadcast. Little by little, the rays of truth penetrated and brightened their lives where before superstition, darkness and fear reigned.

Thanks to the alert laymen of Sesemon, Bala, and Bansalan, these interests were patiently followed up. Regular Bible studies were arranged. After months of labor, decisions were made.

During the baptism, a heavy downpour, accompanied by chilling winds of the forests, soaked our candidates, the brethren who assisted, and the two officiating ministers, Pastor G. B. Silud and the writer. Yet they stood there singing and baptizing and all were happy because 28 souls had been redeemed from the captivity of the enemy. The angels were there, too, and that is why we chose to name this story, "Angels Smiled through the Rain."

Pathfinders Go Camping

TWO Pathfinder Camps were held during the month of November in the South Philippine Union. The first one was held at colorful Atugan Falls in the Northern Mindanao Mission, November 14-20; the second camp was held at Olaer's Resort, November 21-28. A total of 243 counselors and Pathfinders were present at the two camps. MV Secretary M. L. Ligan directed the Northern Mindanao camp, and MV Secretary G. M. Somoso the Southern Mindanao camp. The writer acted as counselor and instructor at both camps.



Camp Council time at the Pathfinder camp. Twenty-three Pathfinders were baptized during the camping period.

Twenty-three Pathfinders were baptized during the camping period, while 123 others are waiting for the next baptismal service as they are still studying the doctrines. A total of 95 Pathfinders were invested representing the various MV classes.

Both camps greatly inspired the Pathfinders and their leaders to work with more vigor for the salvation of souls, young and old, especially during this late hour of the world's history. These two camps climaxed this year's series of week-long camps conducted in the four missions of this vast and progressive South Philippine Union Mission.

—B. U. Donato, Union MV Secretary

Far Eastern Island Mission

First Vacation Bible School on Koror

By Marilyn R. Aldridge*

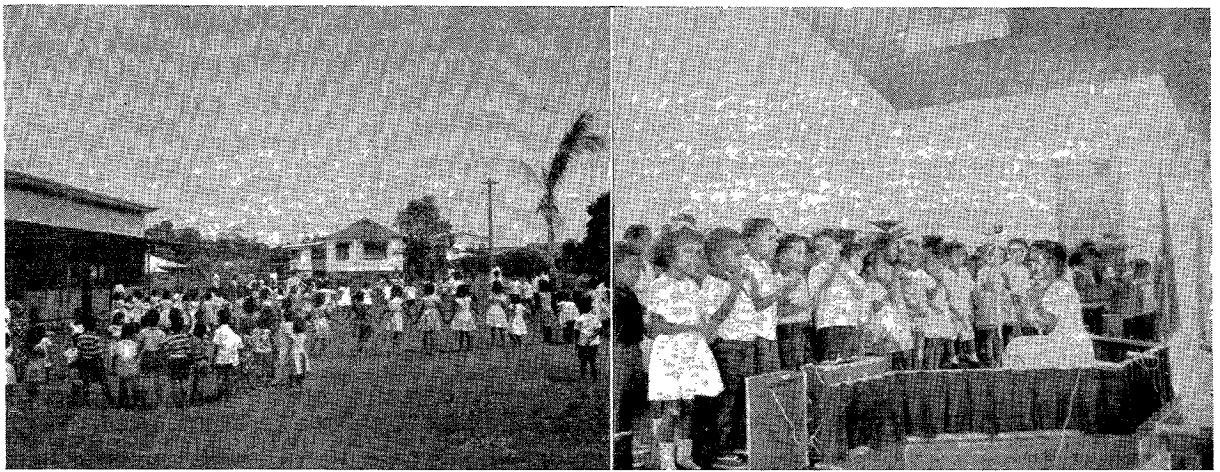
FOR two weeks during the months of June and July, the island of Koror, Palau, in the Caroline Is-

lands, witnessed its first Vacation Bible School. This is the first time any church has put on a character building program here.

The leaders and teachers had been preparing for their classes weeks in advance. Materials for 150 children, all national, were all in order. Each day had been carefully planned for. Each department was well organized. Pastor G. A. Haas, president of the Far Eastern Island Mission, was on hand to give us a much-needed helping hand. Not one of the Koror Seventh-day Adventist leaders had ever attended a Vacation Bible School. Pastor Haas gave us moral support and he did an excellent job in lining up the daily program. The morning of registration day, all was ready for the anticipated 100 to 150 children. It was with high hopes and strong faith that we had planned on having that many children attend the school. Since we had never before experienced such a program as this, we thought it wise to over-plan and over-prepare ourselves for a greater number than we really anticipated would come—just in case! Imagine our surprise and perplexity when on the first day 375 children enrolled. The attendance reached 400 the first week. Of this number, only 90 were from Seventh-day Adventist

Two hundred and forty-three counselors and Pathfinders participated in all of the activities at the two Pathfinder camps in the Northern and Southern Mindanao Missions. Ninety-three were invested in one or the other of the MV classes.





Two scenes from the first Vacation Bible School held on Koror, Palau, in the Caroline Islands. The attendance exceeded 400, and the Palauan teachers were excellent leaders of the various age groups.

homes. The overall daily average was 350. What to do! We had supplies for only 150 children. Somehow the Lord multiplied the materials and injected new ideas into the teachers' minds because all the children were well taken care of. It was truly exciting to see all of these children come pouring out of the pick-up trucks ready for a day's activities with God.

We had three different age groups. The kindergarten had a constant attendance of over 150 children. By the end of two weeks, this group was able to repeat their memory verses and to sing their little songs in English. This was really a great accomplishment. Many had never before spoken English. Palauan is what they hear and speak at home. The kindergarten group had the largest attendance. The primary group had approximately 125 children. Both groups had to be divided into smaller classes in order for the teachers to accomplish their assigned tasks. The Palauan teachers were excellent in their classroom control and their leadership. The children were highly interested in the stories that were told and were eager to sing the Bible songs.

The junior group or division was divided into two groups. This age level was under the leadership of dedicated church members who took their vacations in order to be of service. Many of our academy students came daily to be of help to the leaders. It was wonderful to watch these teen-agers work with all of their strength to lead these youngsters to the better way of life through Christ.

Every morning at 9:15, the children and leaders would quietly enter the Koror church to start the day off right with a lively song service. How the children loved to sing!



Happy Palauan children arriving by pick-up truck ready for the day's activities. It took many of these conveyances to bring the group to the school and church.

The morning worship period was conducted in the Koror church. How the children loved to sing!



For me this was the high light of the morning. After the worship period the children went to their classrooms for their lessons.

Through the blessings received from the Vacation Bible School, we have been inspired to do greater things this coming year. We plan to hold Vacation Bible Schools on several other islands. Next time we will be better prepared!! As a result of the VBS we now have 11 branch Sabbath schools meeting every Sabbath. Surely God has fulfilled His promise to open the windows of

heaven. Blessings have been poured out upon us.

