

President R. H. Pierson Visits the Far Eastern Division

TLOOK

WELCOME. This is typical of the warm welcome given the president of the General Conference when he visited the Philippines. This photo was taken at Davao City when he arrived for the annual Division Council.

THE world president of the Seventh-day Adventists, Dr. Robert H. Pierson, was a recent guest of the Far Eastern Division. He was making his first appearance here since his election in June, 1966. In company with Pastor J. C. Kozel, Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference, and Pastor Paul Eldridge, Division President, Pastor Pierson visited Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Vietnam, Singapore, and Indonesia on his whirlwind tour. At every stop he met with our members and gave messages of encouragement to the workers in each one of the union missions. The OUTLOOK this month carries a report of his visit, in words and pictures. See pages 6, 7, and 8 in addition to special coverage of the Biennial Council held at Davao City, Philippines, which can be found in the center spread and the next several pages. The visit of the international spiritual leader of the church made a deep impact in the Far Eastern Division.

—D. A. R.

LEFT. The President of the General Conference was greeted by a large group of members in Seoul, Korea. Left to right, Pastor Pierson, Pastor J. C. Kozel, Pastor P. H. Eldridge, and Pastor C. A. Williams. Notice the huge banners lining the airport. RIGHT. Pastor Pierson is shown addressing a large crowd of members in an auditorium in Seoul, Korea.





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A New Start

"NH, I wish there were somewhere a wonderful place Called the Land of Beginning Again."

I have no idea who the poet of this school-day memory was, but I am certain it was someone with a keen insight into human nature and the ability to capture in a few words one of mankind's fondest wishes—the desire to somehow erase the past and start all over again.

Erasing the past is something we cannot do. But a merciful God has made it possible for us to learn from the past the lessons it has taught and then, forgetting the pain of failure and unfulfilled aspiration, to move on with fresh objective and new approach.

This is what Paul meant when he said, "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark . . . " (Phil. 3:13, 14)

And so, in a sense, we find repeated possibilities of beginning again. It is one of the practical lessons taught us by the world of sports. Each new inning, every quarter, another round, the next lap-all represent fresh and challenging opportunities. Then, even after the pain of defeat, there is always the possibility of another game with another chance for victory.

God does the same thing for us in His divine plan for the organization of the church. There are always new assignments ahead, changes of locations, or the possibility of a new set of co-workers. There are unique opportunities and new ideas waiting to be discovered.

And we also have the New Year. Once more the statistics start from zero. There is last year's record to surpass and this year's goal to reach. It's a new page, a fresh start, a Land of Beginning Again. If we begin this year with God and take Him with us, it will be the best year we have ever known.

Cordially,

P.H. Eldridge

Paul H. Eldridge, President

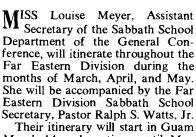


Miss Louise Meyer

Louise Meyer to Itinerate in the Far East

March 14 and continue until May 18 in Korea. In the period between they will present Child Evangelism

In her work Miss Mever directs the spiritual education activities of young children who attend Sabbath Schools of the Adventist church.



Workshops in the Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia, Sabah, Sarawak, Penang, Bhuket, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Okinawa, Osaka, Tokyo, and Seoul.

a number of years in the various

mission fields of the Asian continent

and is well qualified as an instructor

for this course. For further information concern-



R. S. Watts, Jr.

ing "Asian Backgrounds" write to Home Study Institute, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., 20012. —Lillian Troutman, **Executive Secretary**



PLANNERS. Pastor R. S. Watts, General Conrealisters. rastor K. S. Watts, General Conference Vice-president and Chairman of the Home Study Institute Board of Trustees, enrolls as the first student in "Asian Backgrounds," a course providing deep understanda course providing deep understand-ing into life in the East.

New Home Study Course on Asian Backgrounds

HOME Study Institute's newest course is a study of the customs, religions, and thinking of the people living on the earth's largest continent — the home of more than half the people on earth. "Asia Backgrounds" is designed to give future mission appointees a preparation for their work in India, China, and Japan as well as the smaller countries of Asia.

Although offered as a two-semester-hour enrichment course for the college student, it is also recommended as an adult education course providing for the average layman an opportunity to better acquaint himself with the countries to which his mission offerings are going.

Dr. Wilbur Nelson, author of the course, is presently Associate Professor of Religion and History at Pacific Union College. He has spent



TEACHER. Dr. Wilbur Nelson, a former worker in the Far Eastern Division, is author of the new Home Study Institute course, "Asian new Home Study Institute course, "Asian Backgrounds." He is a specialist in Asian studies and now serves as a member of the Religion Department of Pacific Union College.

A Two Million-Dollar Offering

MUCH publicity has been given to the fact that the General Conference is expecting the Sabbath



School Department to raise two million dollars or more through the Sabbath School Investment plan during 1968.

The tremendous needs of our evergrowing and ex-

panding work in the mission fields and our belief that the coming of Jesus is very near justifies this extraordinary appeal to our entire membership around the world. We plead for 100% participation. All should be encouraged to do something. Our response to this, and other similar appeals, will to a considerable extent determine the future course of our work in many overseas areas.

God has dealt liberally with us.

This is our opportunity to do something extraordinary for Him. Invest a little time or money, and permit God to multiply your efforts through the Sabbath Investment plan. It will mean souls saved.

This is a unique opportunity for our loval members to meet one of the greatest and most urgent appeals of its kind ever to be made to this people. This is not an or-dinary appeal. It is made with the conviction that this is our day of opportunity. It is therefore made with the utmost confidence that all our loyal members in every land will respond and do their utmost to meet this timely challenge.

Please remember the objective— 100% participation.

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The Time-During 1968.

—G. R. Nash, Secretary, Sabbath School Department, General Conference



Mrs. Ellen G. White and the Prophetic Gift

By D. Arthur Delafield,
Associate Secretary, Ellen G. White Estate

IN HER book Great Women of the Christian Faith, Edith Dean refers to Ellen White as "the pioneer and guide of her church."—Page 230. "Certainly," said this writer, "she was a spokesman for God. Like the prophets of old, her life was marked by humility, simplicity, austerity, divine learning, and devotion. And like them, she turned to God for healing and help. So firm did her faith become that she accomplished the miraculous for Adventists."

