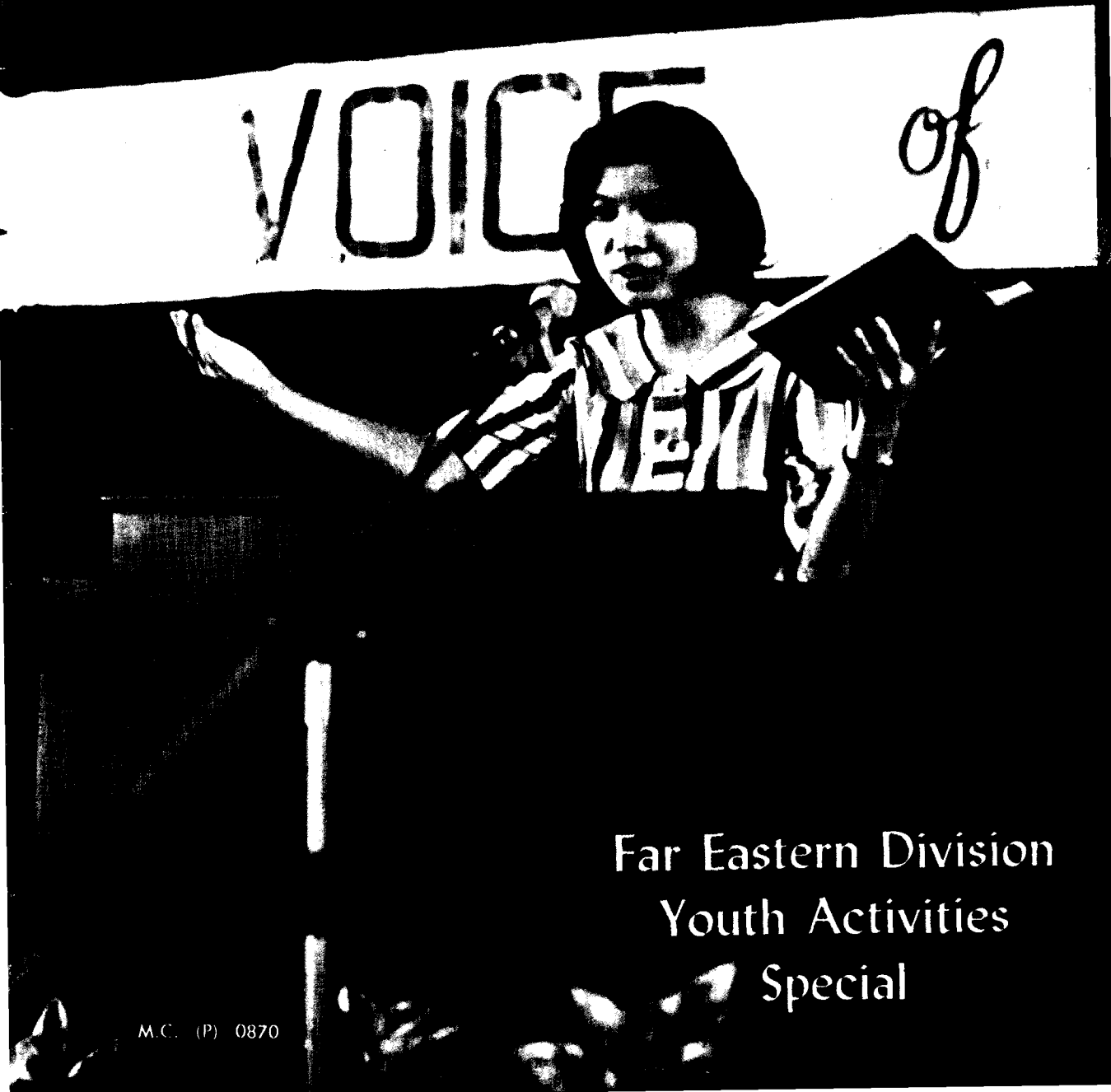




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# OUTLOOK



Far Eastern Division  
Youth Activities  
Special

## General Conference President Encourages Youth of Far East



Robert H. Pierson  
President, General Conference

**W**HAT a challenge the "late sixties" present to the Advent youth in the Far Eastern Division! The matchless Christ has a mission for a special era of earth's history. When He spoke the words, "Follow me," to His disciples 2,000 years ago, He was launching a movement to take this gospel into all parts of the then-known world. Now in 1969 He invites the youth of the Adventist church to finish that work in this generation. He challenges each of us to do something about the uncharted areas, the unsolved problems, the unconquered pockets, the unanswered questions.

God has a work for us to do, a work that only Seventh-day Adventist young people can do. "Follow me" is a personal command with a personal challenge—a Seventh-day Adventist challenge—to every young man and young woman in this church.

God needs you! Your church needs you! Let our young people set the pace for the whole church in godly living and dedicated service. In an hour of utmost urgency I challenge you to serve your King, uphold your Christ, proclaim your message, with renewed dedication. Let us without reservation respond to the challenge of Christ—"Follow Me."



## World Youth Leader Challenges East Asia Youth

**D**EAR Missionary Volunteers of the Far Eastern Division:

One of the great strengths of any church is its youth. No organization is stronger than the young people who make up its membership. You are part of a great world-wide movement which has as its only objective the Advent message to all the world.

The hope of the World Youth Congress is to exalt Jesus and Truth; to inspire Adventist youth to an unconditional surrender of self to their Master and Saviour; to experience the love of Christ constraining each one to a joyous commitment and to courageous witnessing.

Your eager and ready energy is prized and needed by the cause of God. Seize the inspiration and challenge of this momentous meeting for eternal personal decisions and noble achievements. The success of the World Youth Congress will be measured by its influence upon your lives. Carry its consecration back to the young people you represent, that they too might be advantaged by its spirit. May God bless you.



Theodore E. Lucas  
MV Secretary, General Conference

# Division President Congratulates Youth of East Asia

**I**T was a young Japanese, T. H. Okohira, who influenced Professor W. C. Grainger to become the first missionary sent by Seventh-day Adventists to the Far East. And ever since, young people have been in the front ranks of each advance.

Today a large percent of new members added to the church in this Division are in their twenties or younger. The fact that the average age of our workers and leaders in the Far East is lower than in former years emphasizes the contribution being made by the dedicated and well-educated young people who are stepping forward to carry increasing responsibilities in the church.

To hold the interest of our youth, to provide both challenge and channel for their talent and exuberance—this is one of our most important objectives.

I would like to say to every young Seventh-day Adventist, **You** are important to the church.

God plans to use **you** in His final project to reach the world with His message.

He wants **you** to lead the church right on to its final victory.



Paul H. Eldridge  
President, Far Eastern Division



## Message From Division Youth Leader

**I**T was Sabbath afternoon. The place was North Sumatra Academy in West Indonesia. A young lady, 20 years old, who was attending the MV youth rally, related her experience of accepting Christ as her personal Saviour. She told how her parents put her out of their home. She was warned not to return until she had renounced her faith in Christ. Her infuriated father threatened her life if she would return without abjuration of Adventism. She climaxed her story by quoting a letter she had just received from her parents declaring that she was no longer considered their child.