If you have been hesitant about conducting a Vacation Bible School, step forward in faith—big faith—and give it a try. The blessing you will receive will be so great that you will not be able to contain it. We are just waiting for next year! Watch us then!!

*Mrs. Aldridge is the wife of Russell Aldridge, principal of Palau Academy, and Mrs. Aldridge is on the teaching staff.

Korean Union 22nd Biennial Session

By C. U. Pak, Secretary

THE organization of the Korean Union Mission was first voted by the Eastern Asia Division at Shanghai, China, in 1919. A few months later Korea's first general session was held at Soonan, May 9 to 17. Since then forty-six years have elapsed and during that time twenty-two general sessions have been held, including the 1965 biennial session.

During the past biennial period, the Southwest Korean Mission was divided into two missions, namely North Kyong and South Kyong. There are now six missions in Korea.

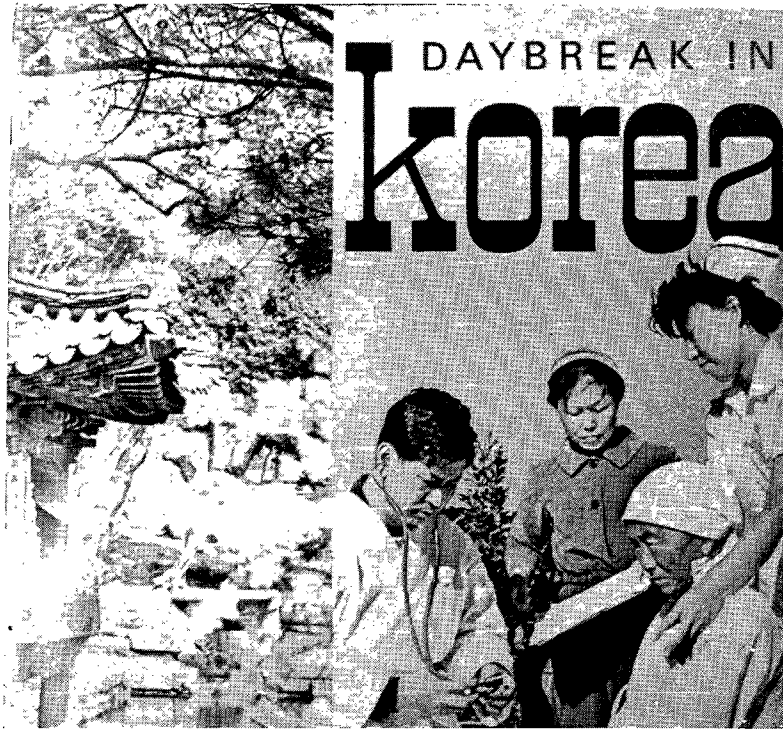
As of September 30 of last year there were 881 workers, including literature evangelists and overseas missionaries. Of the latter we have fourteen families and one single worker. These are statistical figures but in reality we have a large number of lay preachers who are enthusiastic in preaching the gospel. For these we are grateful.

Since the beginning of our work in Korea, seventy families and twelve single overseas missionaries have joined our forces. During the past biennial period we were delighted to welcome four new families into our ranks, but we were made sad to lose four families and one single worker.

During the sixty-one years of our history, 151 workers have been ordained to the gospel ministry. Of this number, 104 are in active service in various lines of activities at present. Forty-seven have passed away or returned to their homeland.

In recent years there have been an increasing number of ministers of other denominations who have been converted to our truths. In 1961 the Far Eastern Division saw the need of a definite plan for these men and so a policy was provided which opened the way for these men to attend our own college for training and also to get experience in the field. We are thankful to the Division for their interest and financial support in this very important task. Thus far seven men, who were formerly ministers in other denominations, have been trained and of these five have entered our work and one will be going out into the field early in the new year.

Korea



New Book on Korea

THIS is a picture of the cover of a new book by Robert L. Sheldon, "Daybreak in Korea," just recently released by the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee, U. S. A.

The cover picture in color depicts a medical scene in Korea. The book is well written, is profusely illustrated with both color and black and white pictures, and is a quality book throughout.

The author of the book and chief photographer for the production is the genial manager of the Korean

Publishing House. The pictures produced were selected from an accumulation of more than 16,000 photographs, all taken in Korea. The color pictures were selected from a total of 5,000 slides.

Because of his interest in Korea and its people, Robert L. Sheldon wanted to respond to the call of the Southern Publishing Association for a book. The same is now a reality and can be obtained from your Book and Periodical Agency or your local conference Book and Bible House. Copies of this book will make wonderful gifts for your relatives and friends.

—D. A. Roth

Another factor which has contributed greatly in reinforcing our band of workers is the Ministerial Internship Plan. This plan was launched in 1953. Since then 83 have served as interns and 53 have completed the two years of training and are now taking an active part in our work. Five dropped out during internship, two were drafted by the army and 23 are still doing their internships. In 1965 we accepted into the internship plan 16 promising young men and we hope to take on the same number in 1966.

The Korean church celebrated its sixtieth birthday or anniversary last year. According to the statistical report for the third quarter of 1965, we had 28,116 church members in 216 organized churches. This means an average of 130 members in each church. In 1955 for every church member in Korea there were 3,527 Koreans who had never heard or accepted the message of a soon-coming Saviour. Today we have one member for every 1,002 people in Korea.

*Excerpts from the secretary's report read at the 1965 biennial session.

South China Island

Taiwan Literature Evangelists Attend Institute

By **L. R. Colburn, Publishing Secretary, South China Island Union Mission**

THE days of October 5-10 will long linger in the memory of each literature evangelist who attended a training institute which was held at an oceanside youth camp. Fifteen literature evangelists came from cities in Taiwan and from as far south as Kaoshiung, and as far north as Taipei to be present for this institute.

W. A. Higgins, assistant publishing secretary for the General Conference, won the heart of each worker as he taught them effective methods of Christian salesmanship. The instruction given by E. A. Brodeur and J. T. Mason of the Division, was appreciated greatly by each one present.

As the literature evangelists met together each day, their hearts were bound together and they determined



The student literature evangelists shown above attended the Taiwan literature evangelists' training institute as a reward for completing their hourly requirements for a scholarship during the summer months.



The literature evangelists of Taiwan with their families who attended the training institute which was held at an oceanside youth camp. W. A. Higgins of the publishing department of the General Conference was the main instructor, assisted by E. A. Brodeur and J. T. Mason from the Division.

to do a better work in the future than ever before. The words of the motto, "Forward with Christ," carved their way into the thinking of each person present.

The two missions in Taiwan set their goal for 1966 at US\$32,225, a figure that far exceeds the 1965 goal for the entire South China Island Union Mission.

As the literature evangelists departed for their individual territories once again, the feelings were mutual that the greatest days for the sale of literature and for the winning of souls are just ahead of us.

The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time.