Mrs. White's preeminent mission was to help build the dynamics of a Biblical faith into a Christian movement. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is indebted to her as a spiritual leader and a pioneer builder and guide. In most of the soul-winning activities of the church, from its very beginnings, the leaders received guidance from what they believed were the prophetic insights of this servant of God.

From what source did Mrs. White receive her instructions? She believed she received them from God. And how did the light from God come? In approximately 2000 prophetic visions and dreams given her over a period of seventy years between 1844 and 1915. The fruitage of her counsels to the church is observable in the lives of thousands of Christians who have been led to the Saviour through the reading of her books. Further evidence of her ministry is found in the thriving departments of the present worldwide church.

Mrs. White made no boastful claims. While not denying her call to the prophetic office, she said simply, "To claim to be a prophetess is something that I have never done. If others call me by that name, I have no controversy with them. But my work has covered so many lines that I cannot call myself other than a messenger, sent to bear a message from the Lord to His people, and to take up work in any line that He points out."—Selected Messages, b. 1, p. 34.

When she was asked why she did not claim to be a prophet she replied, "Because in these days many who boldly claim that they are prophets are a reproach to the cause of Christ; and because my work includes much more than the word 'prophet' signifies."

—Ibid., p. 32

Back in December 1844, in her first prophetic vision, she was shown the advent people traveling on an elevated road to heaven, with a brilliant light illuminating the pathway. At the end of this path was the golden City of God, the New Jerusalem, described by John in the last chapters of the Revelation. The light shining from the commencement of the trail was symbolic of the Lord's presence with the movement from its beginning until the second coming of the Lord. See Early Writings of Ellen G. White, pages 13-20.

Accepts the Gift With Trembling

"In my second vision," she wrote in her Life Sketches, "about a week after the first, the Lord gave me a view of the trials through which I must pass, and told me that I must go and relate to others what He had revealed to me. It was shown me that my labors would meet with great opposition, and that my heart would be rent with anguish; but that the grace of God would be sufficient to sustain me through all.

"After I came out of this vision I was exceedingly troubled, for it pointed out my duty to go out among the people and present the truth. My health was so poor that I was in constant bodily suffering, and to all appearance had but a short time to live. I was only seventeen years of age, small and frail, unused to society, and naturally so timid and retiring that it was painful for me to meet strangers.

"For several days, and far into the night, I prayed that this burden might be removed from me, and laid upon someone more capable of bearing it. But the light of duty did not change, and the words of the angel sounded continually in my ears, 'Make known to others what I have revealed to you.'"

"I coveted death," she reports, "as a release from the responsibilities that were crowding upon me."

In describing the reasons why she hesitated when called to be God's messenger, she wrote: "One great

fear that had oppressed me was that if I obeyed the call of duty, and went out declaring myself to be one favored of the Most High with visions and revelations for the people, I might yield to sinful exaltation, and be lifted above the station that was right for me to occupy, bring upon myself the displeasure of God, and lose my own soul. I had known of such cases, and my heart shrank from the trying ordeal."

Finally, after much prayer and heart-searching, she yielded, accepting the solemn work God had laid upon her. She said: "I now entreated that if I must go and relate what the Lord had shown me, I should be preserved from undue exaltation. Said the angel: 'Your prayers are heard, and shall be answered. If this evil that you dread threatens you, the hand of God will be stretched out to save you; by affliction He will draw you to Himself, and preserve your humility. Deliver the message faithfully; endure unto the end, and you shall eat the fruit of the tree of life and drink of the water of life.'

"After recovering consciousness of earthly things, I committed myself to the Lord, ready to do His bidding, whatever that might be."—Pages 69-72.

And she was led, shortly thereafter, to give her

And she was led, shortly thereafter, to give her first public testimony, in a meeting held in a private home in Portland, Maine. From that time until her death shortly after the outbreak of World War I, her fearless voice was heard ringing in the ears of her fellow Christians, Go forward in faith, out into the very ends of the earth, for the Lord is with us, and He has given us the message of Christ's second coming to proclaim to all nations.

A Remarkable World Outlook

She herself ventured out as a missionary twice: to western Europe in 1885, at the age of fifty-seven, and in 1891 to Australia, when she was past sixty. She spent eleven of her seventy years of service in overseas work. She was a guiding light in the establishment of Christian hospitals, schools, publishing houses, and mission stations.

W. P. Bradley, associate secretary of the General Conference Mission Board, a careful student of Mrs. White's life, wrote of her world missions outlook:

"Ellen G. White belongs not just to America, or to Australia where she spent nine years, but to the world... Her spiritual messages rose above national boundaries and racial differences and spoke to the universal need of the human heart...

"There was nothing narrow or provincial in her teaching. Before the 'one world' idea became so widely discussed in our time, this clear-thinking spokeswoman for God was describing how this one message of truth was to develop one church, unified throughout the one world."

This writer continues:

"The Seventh-day Adventist Church is international today to a great degree because of the expansive vision held before it in the Spirit of Prophecy. Even before the first worker was sent overseas in 1874 Mrs. White wrote: 'Every opportunity should be improved to extend the truth to other nations.'—Life Sketches, 206.

"'I seemed to be in a large gathering,' she wrote. 'One of authority was addressing the company, before whom was spread out a map of the world. He said that the map pictured God's vineyard, which must be

cultivated.'—Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 28. 'Your light must not be put under a bushel or under a bed, but on a candlestick, that it may give light to all that are in the house. Your house is the world.'—Life Sketches, page 209. . . .

"She had the vision to say: 'Talk it, pray it, sing it, fill the world with the message of His truth, and keep pressing on into the regions beyond.'—Testimo-

nies, vol. 9, p. 30."

Today Adventist world missions reach out into large areas that represent more than 98 percent of the world's population, while missionary workers employ about 900 oral or written languages to reach the world's inhabitants with the gospel message.