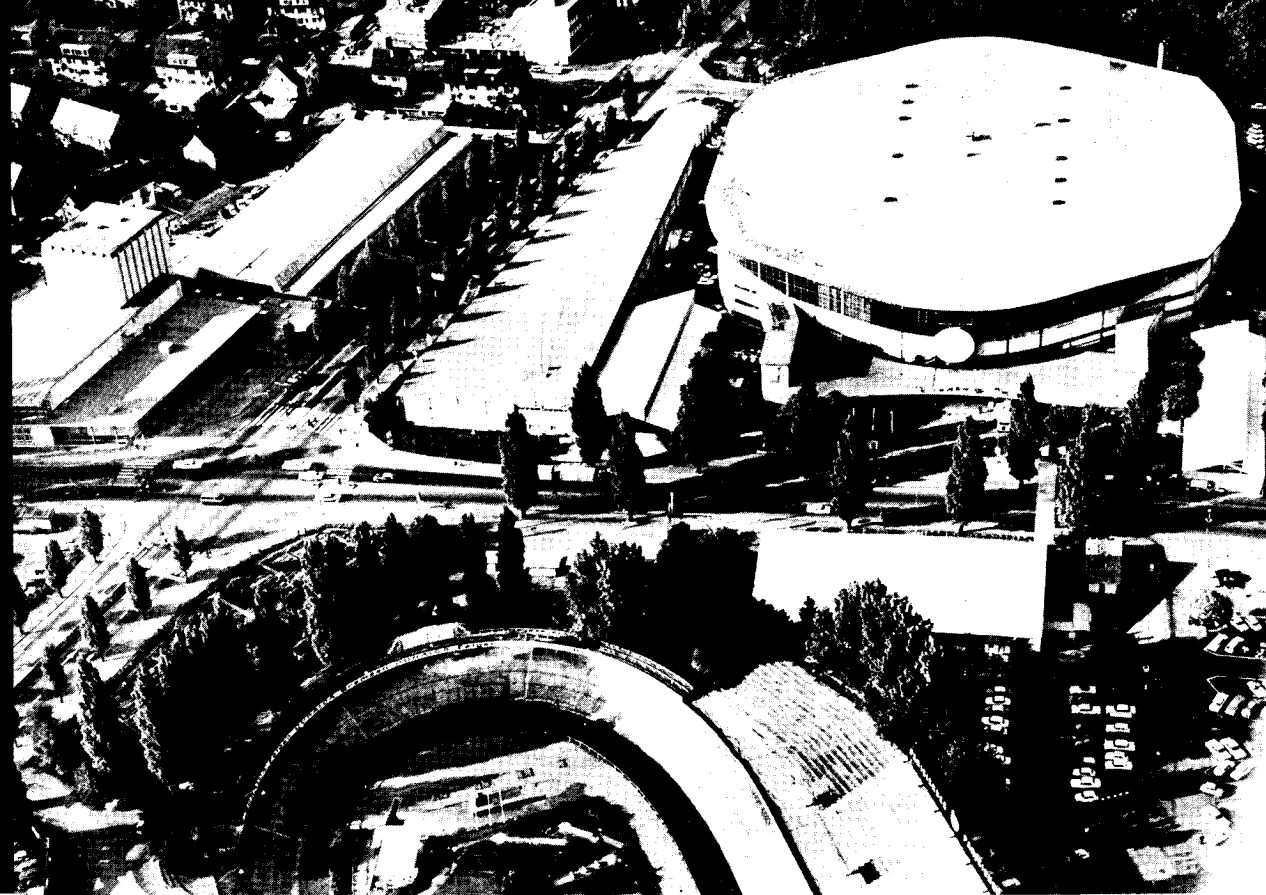
Nonetheless, she spoke words of courage and faith. She was cheerful. She praised the Lord for His loving kindness. It was rewarding to witness her unflinching faith in Christ Jesus. She is a living testimony of Far Eastern Division youth. Many have suffered for their faith.

A thrilling story is written every day as the youth from among Muslims, Buddhists, Taoists, Hinduists, Shintoists, Animists, and athiests forsake their form of religion and accept Jesus Christ. It is our hope that the experiences penned in this issue of the OUTLOOK will inspire you to greater service for God. The personal victories over sin, the youth-for-youth activities, the prayers of courage and victory, and the testimonies of leading others to baptism are true, thrilling, modern miracles of 1969. Read them prayerfully.



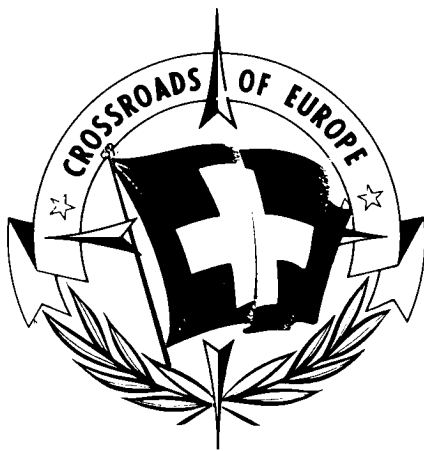
Gilbert J. Bertochini  
MV Secretary, Far Eastern Division

# From Singapore



Hallenstadion, upper right in the photo, is the place where the World Youth Congress will be held. This aerial view also shows the exhibit and cafeteria buildings in the center and upper left.

**Where  
East**



**Meets  
West!**

John Hancock  
Associate MV Secretary,  
General Conference

Charles Martin  
Associate MV Secretary,  
General Conference

Clark Smith  
Associate MV Secretary,  
General Conference





Paul DeBooy  
Associate MV Secretary,  
General Conference



### COVER PHOTO

This color cover by Dave Roth, senior student of Far Eastern Academy, Singapore, shows Agnes Tan speaking during a "Voice of Youth" evangelistic crusade in Queenstown, a satellite city of Singapore. Youth of the Balestier Road Church in the Division headquarters city directed two three-week series which resulted in more than 50 persons making decisions for Jesus Christ.



Lawrence Nelson  
Associate MV Secretary,  
General Conference

This is Zurich, Switzerland, site of the World Youth Congress of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.





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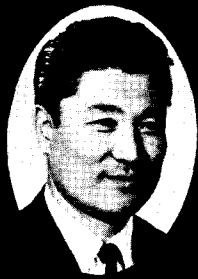


Bert L. Llaguno  
South Philippine Union

The Far Eastern Division proudly presents its nine union and one detached mission MV secretaries. Youth activities of the Far Eastern Division depend on the fine leadership of these secretaries. The ten pictured here are well qualified ministers who have dedicated their lives to the youth.

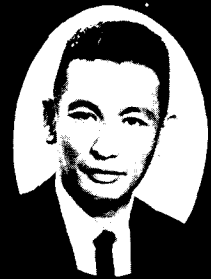


Kenji Soneda  
Japan Union



T. K. Kim  
Korean Union

MV Target projects and baptisms are their main thrust since last General Conference. Nearly 17,000 converts were baptized through this avenue. Voice of Youth campaigns netted 5,283 baptisms. These MV secretaries are dedicated, skilled youth leaders who have given their talents to the youth of the Far East.



Nestor Arit  
North Philippine Union



E. A. Jimeno  
Far Eastern Island Mission



B. Malingkas  
West Indonesia Union



F. H. Hewitt  
Southeast Asia Union



Sechedui Mekokir, second row, left, directs a Branch Sabbath School at Koror, Palau, in the Far Eastern Island Mission. She represents the Mission at the World Youth Congress.

## Mission Delegate Directs Branch Sabbath School on Palau

SECHEDUI Mekokir comes from the Palau Islands, a part of Micronesia located in the midst of the vast Pacific Ocean. She grew up in the ancestral spirit worship of the Palau religion. According to one custom of her village, little children should be adopted by relatives, but for some reason, no one adopted Sechedui; only her three sisters were taken by relatives. Now she knew that it was God's leading, for when she was eight years old her cousin Wilhelm, who is a Seventh-day Adventist, invited her to live with him so she could be enrolled in the Seventh-day Adventist mission school in Koror, the main town of the Palau Islands. How surprised she was to learn that there was a God in heaven who loved her, instead of just spirits of whom she was afraid.

The turning point of her life came when she turned 15 years old. Her church pastor, Toribiong Uchel, met his untimely death in a tragic boat accident, and Sechedui realized that if she, too, was to die, she should be ready to meet her Saviour. She joined a baptismal class after a school Week of Prayer and together with other students she was baptized, indicating her desire to fully surrender her life to the Lord.

Sechedui is active in missionary work. She leads out in a Branch Sabbath School every Sabbath afternoon. It always thrills her to look into the faces of 50 children and realize that the only Bible training most of the children receive is what they learn each Sabbath afternoon in the meeting.

Read the testimony of Sechedui: "I am willing to serve the Lord in any way I can. Since holding my first Branch Sabbath School, I have worked in the children's department of the Sabbath School, served as a Sabbath School secretary. But the greatest thrill of all comes every Sabbath afternoon when I look into the faces of 50 children and realize that God is using me, a former believer in spirits, to tell others about Jesus, even as He had loved me and led me into the truth."

Young people of the island of Guam who take an active role in soul-winning are shown here. This group participated in a "Voice of Youth" meeting on the island. Second from the left on the front row is the mission's MV Secretary, Pastor E. A. Jimeno.



## MV Target Challenges the Island Youth

IN the Far Eastern Island Mission, a detached mission of the Far Eastern Division, there are 225 dedicated, energetic and consecrated Missionary Volunteers. The concentration of our youth is in the Palau Islands in the Western Caroline Islands of Micronesia and on Guam. The youth of these scattered islands are responding to the challenge of opening new work in the other areas of Micronesia which are not yet entered.

Frank Taitague and his wife, Mariquita, Guamanian young people, are leading out in a mighty way in the island of Ponape in the Eastern Carolines, and Johannes Adelbai and his wife, Isaroi, Palauan young people, entered the island of Yap to carry the everlasting gospel to these oceanic people of Micronesia.

The youth of these islands are God's helping hands as demonstrated by their superior youth activities. They have consistently involved themselves in any line of missionary endeavor sponsored by the church. We find them leading out in the literature distribution, passing out handbills in the homes for evangelistic meetings, conducting Branch Sabbath Schools on Sabbath afternoons, and leading out in "Voice of Youth" meetings. They love to work for Christ whether the activity is sponsored by the MV department or other departments of the church.