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Central Philippines

Culmination of Missionary Activities

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

THE South-Central Iloilo Sabbath School and MV Associations had a week-end meeting at the West Visayan Academy, December 10-12, 1965, at which time they culminated their missionary activities for the year. Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer officers and members from all the churches in the district gathered for a spiritual and social get-together, and to give their reports of soul-winning endeavors in the respective churches.

The activities began with an impressive candle-lighting ceremony on Friday evening with C. B. Arante, MV secretary of the West Visayan Mission, as the speaker. The following day, Sabbath, five hundred members from the twenty

churches in the district attended the meetings. The Sabbath school was led by Pastor D. Jucaban, Sabbath school secretary of the mission. Pastor M. G. Yorac, mission president, was the speaker at the worship hour.

Soul-winning reports were heard in the afternoon in the form of interviews by Archibald P. Tupaz, president of the association. One interesting report concerned a Protestant who had been introduced to our truths by an Adventist baptized one year ago. Another Protestant had originally introduced the Bible to him but when he learned about the Bible Sabbath, he came into the Seventh-day Adventist church. A Protestant sowed, and an Adventist reaped.

Another interesting interview was with a candidate for baptism. She is a public school teacher and her husband is an Adventist. Because of his consistent Christian life, she finally decided to join his religion. Thirty-three precious souls, seven of whom were academy students, were baptized after this meeting. F. G. Jereos, district leader, and A. C.



Miss Maybelle Isuga giving her recital for a Bachelor of Music degree on December 12, 1965.

ity, he spends his time in missionary work. He promoted this idea first in December, 1964, when the MV's in the district met to report their activities for the year, and to lay plans for the following year. At that meeting, fifty-four souls were baptized.

Archibald Tupaz is the moving spirit behind the program. His idea of culminating activities now has favorable endorsement by other dis-

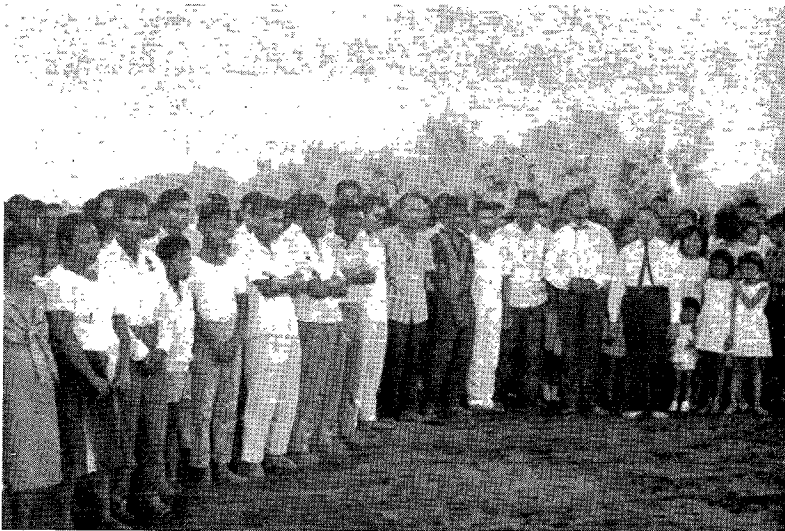
She Braved the Risk and Won

By S. G. Miraflores

MISS Maybelle B. Isuga braved the risk and won. She was preparing for her piano and voice recital which she was to give before receiving the Bachelor of Music degree. It was scheduled for Friday night. Miss Isuga attended the Corazon de Jesus College, a Catholic school in Iloilo City. All students who are graduating have to stay in the dormitory for one month under controlled conditions in preparation for their recital.

Miss Antonietta Pangan, Maybelle's voice teacher and roommate, saw her reading her Bible. "Maybelle, stop reading that book," was the blunt remark of Miss Pangan as she snatched the Bible from her hands and scolded her. Then she added, "Study your recital songs instead of that book." Maybelle did not answer a word. The incident was reported to the nun in charge and word came back that Maybelle would not be giving her recital. The mother of this Seventh-day Adventist student told the teachers that Maybelle believes the Bible to be the word of God, and that reading it brings great blessings to her.

When the Bible was returned a few days later, Maybelle determined to read it openly with a prayer to God for help. She was approached by the same teacher who asked, "Why do you not stop reading that book." Maybelle answered, "Madam, this is my spiritual food." Later the teacher was overheard



Representatives from the South-Central Iloilo Sabbath school and MV Associations met at the West Visayan Academy to report on soul-winning activities during the past year.

Segovia, academy principal, officiated at this service.

This culminating of activities was started by an active MV leader, Archibald Tupaz. After his duties as Agricultural Officer of the Commission on Agricultural Productiv-

tricts. Church members are catching on with enthusiasm. They are preparing their candidates for baptism and look forward to presenting their trophies of the cross at the time of the culminating of activities at the end of the year.

to say, "I'll let her perform her recital on Friday night." The nuns verified the statement. Maybelle did not waver but brought her problem to the Lord.

Her parents reminded the directress of the school that Maybelle had been promised to have her Sabbaths free. The voice teacher was reluctant to accept the promise of the "Mother" in the school that the recital would be on Sunday night.

"The teachers were very indifferent to me simply because I was a Seventh-day Adventist," adds Maybelle. Another student, whom they regarded highly because she was a Catholic, was also preparing for her recital. The evening of her recital, the performance was not very successful, so much so that the voice teacher did not show up to greet her after the recital, nor did she eat any supper.

Maybelle's recital was on Sunday night and after her performance the priests, nuns, and her teachers began to hold her in high regard. The prejudiced voice teacher "kissed me for joy and whispered, 'never expected you to succeed.'" This teacher learned to love Maybelle and asked many questions about the Bible and the principles for which she stood.

Maybelle earned three gold medals in music for the school at the regional and national Private School Athletic Association contest in 1965. In the same year she received two degrees—Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Music on May 15, 1965, and Bachelor of Music with a major in Voice on December 12, 1965.

Maybelle is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelio Isuga, both retired teachers after serving in the West Visayan Academy. She attended the same academy and later went to Mountain View College.

"I was the first Seventh-day Adventist in this Catholic school who was given her Sabbaths and now there are many Seventh-day Adventists in the school." This is the result of Maybelle's firm stand for principle.

This faith-sharing experience is multiplied many times over in non-Adventist schools where SDA young people are attending. Maybelle hopes that they will let their light shine wherever they are.

Central Visayan Junior Camp

By **MV Secretary J. R. Obregon**
Central Philippine Union

NOVEMBER 28 to December 4, a junior camp was held at Puok, Talisay, Cebu. This was sponsored by the Central Visayan Mission. Sixty-three active juniors registered on Sunday morning, November 28. F. G. Pangca, mission MV secretary, was the director of the camp, and the writer served as camp pastor.



Chow time for the juniors! Outdoor activities give healthy appetites.

Each day started with the Morning Watch drill and then followed the prayer bands. The usual camp routine was followed, such as flag raising, inspection of cabins, camp duties, swimming and crafts. The evening's entertainment consisted of the hour of charm and campfire story hour.