The Seventh-day Adventist publishing enterprise is today one of the church's largest interests. There are forty-two publishing houses in the world, employing 2,057 persons, with five thousand colporteurs in the field distributing literature in 228 languages. Present sales total about \$25,000,000 a year. The volume of literature sales from the beginning of the movement until the end of 1962 approached the astonishing sum of one-half billion dollars! In November, 1848, when a handful of church pioneers met in Dorchester, Massachusetts, to plan for the dissemination of the message, the picture was different. As they gathered in the home of Otis Nichols, a dedicated layman, heaven seemed near, and Ellen White was taken in vision. From the words spoken to her husband when the vision was over, we gain a glimpse of the startling revelation of that hour:

"I have a message for you," she said to James White. "You must begin to print a little paper and send it out to the people. Let it be small at first; but as the people read, they will send you means with which to print, and it will be a success from the first. From this small beginning it was shown to me to be like streams of light that went clear round the world."—Life Sketches, page 125.

"Streams of light . . . clear round the world"! How could this be? Jesus was coming so soon. Believers were few. There were none of wealth in that tiny group who met in 1848. There were no great scholars among them. The world was unbelieving. Yet here was a young woman in their midst who predicted that a publishing work to be started by her penniless husband would grow until it encompassed the globe. More than six months went by before James White could make even the smallest beginning, arranging for the printing of a thousand copies of an eight-page paper. And the order with the printer was placed on a charge account!

The magazine that emerged—Present Truth—became the first of scores of journals that have since appeared to enlighten the world with the good news of the gospel and the glad tidings of Christ's second coming!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pastor D. A. Delafield has been making an extensive itinerary throughout the Far East since early December. He has conducted weeks of Spirit of Prophecy emphasis in our colleges. Starting this issue and continuing for two more issues, we present this special article written by our Far Eastern Division guest. We invite the attention of all of our readers to this series. He will terminate his tour of the Far East late in February.



SPEECH. The General Conference president gives a response to the welcome at a packed VIP room at the Manila airport. RIGHT. Dr. Narcisco Albarracin, Director of the Bureau of Private Schools, gives a speech at a breakfast reception for Pastor Pierson in the North Philippine Union office.

General Conference President Visits Manila

IT was the eve of election day in the Philippines. In hundreds of plazas people gathered for the miting de avance listening to the last speeches of the candidates.

But a different group of more than 200 gathered that night at the Manila International Airport. They were to welcome no candidate, but the colorful attire of the ladies and the look of anticipation in everyone's face showed that the one expected must be some very important person. Indeed he was — the president of the General Conference!

As he emerged from customs, President Robert H. Pierson, accompanied by Pastor J. C. Kozel and Pastor and Mrs. P. H. Eldridge and escorted by Pastor Marvin H. Reeder, was greeted by the strains of "Mabuhay" by the Philippine Union College Rondalla. He was then led for a brief welcome ceremony to the VIP room of the airport which had been made available as a complimentary gesture by the airport authorities.

Two motorcycle escorts from Pasay City led the 41-vehicle motor-



WELCOME. Mrs. Antonio P. de Guzman, wife of the Pasay English Church pastor, puts on a sampaguita (the Philippine national flower) leis on the world president as he enters the VIP room of the Manila International airport.

cade to the Union office five miles away.

In the morning, the officers of the Manila Sanitarium took Pastor Pierson for a 30-minute tour of the hospital. This was followed by a breakfast at the Union office to which were invited a number of distinguished individuals led by Dr. Narciso Albarracin, Director of the Bureau of Private Schools.

After the one-hour service at the

Pasay English Church, the president was taken on a tour of the city on the way to Philippine Union College where another banquet was held in his honor. On the way, he visited the Manila Center and the Philippine Publishing House.

The college campus was to be visited again on November 29 after the Division biennial session in Davao, where he came to deliver an evening address at a parent and

LADIES. This is a group of the lady secretaries of the North Philippine Union who posed with the president of the General Conference after the breakfast reception. RIGHT. Here is part of the group who attended the breakfast reception for the president of the General Conference at the North Philippine Union office. To President Pierson's left is Urbano Castillo, World Layman of the year for 1966.



Home graduation at the college auditorium. Previous to that he attended the inauguration of the Dorcas Welfare Federation building in Manila and a radio interview at the Philippine Publishing House.

A pre-departure television interview on Channel 7 capped the General Conference president's hectic schedule during his two visits to Manila.

World Leader Visits Korea

PRESIDENT Robert H. Pierson was welcomed by 450 persons when he arrived in Seoul, Korea, the first country on his Far Eastern tour. Pastor J. C. Kozel, Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference, and Pastor P. H. Eldridge, President of the Far Eastern Division, accompanied him on the trip.



TRIP. A two-hour airplane trip was part of the schedule for President R. H. Pierson when he visited Korea. Left to right, Pastor C. A. Williams, then president of the Korean Union, the plane engineer, Pastor Pierson, and Dr. Robert Allen, a dentist from the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital and a pilot.

They were greeted by waving flags and welcome banners from the balcony of the airport. The airport officials offered the VIP room for the Adventist guests where they were welcomed by the Korean Union departmental leaders. In front of the airport they were introduced



WELCOME. This group from the Southern Mindanao Mission of the South Philippine Union were on hand to give a welcome to the General Conference president when he arrived in Dayao City.

to the many Korean Adventists who came to meet them.

One hundred and fifty Pathfinders gave the visitors a brief welcome parade after which Pastor Pierson itarium, to visit a few islands off the west coast of Korea where we have churches, a reclamation project where the church is assisting in the reclaiming of 9,000 acres of



GROUP. Here is the group of Seventh-day Adventist saldiers who attended the week-end program in Saigon. Pastor Pierson was the special guest speaker.

made a short speech of gratitude for the warm reception.

After the welcome the visitors were taken by private plane, piloted by Dr. Robert Allen of Seoul San-

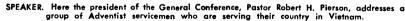
tideland for refugees, and our Union office and Hospital.

The remainder of the itinerary time they visited different institutions in the Seoul area. The highlight of the visit was Pastor Pierson's Sabbath service in which he gave the people a challenge of rededication for more efforts in soul winning.

—H. R. Kehney

Van Alphens Send Greetings

PASTOR and Mrs. E. Van Alphen and Hannie, of Holland, send greetings to their friends in the Far Eastern Division, according to Pastor E. A. Brodeur, Publishing Secretary of the Far East. Their address is Bernard Luninskstraat 14, Deventer, Holland.