One "Voice of Youth" meeting conducted by the Missionary Volunteers on Guam led to the conversion of a Saipanese girl who came from a very prejudiced Catholic family on the island of Saipan. In spite of the threat of being disowned by the family, she cast her lot with the Remnant people and is now a faithful member of the church. It was God's opportunity to guide her in the times of test and trial.

We pray for God's guidance as we continue to promote all the soul-winning projects of the MV department and prepare our youth for the soon-coming of our Saviour.

—E. A. Jimeno,  
MV Secretary,  
Far Eastern Island Mission



Branch Sabbath Schools are being held every week by hundreds of young men and women throughout the Far Eastern Division. Here a young lady leads out in a school on the island of Okinawa.

## Japan Union Nurse Shares Her Faith

WHEN I was a high school student, I knew about the Seventh-day Adventist Church. One of the Adventist Church members had Bible studies in our neighborhood. She was a young lady, not ashamed to tell others about Jesus Christ, and was sharing her faith with others.

One day I went to see her and she told me to come to her church some day. I did not promise to go to her church because I belonged to another church. About a week or two later she and a friend came to my home to take me to their church. They were planning a special Christmas program. I did not want to go with them, thinking they belonged to a strange church. They did not work on Saturdays and had worship on that day. I told them, "I am busy today, so I cannot go with you." They would not leave. Strangely, they helped me with my household chores, then they patiently waited for me to go with them. I could not escape from them.

Finally I yielded and visited their church. When we arrived there, I was welcomed warmly by all the church members. They gathered around and were lovely and kind.

I felt that God led my heart. The next day I decided to go to their church by myself for Bible studies. I did not have a clear understanding of the Bible. The Bible worker taught us about the story of Daniel and his friends. I was surprised when I heard about the four empires. I remembered that I studied it at school. Then I believed the Seventh-day Adventist Church was a true church. They did not use the Old Testament when I was in the other church. I did not know about the wonderful stories and prophecies in the Old Testament until I attended the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I was greatly interested in the Bible and studied hard from that day on.

Due to my weak faith I could not tell the people about Jesus Christ. I prayed that the Lord would give me courage for spreading the good news. Shortly afterward the Lord answered my prayer. I met a classmate who seemed so sad and lonely. She was in ill health and had a leave of absence from school because of tuberculosis. I told her about Jesus Christ, that the Lord is love and knows everything, and that He leads us in the right way when we obey Him. I encouraged her to take Bible studies. I sent her letter after letter telling her about Jesus. God opened her heart, and she took Bible studies at home while she was ill. She became a good Christian, and now is studying at the Japan Missionary College and wants to become a missionary nurse.

Another experience shows how the Lord leads. One day I met a classmate who lives in another part of the city. I never before had the chance to talk to her about Seventh-day Adventist doctrines. She was so surprised to learn that there was a Seventh-day Adventist church in town, for she had been looking for our church since she read one of our books that her mother bought. I thanked God for bringing us together. I ran to the church as soon as I got home and told a Bible worker about my classmate, and she visited her the same day.

The Holy Spirit blessed her and she became a good Christian. We went to Japan Missionary College together and she became a good mission school teacher. I studied the nursing course and became a missionary nurse.

God gave me many opportunities to work for Him. When I was a student nurse, I cared for a woman who had stomach cancer. I wanted to pray with her, but she always refused it. I prayed for her privately each day. God answered my prayers. Her hardened heart was slowly being softened. One day



# Message From New MV Secretary

**T**HE so-called "student powers" are raging in many university campuses and on the streets of major cities in Japan. And yet, other young folk are crazy for sensual music, fashion, and worldly pleasures.

The Adventist young people in Japan began their move with prayer and consecration. One week in March was dedicated for the Week of Prayer conducted by the youth themselves. They searched the Bible and encouraged each other by testimonies of God's blessings and leading. These seasons of meditation were the preparation for another move—evangelism. After two months of the Ingathering campaign, "Voice of Youth" evangelism began in June. At the end of March, through the means of Operation Fireside and other avenues, 37 were baptized. We are moving forward in faith toward the goal of 100 or more. In Tokyo two evangelistic meetings, sponsored by the MV were held. We have asked our delegates to the World Youth Congress to carry the good news and the victories won by our Master Jesus Christ.

—Kenji Soneda, MV  
Secretary, Japan Union



she wanted us to sing for her. She opened her heart completely and received Jesus Christ.

Her face brightened with joy from that day on. A few weeks later her last request was for us to sing hymns for her around her bed. She closed her eyes and slowly went to permanent sleep, believing she would meet us again when Jesus comes.

I had many wonderful experiences while working at the hospital. Medical work is the right hand of God's work. I pray that God will continue to bless and help our work. Now two of my friends are interested in learning of Jesus Christ. I hope that they will become good Seventh-day Adventist Christians in the near future.

I want to be more faithful in leading other people to the Lord.

—Yoshiko Funakoshi,  
Official Delegate,  
Japan Union

## Stands Firm Despite School Problems

**I**T was a real privilege for me to attend Japan Missionary College. I spent six years there and, as I studied the Bible, I found the truth and was baptized into the church.

Since my special interest was to study biology from which we could trace the creative hand of God in the natural science, I began to attend the State University in Chiba. For two years I did not have any problems, however, in my third year trials came up. Some professors, emphasizing the school regulations, did not permit me to drop classes on Saturdays. All of my classmates had graduated from school except me, and "you will never be graduated," they said.

I earnestly prayed to God that He might open the way. Church members, friends, and teachers at Japan Missionary College prayed, too. I was called to the dean's office and he said, "A faculty meeting was held the other day and all the professors met together and discussed your case. We found that you were sincere at heart and had a good influence on others. We will gladly permit you to be absent on

Saturdays. You can go to your church according to your faith, and we promise that you will be graduating this year!"

What a joy! I praised Jesus' name for answering my prayers. My major field of study is Creationism and Evolutionism. It is my earnest desire to be a teacher who can rightly teach that God is the One who created us and loves us to the end. The lesson that I learned recently was that if we are faithful and loyal to Him, God will surely help us and take care of us.

—Junichi Ryu, Official  
Delegate, Japan Union

## Orion Camp Held

**F**IFTY-SEVEN senior youths attended the Orion Camp, a mission-wide camp of Southern Luzon Mission, at Baret, Iriga City.

Signaling, Pathfindering, Swimming, Physical Fitness, MV Far East Harvest, MV Leadership, Social Games and Techniques, Mushroom Culture, Fertilizing, Poultry, Gardening, Radio Receiving, Baking, Bookbinding, Christian Salesmanship, Health and Hygiene, Paper folding, Christmas Card making, Artificial flower-making, and Photography were some of the studies during the camp.

Pastor A. J. Abawag, Central Luzon Mission MV Secretary, and Pastor C. C. La Villa, Southern Luzon Mission MV Secretary, joined hands in running the camp.

Planning a "Voice of Youth" meeting is very important. Here a Japanese youth group meet with their pastor to effectively plan a series of public meetings.



## Ministerial Student Stands Firm Despite Family Problems

WHEN my parents were converted to the Adventist faith, I felt ashamed of them because I thought they had sold themselves to a sect. I tried to keep their acceptance of the Adventist faith a secret at the Roman Catholic school I attended. I was afraid that if the Jesuit father discovered that my parents had become Adventists, I would be discriminated against. I felt that I could not forsake Catholicism, because I had believed it since birth.

During their evening prayers father and mother always asked the Lord to help me see the truth and join in their fellowship. I heard their prayers, but I was stubborn. I ignored their pleadings for me to study the Bible with them. But God heard their prayers, and He began to weave about me a net of circumstances. One day my father entreated me to consider the new way of life. I shouted: "Dad, you may be an adult, but you do not understand what you are saying." This was the first time I had ever raised my voice to him. A look of sadness came into my father's eyes. Religion became a wall separating us.

Yet I could not help seeing how dad had changed. He had been a chain smoker. He had often become sick. Now he had given up smoking entirely. His health had improved. Bible reading became a regular family routine. The change in our home was marked. The members of the family had become happier. They seemed to understand one another better.

The Jesuit father of the Ateneo school had always been kind to me. He had worked hard to help me qualify for a scholarship with the American Field Service. Then one day he acted differently toward me. I knew he knew about my parents changing their religion. "Bimbo," he said, "I am writing the AFS recommending that you will not be granted a scholarship." His voice was firm and his eyes were deeply serious.

I suddenly realized that I had lost the fellowship of my Catholic friends and the hope of higher education with the AFS. I had nowhere to go. My friends had forsaken me. The future looked dark. And all this simply because my parents had accepted what they believed was the true religion.