On the Sabbath many visitors came from nearby churches. The juniors enjoyed a treasure hunt in the afternoon and also a nature walk. They were reluctant to leave after a week of activities at Puok Beach.

West Indonesia

Lectures for Wives of Delegates

By **Mrs. E. B. K. Supit**

THE West Indonesia Union biennial session was held at the Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital January 9-15. While the delegates to the session were busy attending the business sessions and committee meetings, the wives, who were priv-

ileged to attend the meeting, were given a short course in family planning, neonatal care, child guidance, and nutrition. The lectures were given by Mrs. J. C. Holm, Mrs. C. G. Oliver, Miss Greta Goei, Mrs. E. B. K. Supit and Mrs. Amos Simorangkir.

To make the lessons in nutrition more meaningful, the afternoons were devoted to actual cooking demonstrations under the direction of Mrs. Simorangkir. The newly-built kitchen-dining room of the Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital served as laboratory for the demonstrations as well as the presentation of the subject matter.

On the final evening of the lectures, the husbands, General Conference and Far Eastern Division leaders, other delegates to the union session, and the doctors at the hos-

pital and their wives were invited to a banquet prepared by the students in the school. On this occasion certificates were presented to all the ladies who had attended all the demonstrations and had taken the required tests.

As an evidence that the school was really appreciated, the local churches are now requesting that the lecturers visit their membership in order that all the homes may be benefited. Many local church parent and home leaders were present at the meetings in Bandung and they will endeavor to schedule the meetings in their respective churches.

125 Bookmen Meet in Bandung, Java

By **L. Pandjaitan, Union
Publishing Secretary**

THE literature evangelists' institute conducted in the Naripan church in Bandung, Java, was attended by 125 people, most of whom are colporteurs. The institute was held from November 1 to 6, 1965.

Literature evangelist leaders in the West Indonesia Union. L. Pandjaitan, union publishing secretary, is seated second from the right.



At the opening session, after words of welcome by Pastor A. M. Sitompul and introductions by the writer, Pastor W. L. Wilcox gave a thrilling message as he called our attention to the nearness of the end and the fast fulfilling of the signs predicted by our Lord.

The morning and evening hours were given over to spiritual messages from our leaders and pastors of long experience in the work. The representatives from the publishing house, encouraged the colporteurs to push the sale of the "Rumah Tangga and Kesehatan" (Signs of the Times). Dr. E. B. K. Supit gave talks on first aid and preventive medicine.

The literature evangelists set the goal for 1966 higher by 35 to 45 percent than that of 1965. This increase is not only in sales or sales units but also in souls won.

On Sabbath morning there was a meeting of the churches in Bandung at the Social Hall and Pastor W. A. Higgins was the speaker. In the afternoon the literature evangelists related thrilling experiences. Many souls have been won through their efforts. May the Lord help us to do even greater things for Him.

SDA Education in Indonesia Today

By **H. E. Mangkel, Educational
Secretary**

SEVENTH-day Adventist church members in West Indonesia are becoming more and more concerned with Christian education. This is made very evident by the tremendous increase in the number of church schools over the past two years. Twenty-five new schools were opened during this past biennium, bringing the total to 53. This means almost a 100 percent increase over the total number of church schools two years ago. In addition, four Junior Academies were opened, bringing the total number of such schools to 12.

Not included in the above-mentioned figures is the West Irian Mission which has one training school at Dojobaru. We hope this school can soon be upgraded to full senior academy level. This mission is also operating 10 small schools in different areas of that large island.

At the present time we have but one 12-grade boarding academy. It is located in the North Sumatra Mission and is operating at more than capacity. More than 230 young people are attending this school. We hope that 1966 will see a new and much needed boys' dormitory completed at this school.

The East Java Mission has been searching for a location on which to build a new senior boarding academy. We believe the right land has been found in the mountain area of East Java on the very site where our first church was organized on the island of Java.

The Bible textbook for the third and fourth grades was translated and printed this year. They are now being used in the more than 100 church schools in the two union missions of Indonesia. We hope the fifth and sixth grade Bible book will be ready for use when the schools open next August.

Miss Ferree's visit to our field recently was very much appreciated. Several teachers' institutes were conducted which benefited our church school teachers greatly.

The day for Christian Education has certainly arrived in Indonesia. Every year there are requests for

the opening of new schools but there is a great shortage of well-trained teachers. Certainly God has been leading His people as more and more emphasis is placed on Christian Education.

Bandung Health and Welfare Seminar

By Mangapul Hutapea, Assistant Chaplain, Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital

AUGUST 1 to 20, 1965, a seminar on Health and Welfare was held at the Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital. The speakers who presented the health topics were: Jess C. Holm, M. D.; E. B. K. Supit, M. D.; A. M. Mamora, M. D.; Wim Sumarandak, R. N.; Oscar Naban, R. N.; and Naomi Walean, R. N. Spiritual messages were given by Pastor Rifai Burhanu'ddin, chaplain, and the writer.

For ten nights we met in the

to our meetings, thinking that it would be the same type of instruction.

God blessed us and interested people came from the Moslem faith as well as the Christian and other religious bodies. All were interested in health and welfare. We had warned the public on our handbills that the welfare meant was of a religious nature.

Every night the first speaker was one of the doctors or a graduate nurse. The health message presented was tied in with the spiritual message. The second speaker would then give a spiritual study. With this type of a program, the people clearly saw the relationship between the physical and the spiritual life.

At the closing meeting, Bibles, health books and other religious books were presented to the people who had been present and on time.

Follow-up studies were held every Sunday and Thursday night. On October 2 the first baptism was held and eight souls were baptized.

fluenza and, acting on the instruction of the doctor, his wife gave him orange juice to drink whenever he asked for a drink. On September 2 he surrendered his life and was baptized after smoking for 42 years. The Health and Welfare lectures brought health of body and soul to this sixty-year-old man. His wife and children have been in the truth for many years and they are grateful for the father's and husband's conversion.

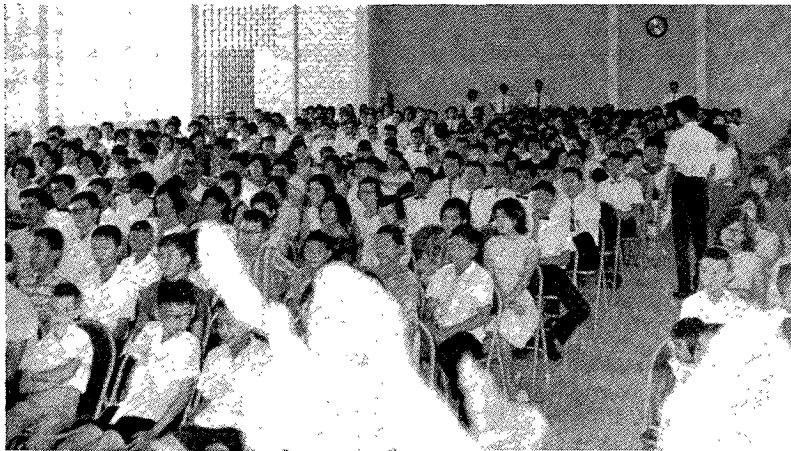
Another man became very much interested in the health lectures. He would call his friends to his home after he had heard a lecture and discuss the topics with them. A series of Bible studies was given him in his home. When we came to the discussion concerning followers of Christ having only one wife, he was a little discouraged for he had three wives. After studying about the love of God as revealed in the plan of salvation, he decided to study further and prepare for baptism. Others are doing the same. Remember in your prayers the eight souls who have been baptized that they may be faithful to the truth until the end of time.