VETERANS. President Piersan meets C. M. Lee, left, a veteran Adventist layman of Singapore, and Mrs. C. M. Lee, center. Just beyand Postor Pierson is J. C. Kozel, Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference. The picture was taken outside the Singapore Chinese church.



SPEAKER. President Pierson personally met the young men and women who attend Fe Eastern Academy, the secandary school for children of overseas workers in the Far Eastern Division



BANQUET. At the Far Eastern Division office the staff members put on a potluck dinner in honor of the visiting General Conference officials. A. E. Krogstad, standing, introduces the group to the visitors.

World President Makes Makes First Visit to Singapore (Headquarters)

CONGRATULATIONS. President Pierson congratulates Dwight Nelson after announcing to the Far Eastern Academy that the young son of a missionary in Japan was the president of the junior class,





HELLO. Handshakes were plentiful as President Pierson came into Singapore.



EATS. The visiting officials have a hard time deciding what they want to eat at the Far Eastern Division headquarters dinner. Standing, left to right, A. E. Krogstad, Assistant Treasurer of the Division; J. C. Kozel, Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference; and Pastor R. H. Pierson.



WELCOME. A TV cameraman was present as the world president of the Adventist denomination, Pastar Robert H. Pierson, arrived in Singapore. A large group of workers were on hand to greet him. At the right is Pastor Daniel Guild, President of the Southeast Asia Union.

Soldiers for God and Country

A KOREAN and an American Seventh-day Adventist soldier recently held evangelistic meetings three nights a week in Inchon, Korea and 81 people have made their decision to accept Christ and join the church.

"Before I leave Korea I'm going to build a new church and have it full of new church members." This was the statement that Pfc. David



SPEAKER. Ptc. David Yancy is snown nere speaking at an evangelistic meeting at Inchon, Korea. His translator is another soldier, a Korean, Corp. C. K. Jung.



STUDY. Pfc. David Yancy, center, and Corp. C. K. Jung, right, visit with one of the people attending the evangelistic meeting held at Inchon, Korea.

Yancy made shortly after arriving in Korea for his tour of duty with the United States Army. After finding a partner, Corp. C. K. Jung of the Korean Army, the two began preparing for evangelistic meetings.

The Ministerial Association of the Korean Union assisted in the plan-

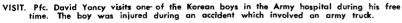
ning of the meetings. The city Labor Union Hall was found for a place to have the meetings, brochures were printed, signs were posted in the store windows and along the road telling of the meetings, and the church, which has a membership of eight, was organized and each one was given a responsibility.

The opening evening a total of 260 people found Corp. Jung leading the song service with a nine-year old girl at his side playing the piano. Pfc. Yancy spoke nightly with Corp. Jung as his translator.

"I'm having the greatest time of my life. I wouldn't trade this experience I'm having in Korea with anything," said Pfc. Yancy at the conclusion of the meetings.

These young men are finding that the time spent in the army is worthwhile. They can serve God and their country at the same time.

—H. R. Kehney, Public Relations Secretary, Korean Union







SPEAKER. One of the main speakers during the Council was Pastor N. R. Dower, Secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference.

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"This is the Hour . .

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WITH this motto prominently displayed Davao city in the southern Philippine took place. One hundred twenty-four dethe opening meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After regular formalities and acceptance of various committees were concluded, a male chorus from Indonesia prepared the way for Pastor P. H. Eldridge's report. Our Division president highlighted his address by mentioning five outstanding events of the past two years. They are as follows: 1. The end of "confrontation" between Indonesia and Malaysia. 2. Internal tension in China. 3. Intensive increase of war in South Vietnam. 4. Financial changes involving Britain and Hong Kong. 5. The "new look" in Oriental religions.

Pastor Eldridge also drew comparisons between our present membership of over 200,000 members in 1967, with that of 20 years ago. Someone, and we are not exactly sure who, was our 200,000th member during the 3rd quarter of 1967. Another outstanding achievement mentioned were the 12,881 baptisms conducted during the first three guarters of 1967.

President Eldridge's key text, which he repeated for emphasis many times, was Habbakuk 1.5, "Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you." He then proceeded to relate stories of progress from Indonesia where the government is now urging us to accept property for a second hospital, to South Vietnam where Literature Evangelists are selling twice as much literature as a year ago, and where spiritual books are now better received than our medical literature, which is a new day in that mission field.

At the conclusion of his remarks, a call for re-dedication received a unanimous response from all those who were present. In his closing remarks, Pastor Eldridge called for a great OUTREACH from God's workers. He described it as "Opportunity — Urgency — Total Evangelism" as we look forward into 1968.



PRAYER. The the gentle s setting for mo lowing the

LECTURE. For several days the bulk of the lectures were given by the president of the General Canference, Pastor Robert H. Pierson. Here Pastor Pierson addresses the group in this candid photo.



PANEL. One of the more interesting meetings came when the admistrators were "put on the spot." Here a panel discusses a question set from the flaor to the platform. Left to right, P. H. Eldridge, W. T. Cla J. C. Kozel, N. R. Dower, E. A. Capobres, and W. L. Wilcox.

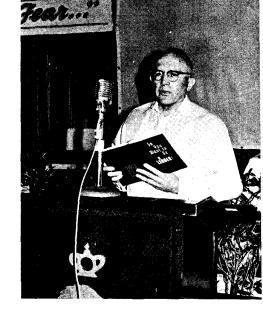


from Session BOOK. The textbook for the Administrative Council was "So You Want to be a Leader," by Pastor Piersan. Here he holds his book as he addresses the council in the assembly room of the Davao insular Hotel.

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e hall at the Davao Insular Hotel near 57 Far Eastern Division Biennial Session nd a host of friends were on hand for



EVENING REPORTS

An interesting variety of Union reports were highlights of the weekday evening programs. Southeast Asia Union was first on the list and a 20-minute slide-narrated trip through the missions and institutions of their territory was well received. Others conducted personal interviews with workers. The Philippines with its three unions presented colorful pageants using local workers and their wives in national costume. On Friday evening, Pastor Milton Lee, Secretary of the South China Island Union Ministerial Association, gave the Vesper hour message.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Progress reports from each departmental secretary of the Division staff were presented during the morning hours. Educationally, enrollment in all areas — elementary, secondary and college levels — shows a 53% increase for the past four years and a 112% increase for the past eight years. At the close of 1966, teachers (1,840) were giving instruction to 37,594 students. In Lay Activities, 2,790,210 Bible studies have been reported during the past quadrennium. Urdano O. Castillo saw his one thousandth convert baptized October 1, 1966. The result of total evangelism among the departments from the fourth quarter of 1965 up to, and including, the third quarter of 1967, reveals a total of 33,678 precious souls baptized.