"If you do that, Father," I replied with equal firmness, "I will become an Adventist." That evening when I arrived home, I asked my father whether I could study the Bible with him. This was a surprise to the family. I told them that I was no longer interested in the AFS scholarship. I said I wanted to join the family fold. I wanted to be a minister.

It was all so sudden. To mother and father it sounded too good to be true. But I had made my decision. On June 11, I, along with 13 others, one of them Reggie, my eldest brother, was baptized into this wonderful message by Pastor Isidro Bello in the Pasonanca River in Zamboanga. In a simple and solemn ceremony I passed into a new life of faith.

I am now working and studying at Philippine Union College in preparation to become a Seventh-day Adventist minister. I have joined the flock of God, and henceforth He who found me will be my perfect shepherd.

—Manuel R. Salera,  
Official Delegate,  
South Philippine Union



Young people crowd around the entrance desk to register for the public evangelistic meetings conducted at Toa Payoh in Singapore by the young people of the Balestier Road Church.

## The Explosion Converted a Man

ANTONIO Hemaio was converted to the truth as a result of the "Voice of Youth" effort in Puerto Princesa on the island of Dinagat, Surigao del Norte. Before his conversion, however, he was set against the truth and became adamant and repulsive to the gospel message that he had heard. His life was full of vices and he was a terror to our young people and to our church.

As Antonio Hemaio is a fisherman, he was one day helping a man mold TNT powder as a dynamite to be used in fishing. Brother Hemaio sat close to the mold holding two salmon cans filled with TNT powder. There were six other persons standing around him looking at the procedure on the second floor of a closed building. As the filling of several cans was continued an explosion occurred throwing six persons standing by in different direction five to ten meters away, wounded, bleeding and then calling for help. The dynamite molder's body turned into small particles of bones and flesh hanging around the walls of the room. But what happened to Brother Antonio Hemaio? He was lying down on the floor. He opened his eyes and tried to feel his body for wounds. He was slightly bruised on the face. The explosion did not hurt him much. He further noticed that the flooring where he had squatted has been cut one meter square and he was pushed in instead of being thrown around with the others. He declared that during the explosion he saw a man in white pass between him and the dynamite molder and he was able to ask help from the man.

His six companions were rushed to the hospital for treatment and they stayed there for almost six months. Some of them became lame and blind, while Brother Hemaio stayed in the hospital only a few days for a physical checkup.

This experience led him to an important decision. He was baptized soon after the incident. Now he is an active member of the young people's MV society.

—Bert L. Llaguno,  
MV Secretary,  
South Philippine Union

## My Soul-Winning Experience

**D**URING last summer vacation a student and I were sent by the Young People's Missionary Volunteer society to the southern mountains of Bukidnon, approximately 60 miles from Mountain View College. The native people, called Manobos, were poverty-stricken and dirty. They lived just a little higher than the animals. We stayed with those people for 12 weeks.

When we first reached the place we saw a great need of raising their culture before presenting spiritual things. We spent three weeks in teaching them cleanliness and personal hygiene. At first their men looked like the women because of their long hair. We cut their hair as short as possible. Their finger nails were also long and dirty, so we cut them. Since they did not know how to take a bath and wash their worn-out clothing, we bathed them personally and taught them how to wash their clothes, using our own soap. Their huts and small houses were so dirty. We taught them how to clean their dwellings and surroundings.

Many of the people were sickly. Their children, as well as the old people, were full of scabies and many other sorts of loathsome skin diseases. We gave them medicines and helped them. A very good water source from a spring was developed for them. We taught and helped them to build their own toilets. Some of them were naked. We gave them clothes.

After we had done these things for the people, they began to ask us why we were interested in their welfare. They told us that they were surprised by our interest in improving their ways of living. When they began asking us these questions we also started presenting the spiritual aspect of our work. We began to follow them around—children, young people, as well as the adults. We began to unveil before them the love of God and the plan of salvation. We told them many stories from the Bible. They were very attentive and enjoyed listening to us so much that they did not want us to stop. From their faces, we could see that they were hungry for the bread of life. They had never heard about God before we came.

As we listened to them singing our songs in their homes we thought we were already living in a Seventh-day Adventist village. We held regular branch Sabbath School every Saturday with a good number of eager listeners.

During our brief stay in that place and also in the neighboring villages, we were able to take care of more than 500 patients. We cut the hair and fingernails of no less than 350 individuals; we distributed more than 400 pieces of clothing. We built a very good "missionary spring" and several toilets. We visited nine villages, the nearest of which was a half day's hike from the place where we stayed. Finally, we were able to bring four persons to the foot of the cross. Two of these were baptized later.

After our summer work I decided to re-visit the place every Sabbath. I wanted to comfort and



Baptisms nearly always result at the close of "Voice of Youth" meetings in all parts of the Far Eastern Division. Here Pastor Gil Fernandez and P. Gonzales officiate at a baptism in the Philippines.

strengthen the first two persons who were baptized and to bring the truth to the husband of the woman who was baptized. I did not want to leave them ununited in their faith.

At first the husband was quite indifferent. With repulsive words he warned me that he would never become a Seventh-day Adventist. He could not and would not leave his vices. Knowing that there is nothing impossible with God, I persisted in visiting him every Sabbath during the first semester. I usually slept in their little house every Saturday night and woke up at about 3 a.m. to start my homeward trip. I did this because I had to catch up with my Sunday afternoon classes. With persevering efforts and earnest prayers I kept on pleading with him to accept the Lord.

Finally, last November 1968, during one of my visits, the man gave me his final decision to accept the Lord. With tears in his eyes he said, "Dave, I am so surprised that a young man like you is so interested in me. You walked far just to visit us. You slept with us in this poor little house and ate our food which you were not used to eating. You woke up before dawn in order to reach your home. Now I realize how much you love me and my family. I know now what kind of people Seventh-day Adventists are. I am now accepting Jesus Christ, but please pray for me, for it is very hard for me to leave my vices."

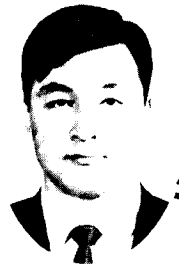
I felt so happy that my efforts and sacrifices were not in vain. By God's grace and divine help, I finally won him to the truth. With another man from his neighborhood he was baptized here in Mountain View College last December. It was one of my greatest joys when I saw those precious people baptized. Now they are faithfully serving the Lord. I pray they will win others for the Kingdom.

—David Saguan,  
Official Delegate,  
South Philippine Union

# FAR EASTERN DIVISION OFFICIAL DELEGATES



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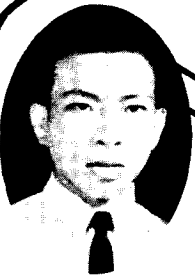
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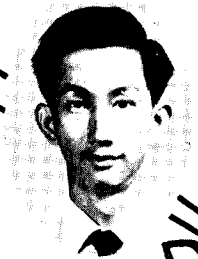
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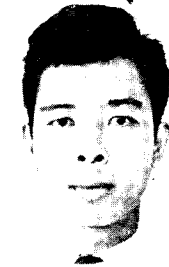
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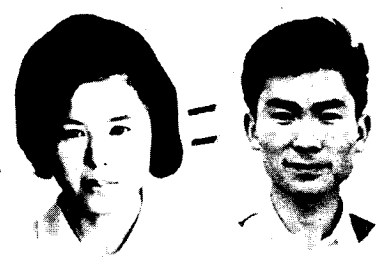


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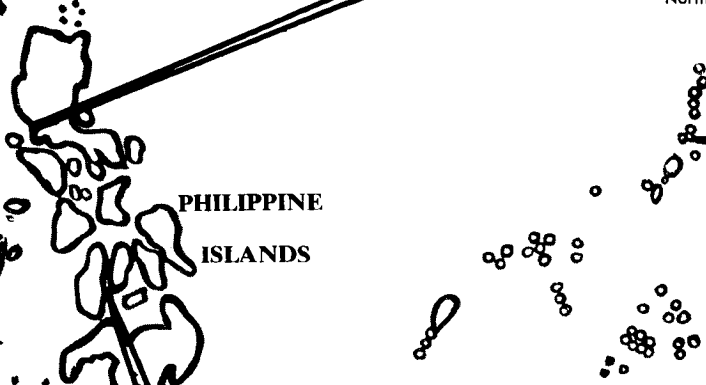
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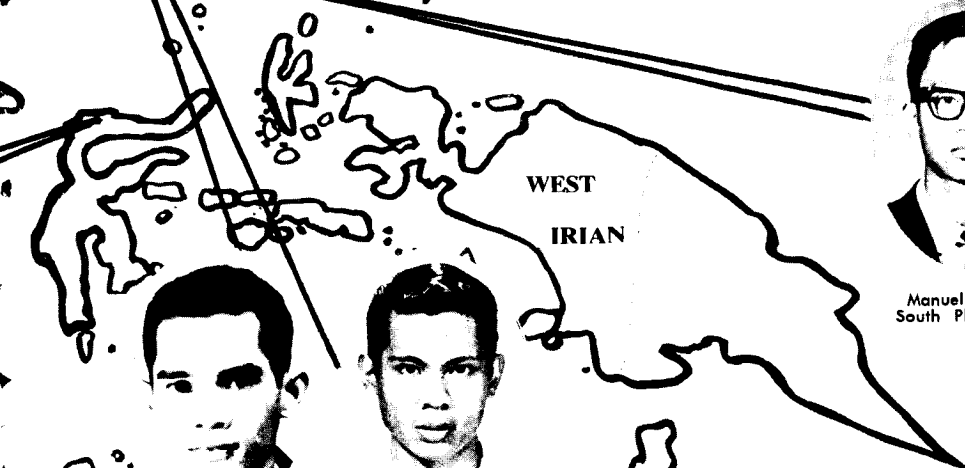


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Antonio Habaracas  
Central Philippines



Fernando Bosillos  
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# Singapore Malay Church

## Active in Share

### Your Faith Activities



"OUR missionary period will be short this morning because two more of our Sabbath School members will be joining our church by baptism." Dental student Robert Gan, also Lay Activities leader, smiled at the candidates.