Largest Moslem Baptism

By F. A. Hamel

WHEN the writer, who is the pastor of the Tjilatjap district, and J. E. Muskita, church school teacher, returned from attending the Andrews University Extension School, they decided to hold a series of meetings. They enlisted the support of the church elder, who had just returned from attending a laymen's activities school. All were enthusiastic about doing something greater for the Lord than they had ever done before. The first step taken was to organize a baptismal class in the church. This was done shortly after the middle of 1965 and some 50 people joined the class.

On September 29, 1965, a series of meetings began in the Adventist church. The church members gave willingly of their time and efforts to see to it that the meetings were a success. They invited scores of their many friends and neighbors to attend and many responded wholeheartedly. The effort closed with very fine results. Another baptismal class of 140 was organized.



In the above picture we see about two-thirds of the people who attended the Health and Welfare Seminar at the Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital.

Kina Fabric auditorium in Bandung, and the rest of the time we met in the hospital auditorium. Actually the seminar was a series of evangelistic meetings under the title of "Health and Welfare Seminar." It was our intention to attract the attention of the people from all religions, including Moslems and Christians. Two months prior to our evangelistic meetings, students from Indonesia Union College had conducted an effort in Bandung. For that reason we were fearful that folks would not come

Two were from the Catholic faith; three were formerly Moslems; one was a thirty-year old Buddhist; one was from the Pentecostal church; and one came from a Seventh-day Adventist home.

One of the men baptized had been a heavy smoker. He had heard about the Bible truths for 19 years but could not accept the same fully because of his tobacco-habit. Hearing from Dr. Supit the terrible results from smoking, he began to think that he should overcome the habit. He was taken sick with in-

This class met each Sabbath afternoon and Wednesday evening for instruction. Bible studies were also given in many homes.

As the first fruits of these meetings, a baptism was held on November 21, 1965. One hundred and thirteen souls were buried with their Lord in the Yasa River which flows beside the Adventist church in Tjilatjap. Three ministers officiated at this baptism, namely Pastor E. Siringoringo, publishing secretary of the West Java Mission; Pastor J. W. Aritonang, district pastor at Tjirebon; and the writer. Thousands of people living in Tjilatjap came to watch this unusual baptismal scene.

Of the those baptized, 105 were formerly Moslems; five were from other Christian organizations; and three had not professed any religion. These people also came from various levels of society. Some were government employees, others owned and operated small businesses; and still others were fishermen and farmers.

We are indeed thankful to the Lord for His blessings. Surely we in Tjilatjap are experiencing the beginnings of the latter rain. Please pray that this mighty power may be poured out without measure and the work soon completed in every place.

East Indonesia

One Tooth for Every Two Souls

By **J. S. Maramis, President
Nusa Tenggara Mission**

DAUD Djara, a newly baptized member of the Kupang Church, was aflame with a desire to tell others about his newly-found faith. Being a peddler, he went from house to house selling his goods and mending and soldering old kitchen wares. This gave him an opportunity to talk to all of his customers about the truth he believes. While doing his work, he talked about the Sabbath and about the soon-coming of Jesus. In just one month he visited every house in the village.

The message of truth told by Daud Djara had aroused the interest of many people and they wanted to know more about the Adventist beliefs and hopes. A re-



Here is the small group of workers who raised up a new Seventh-day Adventist church at Oesao, Indonesia. Petrus Ballo, who lost 18 teeth but won 36 souls, is at the far left.



The members of the newly-organized church at Oesao in the Nusa Tenggara Mission which was the result of the work of laymembers in cooperation with an evangelistic team.

quest was sent to the mission for them to send an evangelist to hold a series of meetings. We at once sent our evangelist, Alex Rantung and his wife. This consecrated couple was assisted by Petrus Ballo, a young ministerial intern.

After two months of hard work—preparing a tent for the effort, holding meetings every night, and visiting people in their homes—the earnest efforts of this small team was crowned with success. The campaign closed and there is now a Seventh-day Adventist church, whereas before the meetings there was not a single Seventh-day Adventist in the village. Many souls are still studying the truths of the Bible and preparing for baptism.

Because of the success of these meetings, the leaders of other denominations became very angry and aroused opposition and persecution. One Sabbath afternoon, after the second baptismal service, while Pastor Silalahi, mission secretary, was speaking to the newly-organized church, the members were attacked by an angry mob carrying guns, clubs and knives. One of the ladies, who had been baptized recently, was beaten with a club on her head till she became unconscious. Petrus Ballo, the internist, tried to help another member who was being attacked by the mob. He was struck several times on the face and head and fell down and became unconscious. He was badly injured and

was taken to the hospital at Kupang where our mission headquarters are located. Eighteen of his teeth had to be extracted.

The case was taken to the authorities. The army chief sent his men to take the guilty ones to his office. The army men were ready to beat these men and then put them in prison. Petrus Ballo stepped forward and pleaded with the officer to forgive them and to set them free. His merciful attitude moved the hearts of all present, especially the leader of the ruffians who came and embraced Petrus Ballo with tears in his eyes.

When Petrus Ballo fully recovered, he was asked if he would be willing to go back to Oesao, the place where he had been persecuted, to serve as pastor of the church. He replied: "I am willing to go at any cost because I love the people in that village." He further stated that he was glad to be a partaker of Christ's suffering. While Christ gave His life to save sinners, he had given only one tooth for every two souls in order to win them to Christ. Eighteen teeth were broken but thirty-six souls were won for Christ in the Oesao public effort.

The history of our work in the Nusa Tenggara Mission is replete with stories of heroism by our members and workers. They often suffer persecution but the Lord blesses their efforts and many souls are won to Christ. Dear readers, we solicit your prayers in behalf of the work in the Nusa Tenggara Mission.

Southeast Asia

Southeast Asia Union Has 10,000 Members

By H. W. Bedwell, President

THE fourteenth biennial session for the Union of Southeast Asia was held at the Southeast Asia Union College chapel in Singapore, January 2-9. More than a hundred delegates and a score of visitors met at the opening session to hear the reports of the union president and the Sabah Mission. Each evening of the session reports were heard from union departmental men and the various missions and institutions.