MUSIC ADDS ITS BLESSINGS

As at every good meeting, music plays an important part. At this important council music again thrilled our souls, from the Indonesian male chorus to a ladies trio, from solos and duets, to the men's quartet. From marimba and trumpet to the voices of the Mountain View College choir, music from heaven filled our souls. Traveling for more

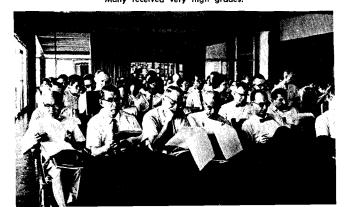


ISLATION. Several of the Korean delegates could not understand sh. They provided instantaneous translation through a system which led them to know what was going on at all times. The elecronic system worked very well, according to the delegates.



TEST. At the conclusion of the Administrative Council an examination was given to all those who attended. Here is the group taking the final test.

Many received very high grades.







LEFT. Pastor P. H. Eldridge gives the keynote address at the opening of the annual Division Council at Davao City, Philippines. It was the largest attendance ever at a Division council. RIGHT. This is the large crowd who attended the Sabbath meeting in a downtawn auditorium in Davao City. Pastor R. H. Pierson was the speaker for the Sabbath morning service.



SCHEDULE. H. M. Baldwin, assistant for transportation during the Division Council, goes over Paster Milton Lee's itinerary homeward bound to Taiwan. A last-day strike scare sent everyone hurrying to Manila and curtailed part of the meetings.

than ten hours by bus over rocky and bumpy roads, the young men and women of Mountain View College came for the weekend to provide "specials" of all types. Friday evening and all day Sabbath, they were heard. On Saturday night, for more than an hour, they performed at their best.

SABBATH MEETINGS

Pastor R. H. Pierson, President of the General Conference, spoke to a capacity crowd at the open-air amphitheatre of the University of Mindanao in Davao City. Members from Filipino churches within a radius of 60 miles came to enjoy the Sabbath service. Mountain View College Choir provided the music. In his sermon, Pastor Pierson challenged church members to "copy Christ and lead a life dedicated to helping others." He appealed for "world-wide efforts to bring Christ and His love to millions who grope in darkness."

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

A complete report from this committee is listed in another area of the **Outlook** but for the interest of our readers we will list here the outstanding changes made.

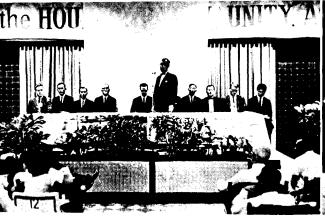
Pastor Wendell Wilcox, of West Indonesia, to the Korean Union as President; Pastor Clinton Shankel, of Far Eastern Island Mission, to West Indonesia as President; Pastor C. A. Williams, of the Korean Union, to Okinawa as Mission President; Pastor Paul Nelson, secretary of the Ministerial Association of the Japan Union, to the Far Eastern Island Mission as President.

BUDGET REPORT

Total funds available for the work of the church during 1968 amount to \$\$3,863,302.67. Of this amount, \$\$360,000.00 will go directly into evangelism on a matching basis, and another \$\$172,500.00 for VOP and Bible Correspondence School operations. The remaining available funds go for the operation of the Far Eastern Division, its various union mission territories, and the many institutions and special projects being carried on.

LEFT. Prayer bands met at the close of every morning devotional. Much time was spent in prayer fellowship. RIGHT. Pastor H. D. Johnson,
Treasurer of the Far Eastern Division, gives his annual report to the delegation.







LEFT. Nine unions reported during the evening meetings. This is the Korean Union delegation. At the microphone is the retiring secretary of the Union, Pastor C. U. Pak. He attended his last Division council before retiring. RIGHT. Here are some of the members of the important nominating committee. Serving as chairman was Pastor R. H. Pierson, President of the General Conference.

SPECIAL FEATURE

Pastor Richard Hall, Southeast Asia's flying mission president, and his airplane, "Messenger," provided shuttle service between the Davao City airport and the local landing strip at Mountain View College. Among those enjoying the trip were such distinguished guests as President Pierson of the General Conference; Pastor J. C. Kozel, Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference, and many others. Pastor Hall flew from

EVANGELISM. Pastor R. C. Williams, Ministerial Secretary of the Far Eastern Division, challenged all workers to go "all out" in 1968 in a soul-winning program.





DAVAO. At the Davao session of the Division Cauncil President Pierson had a chance to see the national dress of the Philippine ladies. This group presented part of the NPUM report to the delegates.

LEFT. Nearly all of the delegates came forward during the last Sabbath afternoon program in a dedication service. RIGHT. This is the delegation from the South Philippine Union shown with Pastors Eldridge, Montalban, and Pierson.







SINGERS. This is the feminine section of the o cappella choir of Mountain View College which provided special music for the Far Eastern Division Council at Davao City. The choir was under the direction of Minerva Arit.



MAPS. Each mission and union produced maps during the evangelism symposium indicating the location of evangelistic meetings for the coming year.



COSTUMES. President Pierson poses with two delegates from the South Philippine Union attending the Council. They are Pastor and Mrs. A. A. Villorin, President of the Davao Mission.



MUSIC. The choir of Mauntoin View College, under the direction of Minerva Arit, sang at the Sabbath marning service of worship before more than 1,500 persons.

his home territory of Sarawak, through Jesselton, on to Manila and Davao and reported excellent flying conditions. He returned the southern route through Zamboanga, to Sandakan, and Jesselton, and then to Kuching. The "Messenger" has flown more than 200 hours since its dedication to service last March.

FINAL EXCERPT FROM ELDER ELDRIDGE'S REPORT

There is every indication that God is ready to give us now all that we need for the accomplishment of our purpose. THE FINISHING OF THE WORK IN THE FAR EAST IS WITHIN OUR GRASP!