All over the youth division similiar smiles covered the faces of youth who cared, whose friendly concern drew the hearts of other youth into warm Christian fellowship and service. Each young person belonged to one of the ten friendship teams for God, a part of the shared-leadership program of the Malay Seventh-day Adventist church of Singapore.

You can't slip into that Sabbath School unnoticed. A smiling girl spots you immediately, asks you to write your name and address in her guest book, while she pins a welcome ribbon on your clothes. Later, a friendly usher shakes your hand and gives you a beautiful book mark, while the leader introduces you publicly. You are invited into a Sabbath School class, and again welcomed by the teacher, as he asks you to return and become a member.

You notice a secretary checks the roll of the class carefully. She writes the names of the absent members on a slip of paper, gives them to the team captain, who later calls each member of his team together with this suggestion:

"Jim Tan is absent today. Let's all meet here after MV meeting this afternoon and go to his house. Maybe he is ill or discouraged or having trouble at home. I know his Buddhist family have been making it hard for him."

Thus every absent member is visited by his entire team that same week. Seldom do any questions have to be asked by the group, for the absentee usually volunteers the reason with an apology and a promise to return next week. Love shown by personal concern, friendliness, and prayer make him feel that he is an important part of the group, and he wants to come back.

However, the greatest binding force of the youth to Christ and to each other are the daily prayer groups held in different homes each night of the week. The attendance ranges from ten to twenty in each group. Prayer captains select chapters from such books as "Messages to Young People," "Desire of Ages," or "Great Controversy." Then those present tell of answered prayers, blessing from God or share-your-faith contacts they have had that week. Gathering in groups of two or three they pray for each other, for youth with problems, for absent or discouraged members. No wonder most of these youth

Experience in public speaking is one of the benefits of "Voice of Youth" meetings. Here Betty Sue Ekvall, a student at Far Eastern Academy in Singapore, speaks at a meeting held in a large satellite city, Queenstown. The series was sponsored by the Balestier Road MV Society of Singapore.

develop into active, loving Christians. Only a few who refuse to join in become critical, lose interest, and leave the church.

MV leader, [Name], a ministerial student at Southeast Asia [Name] College, says, "The main objective of our evangelistic activities is to win souls for Christ by [Name] ventures, with Christ the [Name] activities."

Pastor Har [Name] working with the youth leaders. [Name] a layman training class every [Name]. Encouraged to participate, each member [Name] in methods of gift Bible evangelism, and taught how to conduct Bible studies and a "Voice of Youth" effort. The adults in the church give counsel and financial help.

The pastor [Name] which changed my approach, my emphasis and my methods, God took over. Four years ago I was working alone looking after older folk. Now we have a program of shared youth leadership. [Name] of my time is taken training and guiding [Name] who are working for other youth in friendly evangelism. What has happened in my church can happen in any church that follows this plan and prays earnestly to be led by the Holy Spirit."

A Sabbath visit to the Singapore Malay Church proves "the warmth of true friendship, the love that binds heart to heart, is the foretaste of the joy of heaven." MH p. 30.

—Mrs. J. H. Lantry

## Korean Youth Shares His Faith at National University

ONE of the greatest disappointments in my life was in the year 1965 when I had to taste the bitter experience of failing in an entrance examination for Seoul National University.

I determined to try again. Mother, an ardent Buddhist, introduced to me a Buddhist temple where I could stay for awhile to study for another examination. I left home with a bag of books and a broken heart.

While living in a temple with monks, for the first time I began to have many questions on religious matters and the life monks had to live. I had many opportunities to spend time in reading and talking with them about their views of life and doctrines on Buddhism. My mother noticed with much satisfaction that I had begun to have a real interest in religion.

I stayed at the temple for five months. Just before I left for home, two ladies I had never seen before came to the well and asked for a drink. They talked awhile, thanked me for the drink, then went on their way. After lunch, I went to the village

below to wait for the bus which would take me home. Much to my surprise, these same two ladies appeared, and waited for the same bus.

As we rode the crowded bus that day, I was introduced to the King of Kings and the Book of Books. Not until my baptism day did I realize that what I thought were angels sent by the Grace of God to save me were really two faithful Seventh-day Adventist nurses from the Seoul Adventist Hospital.

I learned that youth evangelistic meetings were then being held at the Adventist Center in Seoul. At first I attended the meetings out of curiosity, but the more I read the Bible, and saw the signs of Christ's coming all about me, the more I realized that I urgently needed Jesus in my heart. I was at a crossroad, and needed to make a decision.

I resolved to receive Jesus as my Saviour. My family, especially my mother, had been happy to see that I had taken an interest in Buddhism while I was studying at the temple, but Christianity was another thing. They tried in many ways to get me to renounce Christianity, even to saying that I would be "renounced as a son."

Four years have passed since then. During this period I have had wonderful experiences as an MV leader. This year I will be a senior majoring in economics at the Seoul National University. I lost one year in school because I first failed the entrance examination, but how much I have gained. Now I can look forward to eternal life with Christ.

My family and I have come to understand each other. They are so happy that I can go to Switzerland this year to attend the World Youth Congress. I hope that soon my family will come to know and love Jesus as their personal Saviour.

—Lee Kook-Hi,  
Korean Union  
Official Delegate,

An attractive platform and a well-lighted and ventilated hall was used by Singapore youth for "Voice of Youth" meetings held at the Toa Payon flats. Photos on these two pages are by Dave Roth, a senior student at Far Eastern Academy.



Korean Delegate Tells His Story

## How I Became a Seventh-day Adventist

**F**OUR years ago I was not a Christian. I didn't know about Jesus Christ, God's word, nor even the Sabbath. I hoped that I could be a good scientist someday. So I studied hard for my future.

I was born in a small village some distance from Seoul, Korea. My family still lives there. I graduated from an elementary school in my home town and graduated from middle and high school in Seoul.

During my elementary school days, I grew up under the influence of Confucianism and I worshiped my ancestors. During my middle school and my high school days I kept on worshiping them because my father insisted that I carry on the family tradition inasmuch as I was the eldest son. But even though I worshiped my ancestors I didn't think that dead men could bless me. It was my duty to perform this religious service for the ancestors.

When I graduated from high school which was a technical school, I could work and study at a factory which had many instruments and machines. I learned to operate some machines well—the lathe, the grinding machine, the planer, the driller, and others. But I wanted to go to college and I took an entrance examination to study a mechanical course.

While I was a freshman at Han-Yang University in 1964, I suffered severely from a slipped disc in my back. Continuously for three months I had a terrible burning pain. Actually I couldn't study or walk or even sleep towards the last.

One night I couldn't sleep for the burning pain so I read the book, "The Exodus." It was a story

about the Jews establishing their country in 1945. They believed God who led their patriarchs from ancient times. When they had many problems, they prayed to God and were convinced that God was with them. At first I wasn't interested in this book. Then I thought that God really exists so I knelt just like the Jews and prayed to God. "If God will restore me from pain, I will go to church." My mind and body were so weakened that I felt hopeless.

Two days later I went to Severance Hospital. The surgeon told me that I would have to have surgery. So I was in the hospital for 11 days. The burning pain left me and I could sleep very well without any suffering. Again I thought of the story I read during the night so I prayed. I wished to go to church.

One morning as I hurried to school I received a small tract advertising evangelistic meetings. I had no interest in this paper at first. But I thought I'd better prepare myself to attend church with my friend and find out something about religion.