The General Conference was represented at these meetings by K. H. Emmerson of the treasury department; the Far Eastern Division by Pastors A. E. Gibb, E. L. Longway, L. A. Shipowick, H. E. McClure, and Dr. R. F. Waddell. Mission presidents, institutional managers, and medical directors from all the missions of the union were present.

To assist in the work of the union mission, the following were elected by the delegates to the session: union departmental secretaries: MV and educational, J. L. Lantry; publishing, V. L. Bretsch; laymen's activities, D. M. Barnett; Sabbath school, Mrs. D. M. Barnett; public relations, V. L. Bretsch; radio-TV, ministerial, D. R. Guild.

The local mission officers are as follows: Malaya Mission president, S. J. Lee, secretary-treasurer, S.

Tsai; Sarawak Mission president, R. C. Hall, secretary-treasurer, P. R. Sibarani; Sabah Mission president, Andrew Peters, secretary-treasurer, S. F. Chu; Thailand Mission president, Palmer Wick, secretary-treasurer, Gilbert Gurusamy; Vietnam Mission president, R. E. Neall, secretary-treasurer, Charles Harris. No changes were made in the leadership of the various medical, publishing or educational institutions.

The past biennial period has been one of steady progress despite political disturbances in the various areas of the union. In 1964 for the first time, baptisms exceeded 1,000 in a year. Also for the first time the church membership will exceed 10,000.

Baptisms for the biennial period totalled 2,101 as compared with 1,234 the previous biennial period. This past year there has been a gain of 12 percent in church membership. However, during the past two years, the gain has averaged nearly 17 percent.

All the departments in the union are carrying forward a strong program. We have six medical institutions and two dental establishments. There are three publishing houses and nearly 140 colporteurs who sold 47 million pages of literature in the last two years, worth about M\$ 1,150,000. The Bible correspondence schools offer 19 courses in seven languages. More than 200,000 test papers are graded every year and these result in 5,000 graduates yearly.

The 10,000 members of the Southeast Asia Union were represented by more than 100 delegates at the fourteenth biennial session held in Singapore January 2-9. (Group picture below.)



Johore Bahru Church Dedicated

IN May, 1956, the Johore Bahru (Malaya) church was organized into a formal church group. Ten years later the congregation passed a milestone in its history, the dedication of a building to the honor and glory of God.

This special event took place on New Year's Day, January 1, 1966, as members and friends crowded into the sanctuary of the church to witness the dedication rites. Directing the program was the pastor of the church, T. K. Chong. The main address was given by the secretary of the Far Eastern Division, Pastor A. E. Gibb. The act of dedication was directed by Pastor S. J. Lee, president of the Malaya Mission, and the prayer was offered by Pastor Harry W. Bedwell, president of the Southeast Asia Union Mission.

Other ministers who took part in the program included the following: Pastor Joshua Chong, pastor of the Singapore Chinese Church; Pastor W. Y. Chen, secretary-treasurer of the Malaya Mission; Pastor G. O. Bruce, secretary-treasurer of the Southeast Asia Union Mission; Pastor G. D. Thompson, acting president of Southeast Asia Union College; and Pastor S. F. Chu, teacher at Southeast Asia Union College.

The work of Seventh-day Adven-

tists in Johore Bahru began with the efforts of Mrs. Any Tan. She was present for the dedication and was honored by the congregation for her untiring work through the years.



Mrs. Amy Tan who was honored at the dedication of the Johore Bahru church for having been the first to introduce the Bible truths to the people of that community.

The Johore church was built in 1956 but it has taken a few years to pay the debts incurred in its construction. The city of Johore is situated across the straits from the Republic of Singapore.

—D. A. Roth

A Vacation Bible School of Adolescents

By J. M. T. Hutauruk

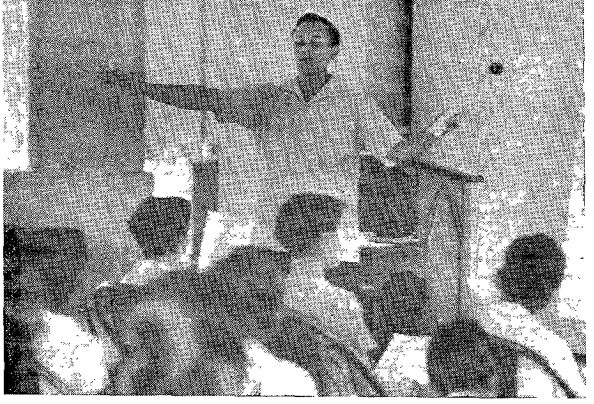
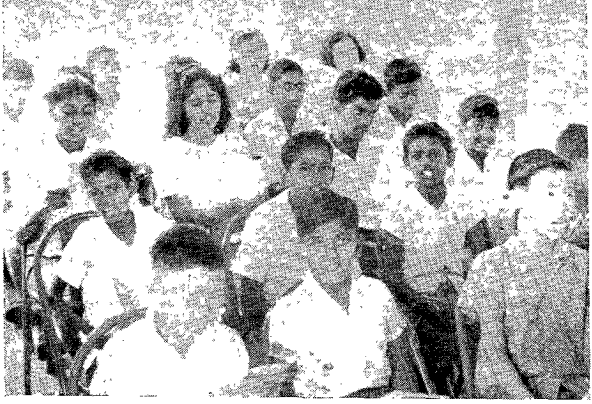
IT is not difficult to conduct a Vacation Bible School but it does take careful planning. Set the date, order the supplies, find adequate helpers, plan the daily program, and solicit the pupils. Thinking it might be more effective to work with pupils of an older age, we enrolled thirty adolescents from 12 to 18 years of age at Sungai Patani.

Beginning with a theme song and prayer at 9 o'clock in the morning, we gave a short talk followed by an inspiring song service. We separated into two classes. The writer gave lectures for the older adolescents on the prophecies of Jesus as found in the Old Testament. Due to frequent Bible drills, the youth quickly learned how to find the texts on each subject. The Bibles they used were later given to them as follow-up Bible studies continued.

The Juniors followed the regular Vacation Bible School lessons and activity books. All enjoyed the object lessons, health and nature

This large group of friends and believers was present for the happy occasion of the dedication of the Johore Bahru (Malaya) church on January 1, 1966. This church was first organized as a formal church group in May, 1956.





Two scenes from the Vacation Bible School for adolescents which was held at Sungai Patani, Malaya, under the direction of Pastor J. M. T. Hutauruk, our worker for the Moslems in Malaya Mission. At the right the pastor is conducting a lively song service.

talks, crafts and games. Following a nature talk, the teachers led the class to a nearby bush for nature study. Before dismissing at 12:30, we again sang until all the songs were thoroughly learned. The daily program ended with prayer.