GREETINGS. Pastor T. C. Murdoch, President of the North Philippine Union, welcomes the General Conference president to Manila.



REVIVAL. The staff of the Far Eastern Division gathers around the Division president, Pastor P. H. Eldridge, as the appeal is made for Revival and Evongelism in 1968. This came at the close of the session on soul-winning objectives for the new year.





GROUP. Here is the group who attended the session for the Ministerial Association. At the center are Pastor R. C. Williams and Pastor N. R. Dower.

Departmental-Administrative Session Held in Davao City

THE words, "Faith, Unity, Action," vividly portrayed the spirit, desire, and goal of 150 Far Eastern Division workers who gathered in Davao City for the 1967 biennial session. From Japan in the north to Java in the south, from Palau in the east to Penang in the west came presidents, treasurers, Ministerial Association and public relations secretaries. From the world headquarters office came Pastors R. H. Pierson, J. C. Kozel, M. H. Reeder, and N. R. Dower; President, Assistant Treasurer, Associate Bureau of Public Relations Secretary, and Ministerial Association Secretary of the General Conference respectively.

The objective of this great group of workers from all corners of the Division was to prepare for a completed ministry in the Far East through "faith, unity, and action." The seminars which preceded the Division biennial session were scenes of study and planning for

three areas of evangelism, administrative, ministerial, and public relations.

The date November 16 marked the beginning of the Administrative session which was attended by union and local mission presidents, secretaries, and treasurers. The workshop was convened by Pastor P. H. Eldridge who served as chairman. Pastor R. H. Pierson highlighted the five-day meeting with intensive instruction on the principles of administration. The title of the course was "So You Want to be a Leader."

Regarding the value of this meeting a certain administrator remarked, "The material taught by Pastor Pierson was equal, or superior to college classroom instruction." Every one who attended this inspirational and stimulating program was reminded of college days when examination schedules and home-work deadlines had to be met.

Pastors M. H. Reeder from the

General Conference and D. A. Roth from the Far Eastern Division led the union public relations secretaries in a well-planned seminar that challenged each one to use all forms of news media to project the image of the church before the masses. The role of public relations in the Seventh-day Adventist Church was emphasized as necessary on all levels of organization. A pre-requisite for successful projection of the church and its message before the public is for each church, mission, and union to have a public relations secretary.

During this seminar the departmental secretaries pledged themselves to complete cooperation with each department of the church, thereby relaying an accurate and complete picture of the church to world. It was pointed out that through the effective use of massmedia reporting, many will have an opportunity to take their stand with the remnant church.

PR. Here is the group who attended the Public Relations meeting at the time of the Division Council in Davao City, Philippines.



Pastors N. R. Dower and R. C. Williams challenged the union ministerial secretaries to "evangelize, evangelize, evangelize!" The responsibility for the salvation of 360,000,000 judgement-bound souls caused each ministerial secretary to lay unprecedented plans for evangelism. It was agreed by each one that evangelism is "The offering of the whole Christ, for the whole world, by the whole church, to the whole (Far East)."

One of the most revolutionary decisions made by the Ministerial Association group was to unite the "whole church" in a program of "coordinated evangelism" for the proclamation of the gospel throughout the Far East in 1968. "Coordinated evangelism" includes each worker and member in the church. Its aim is to take the message of salvation to every person living within the boundaries of the Far Eastern Division.

At the close of the three precouncils each one felt anew the urgency of the hour in which we live. A new zeal, a refocused vision, a reconsecrated determination characherized the attitude of each worker.

—L. R. Colborn, Assistant Public Relation Secretary, South China Island Union.

VIET CONG. . . . (Continued from page 20.)

Don Jacobsen revealed Sunday morning that the Vietnam Mission's baptisms for 1967 total a little over 200—just twice as much as in 1966. He then asked each pastor to set a prayer goal of baptisms for 1968—and the total was 480. "By God's grace," he said, "I believe we could even baptize 600 in 1968!"

Sixty American soldiers from battlefields far and near came to the mission compound for a week-



PR MEN. At the close of the Public Relations Council at Davao City the Public Relations secretaries bade farewell to Pastor M. H. Reeder, of the General Conference, who spent 3 months in the Far East. Bidding farewell to Pastor Reeder of the right is Pastor D. A. Rath, of the Far Eastern Division. Others are, left to right, L. R. Colburn, Yonezo Okafuii, V. L. Bretsch, J. M. Coloma, Mrs. B. B. Alsaybar, B. B. Alsaybar, Walter Raranta, and H. R. Kehney.

end of fellowship with Pastor Pierson and the mission workers. Friday evening the world leader assured them that "God is Wonderful—and the government is on His shoulder. We can safely trust our lives in His hands". Later he challenged the men to be faithful, even though they are alone and surrounded with temptations.

Sabbath morning before the prison baptism, all Adventists of the Saigon area met for an open-air meeting on the campus of the Saigon Adventist School.

FED News From Here and There

- THE mother of H. M. Baldwin, Far Eastern Division representative in Hong Kong, died early in January. Mrs. Baldwin accompanied the body home to the United States where the burial took place. Mrs. Baldwin had fallen and broken some bones and complications resulted in her decease.
- Dr. Henry Novak has arrived in the Far East to take up his

duties as staff physician of the Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital in Indonesia. Before his visa arrived Dr. Novak served for a time at the Haadjai Hospital in southern Thailand.

- Pastor T. K. Chong has been appointed new president of the Malaya Mission. He served for the past six years as pastor of the Balestier Road Church in Singapore. A picture and complete report will be printed in the February issue.
- The new pastor of the Balestier Road Church is Ng Sui Koon, formerly Bible teacher at Southeast Asia Union College.
- The Far East recently welcomed a former worker. Pastor L. E. Smart, who served as secretary of the Department of Education in the Division, is now with the Atlantic Union Conference. He visited Bangkok, Singapore, Manila, and Hong Kong while on a private trip to the Division.
- ◆ A General Conference man, Pastor D. Arthur Delafield, is now itinerating in the territory of the Far Eastern Division. He is with the Ellen G. White Publications office.