On May 16, 1965 I attended the evangelistic meetings of the Seventh-day Adventists. When I arrived at the meetings, many people welcomed me and encouraged me. At that time the lecturer was Pastor George Munson, who is now President of the Sabah Mission in the Southeast Asia Union. He showed me another angle of science—Bible. As I was very interested in science I became interested in his preaching.

Thus I attended the series of meetings for 15 days. During this term I learned many things about religion and the history of the Bible. I understood the need of religion in my life. I determined to believe God so I thought I better go to my Presbyterian friend's church. As soon as I finished that evangelistic meeting, I went to my friend. He was surprised that I could talk about my belief and aims of life with him. But I was sorry because we couldn't agree any more. He said to me, "Seventh-day Adventists are heretics and they claim that the Sabbath is Saturday." But I testified to him that it was in the Bible and I thought it was most important for me to find the true way.

Working with Pathfinders is a very effective way to witness for Christ by teen-agers and young adults. Here a Pathfinder Camporee is held in Japan for a large group of boys and girls.





Soon afterwards I studied the Bible for another 15 days. I tried to learn about Jesus Christ who was my Saviour, the doctrines, and the Sabbath. After 15 days I determined to keep the Sabbath. I was very happy and thanked God who rescued me.

After I was cured from the burning pain and found the truth I didn't want to go on with my major field of study. I felt that I had to share with others these gifts from God.

Two years ago I entered Korean Union College and now I am encouraged as I join with others in a strong soul-winning program for God.

—Nam Young-Han,  
Official Delegate,  
Korean Union

## Filipino Delegate Uses Radio to Share His Faith

THE church of La Paz, a district of Iloilo City, invited me to be one of the speakers at their "Voice of Youth" meetings. We conducted two series in two different places. As a result of those efforts, two prominent families are now occupying positions of responsibility and leadership in the La Paz Church.

The most satisfying adventure was when I participated in another "Voice of Youth" effort in Carabao Island, sponsored by the MV District Association of Tablas. Five teams of lay workers from different churches took turns in presenting the message to the public, one week for each team. Four Pathfinders under my leadership composed one team. As a result 11 persons were baptized at the close of the DY effort.

My concept and practice of being "social to save" has given me one of the most thrilling experiences in my life. When I was in Romblon, where I was invited to speak to groups of high school students at Romblon College on the high Christian ideals of the Adventist way of life, I struck up an acquaintance by correspondence with a celebrity, Gemma Cruz, Miss International 1965, and her millionaire husband, the scholarly Dr. Antonio Araneta, Jr. Then when I was in Manila for the National Red Cross Institute, I paid a courtesy call on the famous couple in their office, presenting them with copies of our colorful health and missionary magazines.

When I was back at Iloilo, I thought of inviting this couple to come to our city for a cultural visit. To my surprise, they consented to come at their own expense if I could arrange for their speaking schedules in the educational institutions in the city, which I did. So in April, 1967 they came by plane, and in the motorcade that went swizzing into our city, I blushed with pardonable pride for sitting with them in the leading car. After their speaking engagements in the four leading universities and colleges, I brought them home to dinner at our humble residence. Imagine, one of our country's millionaire couples sitting at dinner in a peasant's home! As I said grace I was conscious that One greater than they, even the Owner of the world, was also present and filled up with His sweet Spirit what we lacked



Music always plays a major role in all "Voice of Youth" meetings. Here a Master Guide, Tessie Flores, and a companion present special music during a meeting held in the Republic of the Philippines.

in quality or quantity. The couple was very gracious and profuse with gratitude. Upon their return to Manila, Mrs. Gemma Cruz-Araneta wrote me a letter of appreciation which I often re-read with relish, but also with serious reflection, lest I should exalt myself above measure, God forbid, and the Lord should give me a thorn in the flesh to buffet me therewith. But I recognize that the good things she said about me should be credited to the teachings of my church and to the Lord Jesus who gave me the opportunity to serve and to witness for Him. In fact, I consider one of the letters as a tribute to the Adventist church.

For two years now, I have been the speaker (or rather conductor) of the 15-minute message in our city radio broadcast "Tingug Sang Paglaum" (the "Voice of Hope"), the dialect scripts of which are supplied by the local mission translator. This regular radio program, heard every morning at six o'clock over DYFM, was initiated by the new mission president, Pastor D. G. Jucaban, and was handled by a regular evangelist, but when the latter was transferred, I was asked to take over. It is a labor of love for me but I enjoy doing it, much more so when officers from other mission fields report that the broadcasts which alternate in the dialect and English are heard far and wide in their territories. Our reward here is in souls brought to Christ through the daily broadcasts.

Today as MV and Dorcas Welfare Society leader of my home church I feel a greater challenge for the pushing of God's work more than ever.

Yes, there are lots of thrilling adventures for Christ in a thousand and one ways. Be it in a pulpit, a prison house, a remote island, an indifferent barrio, in school, at work, or at home, there is always something we can do for God's cause. And as we get involved more and more surely it makes one feel secure to know that there are brethren praying for one's missionary endeavors.

—Fernando S. Hosillos,  
Official Delegate,  
Central Philippine Union



Youth jam the table for their special Bibles during a "Voice of Youth" series of meetings held in the Philippines. Classes met every night and the Bible-marking method proved very effective in winning souls.

## Visit of General Conference Youth Leader Sparks Youth Evangelism

THE North Philippine Union's MV participation in the Far East Harvest program has noticeably boosted the baptisms for the first fruits of the first year of Far East Harvest in our Union field. This is reflected in the last spurts made by our young people to end the year 1968 with 1,363 baptisms, going beyond the other Unions that made better and earlier starts.

Signs of an early good start in 1969 is also noticed. One of our missions which reported 30 baptisms for the first quarter of 1968 had 159 baptisms for the first quarter of 1969.

At the start of the quadrennial MV Target project, our Union was blessed by the visit of Pastor L. Nelson of the General Conference and Pastor G. J. Bertochini of the Far Eastern Division. The series of four rallies from Northern Luzon Mission to Southern Luzon Mission were taxing on the part of our visitors, but their efforts were paid off by the enthusiasm shown by our young people in participating in the MV Target program.

Southern Luzon Mission alone held a total of 12 "Voice of Youth" evangelistic efforts a few months after our visitors left. One young man was stoned and wounded while preaching, but went on to finish his series of sermons for two months with fruitful results. Pastor T. C. Murdoch, President of our Union, was so inspired that he went to see this young man in that remote area, saw him in action, and convinced him to take the ministerial course. This man is enrolled at Philippine Union College as a first year ministerial student. One other young man of that same mission held a "Voice of Youth" meeting in a place far from civilization. He preached to a fanatical religious and superstitious group, and converted two families who were members of the "Lapiang Makabayan" (an outlawed religious society which suffered 35 deaths in a few minutes' encounter with the national police about two years ago). The chieftain surrendered his amulets of shirts and handkerchief filled with Latin and other writings. The amulets, they explained, can repel bullets. The word

"Sabaton" will be noticed in one of the amulets. The owner testified later that Sabbath-keeping is included in the amulets. Ramon Ebanes with other active young people of his church held a "Voice of Youth" meeting about 20 kilometers from his home. They hauled, by carabao, lumber taken from the walls of his house to put up his building for the "Voice of Youth" effort. He brought to baptism a total of 15 souls in that effort. At present, they have a company in that remote area. He later married one of his converts and she is now helping him in his "Voice of Youth" meetings.

In Central Luzon where the biggest rally was held during the visit of Pastor Nelson, the Pasay English Church struggled to organize a "Voice of Youth" team. Pastor Nelson inaugurated their "Voice of Youth" meeting. After two months, 47 souls were presented for baptism by the young people.

—N. R. Arit,  
MV Secretary,  
North Philippine Union

## Typhoon Fails to Dampen Enthusiasm of Manila Youth

JUNE usually heralds the rain and typhoon season in the Philippines. But it was also June of last year when three young men pooled their time and talents into a soul-winning endeavor. The rain and flood did come as expected, and, for a while, it looked as if the "Voice of Youth" meetings would end in a drenched mess of disappointment and lack of interest. However, at the close of the effort, none were happier than Rodolfo Nepomuceno, Ademir Pasco, and the writer, for their efforts were blessed with a rich harvest of souls.

The program usually started with a 15-minute singspiration, followed by a nature film. The special numbers were rendered by the student nurses of Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, or occasionally, by those invited from the neighboring churches. Every Sunday night, a special health lecture was given by Dr. Arthur Estuita, and a 15-minute question and answer session followed. There were two speakers every night.

It was a joyous moment when, after a special appeal, a number of young people expressed their desire to follow Christ all the way and to learn more about the Bible. A Bible Marking class was started and the doctrines were carefully explained with the help of the church pastor.