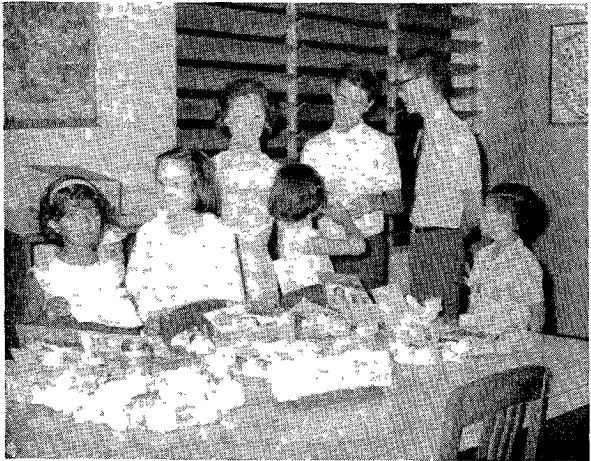
Outstanding achievements in the craft class resulted in an attractive sign board for the building and a solidly built footpath bridge. The banner was hung in front of the

hall. Four folding beds were also a part of the craft work. Other crafts were on display before the graduation exercises and the parents of the students were invited to visit these displays.

We now have five youth in our follow-up Bible study group. They have also joined our Youth Fellowship and MV Progressive Class. Our Sabbath school attendance has

increased since our Vacation Bible School.

As the teachers visited the homes for follow-up contacts, one boy pleaded, "Will you come to visit us again?" Another said, "I like this Vacation Bible School. Couldn't we extend it beyond the ten days?" All the students greatly enjoyed the Bible study and other activities and promised that they would readily enroll again.



In the picture at the left are the three craft instructors (standing) at the SAUC VBS admiring the work of the class. The leaders: Peter Ho, college student, Freddie Sim, secondary student, and Mrs. Samuel Wan. At the right Y. J. Moses, VBS director, and David Goh, primary teacher and secondary teacher, present a certificate to one of the VBS students.

SAUC Students Conduct VBS

SOUTHEAST Asia Union College students found real joy in using the holiday time just before and after Christmas in conducting a Vacation Bible School. Ninety children, sixty of whom were not Seventh-day Adventists, learned more of the ways of God from these earnest Christian youth. Y. J. Moses

was the director. Samuel Wan led out in the junior division, Linda Pang in the primary, and Connie Gaban was the leader in the kindergarten section. Every teacher was either a secondary or college student.

Thus another Vacation Bible School was conducted almost entirely by the youth. Enthusiasm, interest, dedication and joy was shown in the faces of both the young leaders and their pupils as they studied, played and worked

together.

Follow-up work in the form of Voice of Prophecy enrollments, home visitation, a new branch Sabbath school, and new recruits for the Pathfinder Club, was begun by the college students. One boy is arranging for Bible studies with the parents of three kindergarten children. Truly youth filled with the Holy Spirit will finish the work of God.

—Mrs. J. H. Lantry



The group of delegates and pastors who attended the Laymen's Activities Training School for the Malaya Mission, held at Port Dickson, Malaya. Seated in the center of the second row is L. A. Shipowick, Division laymen's activities secretary. At his right are D. R. Guild and K. T. Chin, laymen's activities secretaries of the Southeast Asia Union (acting) and Malaya Mission, respectively.

At the Crossroads

By Daniel R. Guild, Acting Secretary, Laymen's Activities, Southeast Asia Union

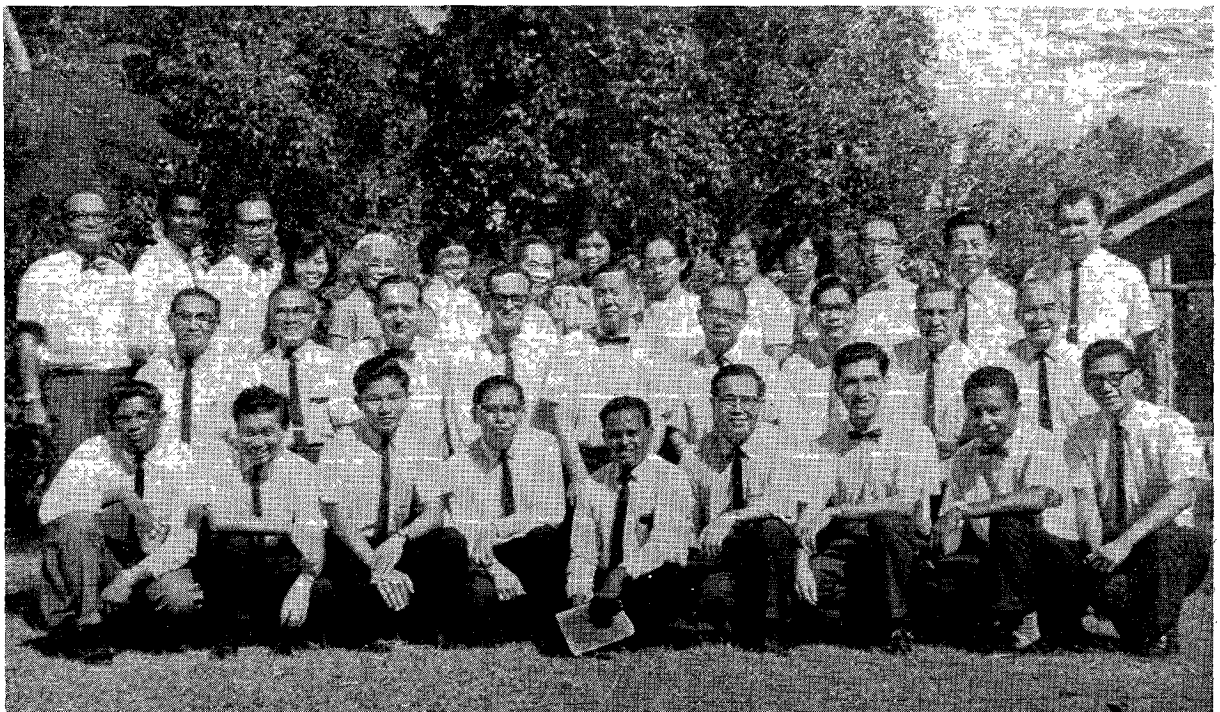
TONIGHT is the turning point for the work in the Malaya

Mission." With this striking sentence of hope and aspiration, Pastor J. S. Lee, president of the mission, opened the lay instructors' training school. Before this school for the pastors and lay leaders of the Malaya Mission ended, I became confident that Pastor Lee's hope and aspiration for a turning

point in his mission will prove to be a reality.

In his keynote message, Pastor Lee pointed to the need: only nine of the twelve states of Malaya have been entered with the third angel's message. Work has been established in only 14 of the 825 cities and villages of Malaya.

Malaya Mission workers present at a four-day ministerial institute held at the Golden Sands camp on the seacoast of Malaya. In the center row beginning with the third from the left are: D. R. Guild, ministerial secretary, Southeast Asia Union; Garth Thompson, head of the Bible department of Southeast Asia Union College; W. Y. Chen, Malaya Mission treasurer; S. J. Lee, Malaya Mission president, Joshua Chong, ministerial secretary, Malaya Mission; and V. L. Bretsch, publishing secretary of the Southeast Asia Union.