LEFT. Here are the candidates for baptism at the Viet Cong prison near Saigon. President Robert H. Pierson witnessed this unusual baptism. RIGHT. This is the group of pastors who assisted at the baptism.





NEWS FROM THE UNIONS

Southeast Asia

Branch Sabbath School Cooperation Brings Results

IN Vietnam, where war rages and refugees are scattered like sheep without a shepherd, there are those who have hearts of love and a burden to help the needy.

Cooperative teamwork describes the spirit of a group of publishing house workers and literature evangelists who hold three Branch Sabbath Schools very Sabbath.

So many children have enjoyed the meetings, that it was necessary to divide into three bands. When the first meetings were held about a year ago there were 40 youngsters. Today, counting mothers and children, there are more than 250.

Evangelistic meetings will follow soon and a new church will be raised up as a result of this joint venture of the press and publishing department.

-V. L. Bretsch

Money Raised for New Lab in Singapore

"WE've got the money for a new lab and now it soon will be a reality." The enthusiasm generated by the students of Southeast Asia Union College on this "Rally Day" could almost be felt in the air. They were rejoicing and smiling from ear to ear. They had reached and exceeded their goal in soliciting funds for a new science laboratory.



SCHOOL. Leaders use picture rolls to hold the interest and attention of more than 80 youngsters at this Branch Sabbath School. So great is the interest in this particular community that it is necessary to hold one school in the morning and two in the afternoon.

A leader from each class was called to report before the faculty and student body. One class with the help of their enthusiastic teacher, Paul Tan, reached nearly \$\$4500. As awards were given to the classes by Pastor Daniel Tan, SAUC President. He commended teachers and students for their hearty support of this Ingathering campaign, and as-



VICTORY. A student of Southeast Asia Union holds up a victory chart after the close of the financial campaign.

sured them that it would not be long before their new lab would be realized. At the time of reporting \$\$20,646.05 had been received.

SAUC News Items

By Maggie Tan

- BENNY Liem left for Canada recently and is now connected with Canadian Union College where he is teaching music. He plans to study and work his way through college.
- Betty Wong, sister of Wong Yew Seng, passed through Singapore from Australia. She was on her way to England where she plans to specialize in the care of premature babies. Betty completed her nurses; training at Bangkok San-

VICTORY. These two photos show the students of Southeast Asia Union College during their victory celebration ending a successful fundraising campaign.



itarium, then proceeded to Australia to take post-graduate work in the field of communicable diseases. She was in Australia for one and a half years and plans to stay another year and a half in England before coming home.

- Mrs. Francis Pohan (the former Linnie Ling) and her two children passed through Singapore recently on their way back to Cambodia for a vacation with her parents. Mrs. Pohan, a former student of Southeast Asia Union College, has been away from home for 11 years. She and her husband, Francis, have now made their home in Australia.
- Mrs. and Mrs. Chin Chow Khoon are the proud parents of a baby girl, Lorraine, who arrived Youngberg Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Chin was the former Amy Tan of Youngberg Hospital.
- Music Students of the Southeast Asia Union College Music Department were highly successful in their practical examination this year. The examination was held in the air-conditioned Ensemble Room of the Music Department which was a big help in putting our students at ease in familiar surroundings. They were examined by external examiners sent from England. There were three distinctions and eleven merits. Many of those who received a passing grade missed the merit grade by just one or two points. One of the candidates who received a distinction was six-yearold Annabelle, daughter of Mrs. Ann Ng who is Head of the Music Department. Another was Cinthy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samson Benjamin.
- Joyce Paul Benta is the happy mother of a baby girl who arrived on October 4. Joyce and her husband, Bill, returned to serve in the United Kingdom in May.
- College Seniors of 1967 made a class trip to Malaya in early November. Their itinerary included Kuala Lumpur, Penang, and Cameron Highlands. Dean Rau took advantage of this trip to make promotion contacts for the college in Kuala Lumpur and Penang. The seniors were invited to help in various ways in this weekend promotion campaign.

North Philippines

Palawan Student Eager for Christian Education

By A. A. Poblete, Principal, Naga View Academy

ERLINDA Gonzaga and her parents became Seventh-day Adventists in 1957. Since then, she has had a burning desire in her heart to become a worker for God. She realizes how few workers are in her home province of Palawan. Her parents were too poor to send her to one of our academies. She prayed and prayed that somehow an opportunity might come for her to study in a Seventh-day Adventist school.

She went to a public high school in Palawan where she stood for every principle she knew. She kept on praying that she may have the chance to go to a Christian school.

An educational rally was held one Sabbath in Puerto Princesa, Palawan where she had her membership. A call was made to the young people to attend Philippine Union College. Upon seeing her fellow young people coming forward to fill in their application form, she asked herself, "What about me, Lord? How can I go to P.U.C." She knew that her parents would object to her going so far from home in addition to the fact that they cannot support her there.

She again bowed her head in prayer as she continued to sit on one of the benches of the church. Then she heard a voice speaking to her "Be of good courage, and I shall speak for you."

Erlinda Gonzaga



Filled with new determination, she approached Pastor T. C. Murdoch, President of the North Philippine Union and asked him, "Would you be willing to help me in my problem?"

Pastor Murdoch said, "Yes, I am ready to help. What can I do for you?"

Erlinda told him of her desire to obtain a Christian education in one of our schools. He asked, "Would you be willing to go if I tell you of a school? Would you be willing to do any kind of work assigned to you?"

She answered, "Yes, Pastor." "Why do you want to study in our school?" he continued, "I want to be a Bible Instructor so that I can have a part in the Lord's service."

He told her that her way may be long but she could fulfill her ambition. Erlinda was filled with joy.

As summer vacation was fast approaching, she received letters from Pastor B. G. Mary, Educational Secretary of the North Philippine Union and from the writer, Principal of Naga View Academy. Her big problem was how to come to school. It was very far from her home and she had no money. Yet she was determined to go. That school year closed with her having finished the second year of high school. Her parents and sisters opposed her going to academy. How could they send her there when they had no money? A few hours before she was scheduled to sail for Manila, she had no money. Her plan was to drop in at the house of the elder of the church and borrow some money for her fare. She told herself that she would work even for a year to earn enough to pay what she would borrow. She was still praying that something may turn up.