The happiest moment of all came when the first 11 persons were baptized and admitted into church membership at the Pasay English Church. All of it was summed up in a remark made by one of the trio: "It was a thrilling and challenging undertaking all the way. The Lord not only sent us rain and flood of water, He also blessed us with rain and flood of the Holy Ghost."

—Albert Malones,  
Official Delegate,  
North Philippine Union

From North Philippines

## How I Was Converted

"ARE you also a Sabatista?" my classmates in the Academy asked me one afternoon.

"I am not!" I protested vehemently. "We are Roman Catholics. Only my Auntie Cornelia and elder cousin Emy who are living with us are Sabatistas," I continued.

I always feared such a question so I tried to change the flow of the conversation. I considered Seventh-day Adventists unpopular, shunned, and laughed at. I hated to be counted as one. "Why don't they do what the majority do? Why these queer practices? Why?"

Yes, I vividly remember the Sabbath mornings when I went with my Auntie to Sabbath School in the primary division. I enjoyed the lessons. At the age of ten my interests waned, and I hated to be called a Sabatista.

I spent my elementary and high school years with no serious thought about religion. I went to the church of my parents. I am the second child in a family of eight. I used to lead in the repeated prayers before graven images during the "oracion" at 6:00 p.m. I observed this kind of worship without any question or hesitation, but with all humility and reverence to God.

In July of 1957 I enrolled at the Bayambang Normal School in Pangasinan. The following year I transferred to the Philippine Normal College in Manila. For the first three years in my pursuit for a BSEE degree I went to movies, used lipstick, painted my fingernails, danced, drank, and ate unclean food. I heard mass regularly and received communion. I observed novenas to the saints for special requests as per the counsel of the Roman Catholic church, but I had always doubted the power of the graven images.

By the time I was 19, in spite of this religious

life that I had, I began to be disturbed by a feeling of emptiness in my heart. I wanted to understand every detail of my worship of God. I thirsted and hungered for a peace of mind and the realization of my purpose in this life. I desired a real and meaningful fellowship with the Almighty.

It might be in answer to this unuttered prayer that something happened in my life not long after I felt this seriousness in spiritual things.

Sometime during the two months' vacation before schools opened in July for my senior year in college, my Aunt offered to enroll me in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course. I readily accepted the offer. My lessons came regularly, and I digested each one heartily. I prayed the prayers at the end of each lesson as if they were my very own, coming from my heart and mind. I really pleaded for light, for the truth and nothing but the truth that I might walk in it. Often at night I would reread my past lessons, seek divine enlightenment for deeper understanding, and would utter the ready-made prayers with all sincerity and pleadings.

One time when I was reading the Bible my Catholic cousin commented, "My, you are reading that Book! I am sure they will despise you for that."

I just smiled and said, "Never mind. Let them say what they want to say."

I finished the Bible course and was strongly convinced of the light it conveyed. I had found the truth I had craved. The ten commandments are indeed like a mirror before me, showing me my obligations and perfect way to show my pure love to my Saviour. I started keeping the Sabbath and began attending Sabbath services in my hometown when I took my vacation and at Pasay English Church in Manila. Before long I decided to join God's people. I was baptized four months before my graduation from college.

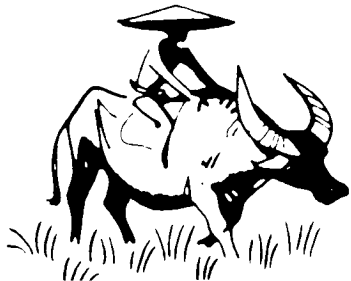
My father is by nature calm and tender-hearted. When he sensed that I was to be baptized that Sabbath, he advised me with affection not to be baptized as yet. He didn't tell me why. I kept quiet my decision. I was baptized on June 3, 1961. Only my Aunt and the church members knew of my baptism. My family did not know until a couple

"Voice of Youth Meetings" are being held in various locations, even city jails. This group at young people held meetings in the Daet, Camarines Norte provincial jail. RIGHT: This outdoor "Voice of Youth" meeting was held on the island of Catanduanes in the Philippines. Eleven persons were baptized as a result of the meetings conducted here. On the left, standing with his son, is Diosdado Hufanda who surrendered his "antin-anting" to the speaker shown at the right.





Estrella Tambaoan, official delegate to the World Youth Congress from the North Philippine Union, won this group to the message as a result of her witness. The group included her father, second from right, and her brother, on crutches, a lawyer.



## Message from Veteran Youth Leader

**O**UR young people in the Central Philippines join hands with other youth of the Far East in a concerted effort to harvest souls for Christ.

In the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital our young people, together with the chaplain, conducted a series of meetings at the provincial jail. They also simultaneously conducted an MV Bible School. A total of 12 persons were baptized by Pastor H. V. Gayares, hospital chaplain.

Our young people in Cebu City conducted "Operation Bible Studies" in different districts of the city. They even went as far as Lapu-Lapu City. In the barrio of Buaya they give Bible studies to 13 people. These were all baptized by Pastor D. Nieri, Mission President. Engineer Habaradas and others led in this concerted drive.

Rene Fiesta of Negros Mission conducted a VOY effort in Negros and Pastor H. V. Gayares baptized 17 persons as a result.

Fred Hosillos conducts a radio program in Iloilo City, supported by the young people. As a result a deputy assessor of Silay City, Silas Robles, was baptized.

The MV Association of Northern Negros is supporting a radio broadcast in one of the stations of Bacolod City.

Recently Miss Alice Vincer, a teacher in a private school and daughter of a judge in Barotac Viejo, was converted. Her father and sisters are now taking Bible studies. Miss Vincer was baptized in April on the shores of Iloilo City by Pastor H. V. Gayares.

We hope and trust that the World Youth Congress in Zurich, Switzerland, will fill the delegates with the Holy Spirit's power so that God's message may triumph in our generation.

—J. R. Obregon,  
MV Secretary,  
Central Philippine Union

of weeks later. I know the Spirit worked in me, for since then I am proud to be called a Sabatista, an affiliation I greatly feared and hated before.

A year after I became a Seventh-day Adventist my beloved mother, a school teacher, accepted Jesus in baptism. She learned the truth through literature which cousin Emy faithfully provided her and through a series of Bible studies with our lay preachers. My sister, Nora, then a high school student, was baptized six months later. Another sister, Delilah, aged 10, followed a short time after that.

Six years passed. In May, 1968 Pastor P. R. Ico conducted his "Destiny Crusade" in a nearby town, and my brother, Floro, was among the fruits of the effort. In January, 1969 the same evangelistic crusade was made by Pastor Ico in our hometown, Mapandan, Pangasinan, and my father, a municipal treasurer, and my elder brother, an election registrar, were among the interests. Six weeks later they, also, decided to follow Jesus. They were baptized a week after the baptism of my younger sister, Almeda. She is a college freshman at Philippine Union College. Our youngest sister, Araceli, is eager and ready to be baptized at the opportune time.

Praise the Lord for His wonderful love! God is love. This I do believe.

—Estrella V. Tambaoan,  
Official Delegate,  
North Philippine Union

Eight young people were baptized at the close of "Voice of Youth" meetings held in the Manila area. The officiating minister was Pastor P. G. Poblete, an Academy Bible teacher.



Zurich Delegate Goes

## From Darkness to Light

**T**HE Lord has a thousand ways of calling men and women from the darkness of sin into His marvelous light. Although my conversion was not as dramatic as that of Paul on the Damascus road, nevertheless it shows how gracious and longsuffering our God is in His dealings with us.

My family belonged to the Aglipayan Church which, in many respects, is similar to the Catholic Church. When I was yet very small, my parents brought me to church where I was baptized by the priest. I went to church on Sundays and joined the religious processions during the Holy Week, but aside from this I did not take religion seriously.

I was about ten years old when my mother became an Adventist through the influence of my Adventist aunt. We noticed the change in her life. Pork and other unclean food disappeared from our table. There was now evening and morning worship in our home. My mother took us to Sabbath School and church services. We enjoyed the songs and stories. As I studied the Bible and listened to the sermons, I was convinced that I had found the true church and I felt the need of preparing myself for Christ's second advent. However, as I was studying in the public schools, the influence of the world was stronger, so I did not make my decision to join the church. For a number of years, I had one foot in the church and the other foot in the world. I still went to church occasionally and sometimes participated in various church activities without taking the step of baptism.

After graduating from high school, I took up civil engineering at a university run by American Baptist missionaries. During this time, the Holy Spirit did not stop its gentle voice from telling me to give my heart to the Lord. But I still hardened my heart. Many baptisms were held in church and each time the ministers would plead with me to join, but something held me back. My father, who is not an Adventist, told me that if I became one my engineering course would be useless because it would be hard for me to practice my profession. In the Philippines, where almost all the companies have offices open on Saturday, this is really true. Also, the devil tried to use on me one of the best weapons to destroy souls—procrastination. I came to the point when I decided to be baptized when the end is near. "Anyway," I said, "I know all the signs. I'll join the church just before Jesus comes."