"What is the remedy?" Pastor Lee asked the delegates in his keynote message. And then he answered his own question by reading: "If proper instruction were given, if the proper methods were followed, every church member would do his work as a member of the body. He would do Christian missionary work." —*Evangelism*, p. 381.

Did this school for training lay instructors pave the way for the ministers and lay members to unite as never before their efforts in soul-winning?

For the eighty delegates present, these five no-nonsense school days were packed with sound, practical instruction on the how of soul-winning, and enlivened with soul-stirring inspiration to go forth and set Malaya on fire.

But will the instructors provide the remedy to Malaya's need? Perhaps the best indication that the answer to this question is Yes, were the words spoken by Tang Swee Keng, a lay delegate from the Balestier Road church in Singapore. When he gave the class response at the graduation ceremony, he said:

"As each evening after the close of the day, we have gathered on the beach in voluntary prayer groups, we have bowed our heads before our Lord and asked Him to make us worthy of His service, to fill us with His Spirit, and to grant to us wisdom and guidance to shoulder this responsibility of spreading the gospel to lost souls.

"We accept the challenge. With the help of Holy Spirit we will put into practice what we have learned. We are determined to be good laymen and leaders of laymen."

Tang Swee Keng was addressing the laymen's activities secretaries of the Division, Southeast Asia Union and Malaya and the presidents of the Union and the Malaya Mission. With determined enthusiasm, Swee Keng, speaking for the delegates, concluded his response by sounding this pleasant warning: "Be ready to expect a rich harvest of souls! Yes, great things will be accomplished in this mission by the end of this year!"

Other laymen who attended this leadership training school were equally enthusiastic. One delegate was jubilant. "Now I know how to win souls," he exclaimed. "I have been a Seventh-day Adventist for a long time, but now I know how

to win souls."

Another delegate remarked wistfully, "There is an old Chinese proverb which says, 'There is no feast that will never end.'" He then added this affirmation of determination: "After today, we go home and put on our armour."

Attending this school for training lay instructors, has proved to be one of the greatest experiences of my life. As these lay leaders join with their pastors in conducting

lay training schools in all of the churches of this mission, I believe a great wave of lay evangelism will sweep through Malaya.

A sound is stirring in the Malaya Mission, the sound of angels' wings preparing to go forth as envoys of God's Spirit. As the waves of God's Spirit flow over the pastors and members in this mission, let us unitedly pray that the sound stirring will swell into the trumpet blasts of the latter rain.



Dr. H. W. Miller points to one of the early issues of the Chinese "Signs", as Daniel Lee, present editor, holds in his hand one of the latest issues.

Doctor H. W. Miller Honored

IN the three-score and ten years allotted to men, it is not often that a sixtieth anniversary is held to commemorate some important event. Recently such an event did take place and Dr. H. W. Miller shared the spotlight with the well-known journal of which he was the founder, the **Chinese Signs of the Times**.

It all began in 1905 when Dr. Miller, as a young missionary to China, launched out by faith and became the founder and editor of this magazine. Sixty years have elapsed and in that time there have been dividends as thousands have enjoyed this truth-filled journal. Many have given their hearts to Christ as a result of the messages contained in the **Signs of the Times**.

At the Far Eastern Division Biennial Council held in Hong Kong,

November 29 to December 7, 1965, during the report given by the Southeast Asia Union, Dr. Miller was presented a plaque in honor of his service to the **Chinese Signs of the Times**. Mr. Choo Yau Fong, manager of the Malaysian Signs Press, placed a lei of flowers around Dr. Miller's neck. Pastor Daniel Lee, present editor of the magazine, spoke words of appreciation from the Chinese people to Dr. Miller for his sacrifices and benevolent service. Then he handed the plaque to him. On the plaque were words commemorating the event.

Dr. Miller spoke briefly of some of the trials experienced in launching the paper, and he also expressed deep appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him on this occasion. Our leaders and many others congratulated Dr. Miller on this wonderful achievement.

—V. L. Bretsch, Secretary
Publishing Department
Southeast Asia Union

NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● The new classroom building of the Ayer Manis School (Sarawak) will be officially opened on March 21, 1966. We congratulate Principal C. A. Ortner, the board and the faculty on the completion of this much-needed building. The Ayer Manis School was one of the beneficiaries of the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Offering received at the close of the fourth quarter of 1961. Their gift amounted to nearly M\$ 67,000.00 and this classroom now stands as a monument to that offering. Our thanks to all Sabbath school members for their gifts!

● Dr. Margaret Tan, wife of Dr. Stephen Tan, left Singapore for Los Angeles, USA, March 1. In addition to visiting friends and relatives in the Los Angeles area, she will attend the 33rd Annual Alumni Post-Graduate Convention in Los Angeles, March 5 to 10. This is a yearly meeting of the alumni of Loma Linda University Medical College, formerly College of Medical Evangelists.

● Pastor B. Malingkas has been appointed president of the West Irian Mission in the West Indonesia Union. Pastor and Mrs. C. G. Oliver, who have given many years of devoted service to that field, will

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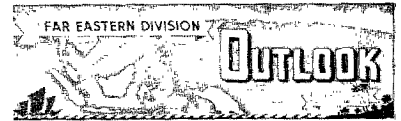
- * A baptism in every church.
- * Every member working.
- * A baptism goal of 8,000 in one day!

● We were shocked and grieved to learn of the death of E. R. Cupino, business manager of the Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital in the South Philippines. P. T. Reyes, union treasurer, tells of the fatal illness in these words: "Brother E. R. Cupino died from a cerebral stroke January 30, 1966. He felt a severe headache at six o'clock in the morning and within fifteen minutes he was completely paralyzed. When brought to the hospital he had already lost consciousness and passed away at 3:30 in the afternoon." We express our sincerest sympathy to his family and coworkers.

● Miss Rosemary Richards, for nearly ten years on the secretarial staff of the Far Eastern Division office, has returned to the homeland. She left Singapore on March 1 and, soon after her arrival in the States, she will assume her new duties in connection with the Kentucky-Tennessee Book and Bible House in Madison, Tennessee.

leave soon for a furlough in the homeland. Pastors W. L. Wilcox and G. E. Bullock are spending a little time in the West Irian field surveying the needs of the mission and laying plans for the future.

● Dickie Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coleman, his wife and another young couple, recently spent a weekend in Portland, Oregon, having flown there in a small plane. They left Portland late one night to return to Walla Walla College, where the young people were graduate students, and according to the latest word nothing has been heard from them since. Dickie was a licensed pilot but they evidently encountered bad weather and perhaps crashed on one of the mountains they were to fly over. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coleman have given many years of service to our Division, most recently in Djakarta, Java, where Paul supervised the construction of the Evangelistic Center. Our sympathy and prayers are with the bereaved families.



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