When she was just about to leave her home, her parents were able to secure some money for her transportation. The Lord has again answered her prayers. She bade good-bye to her loved ones and took a boat for Manila. No one met her in the city but somehow she was able to find her way to the train station where she boarded a night express for Naga City. It was a surprise to many of us on the campus to see Erlinda arrive all alone. It was July 16, 1967, just three days before the opening of the first school year at Naga View

Academy.

Erlinda has been staying with us since she came three years ago. She is finishing her academy work in April, 1968. Her constant prayer to the Lord is, "Lord, I want to go to college. But I don't have the money. Please do something for me."

Erlinda is a fine example of a young person who is keenly determined to obtain a Christian education in spite of seeming impossibilities. Hers is a way of courage and determination. The way may be long but with God's help she will be there—in God's service.

Biennial Jottings

- alumni were ordained to the gospel ministry on December 2. They were Pablo G. Poblete (B.Th. '47), PUC Bible teacher; Rosendo O. Gonzales (A.B. '62), evangelist; Geronimo Calangan (A.B. '64), evangelist; Angel Biton (A.B. '61), evangelist; Moises G. Jereos (A.C.S. '38), union secretary, and Basilio Palad (A.B. '57), evangelist. There were 103 ordained ministers on the rostrum after the ordination service.
- The new secretary-treasurer of the Mountain Province Mission is Samuel J. Recalde, Treasurer of the Philippine Union College. He replaces F. B. Fangonillo, new Secretary-Treasurer of the Northern



GROUP. Here is the group who attended the Laymen's Training School of the Far Eastern island Mission on the island of Guam.

Luzon Mission. B. O. Gravino, Southern Luzon Mission Secretary-Treasurer and Naga View Academy business manager, is the new Secretary-Treasurer of the Central Luzon Mission taking the place of C. P. Legaspi, new Secretary-Treasurer of the South Philippine Union. Ben Flores, Auditor of the Central Luzon Mission, is the new Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Luzon Mission.

NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● Another General Conference official, Pastor Donald W. Hunter, visited a number of Far Eastern centers while returning to the United States from an official trip to the Southern Asia Division. He visited Bangkok, Singapore, Saigon, Hong Kong, Manila, Taipei, and Tokyo.

South Philippines

Far Eastern Island Mission

Lay Training School Held on Palau

GREAT plans were laid and ambitious goals set by the laymen at the lay training schools conducted by Pastor L. A. Shipowick. They promised to visit 589 homes, distribute 3,000 tracts, and give 483 Bible studies a week. Many are ready to help and hold lay efforts. During the training school the laymen pledged to win as many new converts as we have members.

Immediately following the training school a baptismal class was organized in Palau with 35 in attendance. This is a good beginning, and we pray only the beginning of the things God can do through our laymen.

-C. L. Shankel

Ordination at South Philippine Union Session

ORDAINED. At the second bienniol session of the South Philippine Union nineteen workers were ordained to the gospel ministry. They were, left to right, front row, S. G. Gepoya, S. L. Arrogonte, G. B. Mendoza, V. L. Villanueva, V. M. Montalban, H. W. Bedwell, L. A. Yutuc, T. L. Cabaluna, L. B. Tabo, B. P. Moraldo, E. L. Demiar. Back row, left to right, S. B. Gumapac, C. P. Ranario, A. D. Lazara, J. M. Moroldo, J. L. Balacuit, V. J. Secong, A. G. Bofetiodo, M. C. Arranguez, R. B. Bermudez, M. L. Ligan, and A. C. Gepaya.

—C. S. Rosco



Forty-eight Viet Cong Prisoners Baptized in Vietnam

FORTY-eight Viet Cong prisoners were baptized in Tan Hiep, a government prison 30 kilometers east of Saigon, on Sabbath, December 2, which marked the high point of an unforgettable weekend for the Vietnam Mission. Pastor R. H. Pierson, President of the General Conference, and Pastor J. C. Kozel, Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference, were present for the service.

"To see these men baptized, to meet them personally and see the expressions on their faces reflecting the glory of Christ—that is a scene I shall never forget," Pastor Pierson said. "Wouldn't it be wonderful if all the Viet Cong could be won to Christ! Then the war would end."

After Pastor Pierson spoke to the baptismal candidates, Pastors Nguyen Van Xuan and Le Van Ut entered two baptistries placed before the platform. The candidates were baptized in pairs as scores of members from the churches in Saigon watched and prayed.

The two Daptistries were built in the prison's own shop from steel By Ralph Neall, President, Vietnam Mission

purchased by the mission. Prison officials allowed pastors to spend many days in the prison preparing the men for the sacred service.

This baptism was the result of two years of careful work by laymen under the direction of Pastor Pham Thien, Lay Activities Secretary. Nguyen Huynh, laboratory technician in the Saigon Adventist Hospital, carried a heavy responsibility in organizing the weekly meetings in the prison. Others who helped were Artemio Elumir, Treasurer of the Saigon Adventist Hospital, and Nguyen Van Le and Nguyen Xuan Son, interns.

Another high point of the weekend was an audience with President Nguyen Van Thieu, Chief of State on November 30. In this interview Pastor Pierson told the President of the mission's plans for increased welfare work in Vietnam, and Dr. Jess Holm, medical director of the Saigon Adventist Hospital, told of

the hospital's plans to train more nurses. "An operation is temporary," he said. "But a well-trained nurse is permanent." The Chief of State expressed his gratitude for all aid given to Vietnam, and said the great need is for more help in rehabilitating refugees, who now number more than 2,000,000. In closing the audience, Pastor Pierson offered prayer, requesting God's blessing on the President and the Vietnamese people.

Pastor N. R. Dower, Secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, spoke Thursday evening November 30, to open a Ministerial Institute with all mission pastors present. Dealing with the minister's own character in relation to God and the church, Pastor Dower challenged the workers "to be clean, and to be dedicated in wholehearted service." With Pastors Royce Williams and Don Jacobsen, from the Ministerial Associations of the Division and the Union respectively, assisting, the meetings continued until Sunday evening.

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LEFT. One of the former Viet Congs is about to be baptized by one of the Vietnamese pastors who took part in the large baptism. At the right can be seen the special tanks which were built for this special event.