However, the Lord had other plans for me. One night, as I was sleeping soundly, I had a dream. I dreamed that I was taking a walk one afternoon when all of a sudden I saw people running in all directions. They seemed to be afraid of something. Stopping one man who was running as fast as he could, I inquired what was scaring them. Without answering a word, he pointed a quivering hand to the sky. As I looked up, the sight that greeted me was Jesus, in all His glory and majesty, descending from heaven accompanied by the angelic host. The



Switzerland is one of the most beautiful countries of the world.

scene was beyond description. I knew that I was far from ready to meet Him. Shivering with fear, I tried to run and look for a place to hide. At this point, I woke up, still shaking from fear. It was a terrifying experience. I know now how it would be to stand unprepared before the coming King. Right then and there, I made a promise to the Lord to be baptized whatever the consequences might be.

The following summer, I had the opportunity of attending a Medical Cadet Corps training course at Mountain View College. There in the cold waters of a mountain stream, I was buried in baptism by Pastor B. G. Mary. I felt such peace and joy which I had never felt before.

When I returned home, I was made MV leader of our church. The following year, I was chosen as Sabbath School superintendent. Later on, I was asked to serve as church elder. When we started the construction of our new church, which is one of the biggest in the Union, I was able to put to good use my engineering talent.

Now, 15 years after having made that decision to join God's remnant people, I can say that the Lord has blessed me beyond measure. I have never regretted serving Him. I am now happily married to a physician who is serving at Miller Sanitarium and Hospital, and our home has been blessed with the arrival of a baby boy. I am now an assistant professor in one of the largest engineering schools in the Philippines. Above all, I have the blessed hope burning brightly in my heart. For me, this is better than anything else in the world.

—Antonio S. Habaradas,  
Official Delegate,  
Central Philippine Union

## A Medical Student Accepts the Truth

ONE morning in 1967, while we were making banners for an evangelistic crusade, a friend of mine by the name of Oei Ku Jung (Zulkifli) came to me. While we were talking, I told him that we were going to have evangelistic meetings starting from that night and that I would like him to attend these meetings.



Oei Ku Jung

That evening, I went over to his house and took him to the meeting. Night after night he attended the meetings. He seemed to be interested to know more about the Bible. When there was a call, he stood to his feet and went down the aisle. My heart was filled with joy when I saw him standing.

The next Sabbath, he was willing to visit our church, and so I was more than happy to take him. Soon, his parents who were Buddhist knew that he was going to church on Sabbath morning and he didn't touch any unclean food which his mother had prepared every day. They were very furious about this change in him, and he got a little bit discouraged. We prayed earnestly for him. The whole church had special prayer for him during the prayer meetings.

Even while he was facing this problem, he went to church regularly. Every Sabbath afternoon, he was the translator in our Chinese Branch Sabbath School. After several weeks, we scheduled a baptismal service and he planned to be baptized on that day. But, when the day came, and he had to break this piece of news to his parents, they became very, very angry. So, he decided to postpone his baptism. I was very unhappy to hear this, but nevertheless we kept on praying for him more earnestly.

Several weeks went by. Then our church pastor again announced that we were going to have another baptismal service. He was very happy when he heard this and saw to it that nothing would prevent him from being baptized. A few days before his baptism, he went and stayed over with his relatives to avoid his parents.

That Sabbath morning as he went down into the pool to be baptized, tears of joy flowed down my cheeks. Words could not describe how happy we both felt that morning. Thank God for answering our prayers.

That afternoon when he broke the news to his parents they were no longer angry. They had a feeling that he would be an Adventist sooner or later.

Several weeks ago, his mother came over to our Branch Sabbath School. We are hoping and praying that one day she, too, will follow her son's decision to accept Christ as her personal Saviour.

Right now Oei Ku Jung is studying in a medical university here in Medan. Although he had to face many Sabbath problems, yet we are thankful to God that he had never attended any lectures, lab,

or any school functions on Sabbath. He is also helping in our MV meetings, choir, and an evangelistic crusade which is conducted by Pastor Ted Jones. Now, for this evangelistic crusade, he and I have been taking another friend of ours who is a dental student to these meetings regularly.

## Indonesian Shares His Faith

IN November, 1966 I attended a Seventh-day Adventist meeting held in Menado, North Celebes. I was very interested in studying the Bible.

I was a member of the Protestant (Lutheran) Church, as the rest of my family still are. But after studying the Bible, I was not sure whether I should remain in the Lutheran Church or accept what I was studying from the Bible. One evening I prayed that God would point out the right way. Then I went to sleep. During my sleep I dreamed. In my dream, a hand caught me and placed me in the middle of a crossroad. At the same time I heard a voice saying, "Choose which way you would like to go." It was a free choice, but I found it very hard to choose.

A few nights later, I had another dream that I believe was sent from God. In the dream, I saw many soldiers chasing the Adventists. I was one of the Adventists being chased. Then a voice whispered to me, "Go back for baptism."

The next evening I attended the Adventist meeting again. During the meeting, the pastor made a call. I did not wait this time. I stood and accepted Jesus as my Saviour. A few days later, I was baptized.

Three days after the baptism, my older brother learned that I had been baptized. He became very angry. He took his gun and a pair of scissors with which to stab me and tried to kill me. But my mother cried with a loud voice and he stopped. Then he refused to allow me to stay at home. I left home and stayed with the evangelist. However, a week later my family called me back home, and until now they still love me.

At the time of my conversion, I was attending medical college preparing to become a doctor. However, the youth of my church planned a "Voice of Youth" effort and asked me to take part as a speaker. During the effort, I heard God's call to become an evangelist. Now I am attending Mount Klabat College preparing to become a worker for God.

—Johnny Tambuwun,  
Official Delegate,  
East Indonesia Union

## Forward With Christ

I was brought up and educated in an Adventist home. As a little girl I have always been very fond of going to church, and I used to take parts in Sabbath School programs. Later I became an active member of the MV society in Makassar and have taken part in several "Voice of Youth" efforts, twice as one of the speakers and in 1968 was chosen as chairman of the "Voice of Youth" campaign.

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# Celebes Youth Active for Christ

OUR car ground to a halt at the edge of a small stream spanned only by several coconut logs. Was it safe to cross? I jumped out of the car to look and decided that we could cross if we were careful. With my wife in front of the car directing me where to drive, I edged onto the bridge and crossed safely. We continued on to Tanawangko, a small town about 16 miles from our Union headquarters in Menado, where we were holding a "Voice of Youth" effort. Our North Celebes MV Secretary, Pastor Frederick Langingi, assisted with this effort, as did the young people of Tanawangko.

Before the meetings began, Pastor Langingi and I visited all the other church pastors and government leaders of the town, giving them a personal invitation to attend the meetings. One evening the Catholic priest, whom we had invited, attended the series. He was very friendly, and reportedly gave his members permission to attend the meetings. The chief of police and a representative of the tjamat or head of the district, also attended some of the meetings.

The average attendance of non-Adventists was 90 to 100 and well over half of these returned regularly.

Young people of the church assisted with special music, ushering, inviting people to the meetings, and in the visiting program. Special help in training the young people for visiting was given by several students of Mount Klabat College who had recently assisted in evangelistic efforts conducted by the college.

To date 21 people have been baptized as a result of the effort, and a number more are interested in the Seventh-day Adventist message. Nine of these people were backsliders who made their decisions to rejoin the Adventist church.

Some of those who were baptized met opposition. Two women decided to follow their Lord in baptism, even though their husbands refused to grant permission. One of these has been unable to attend church because her husband prevents her from attending with physical force. But she sends her offerings to church, even though she cannot come herself. Another young lady, aged 20, joined the church despite parental objections. We visited her home to try to secure permission for her to be baptized. Her father was kind but adamant in refusing permission. Finally we reminded him that she was old enough to make her own decisions in religious matters and told him that we would baptize his daughter if she came for baptism. We prayed that God would give her courage to follow Jesus despite the opposition from her parents. God heard and answered our prayers, and she has been faithful in attending church since her baptism.

We are grateful to God for these persons who have found salvation in Jesus Christ and for the opportunity that we have had to witness to His saving power.

—LeVerne Bissell,  
MV Secretary,  
East Indonesia Union

Since I was baptized March 26, 1952, I have always been one of the church officers—Sabbath School teacher, Sabbath School secretary, deaconess, Dorcas Welfare leader, and at present as Sabbath School Superintendent.

As there was no Adventist school in my town, I was sent to a non-Adventist school. This was a Chinese Communist school. But I was very grateful, because though most of the teachers were Communists, yet I had no trouble in keeping the Sabbath. Later I switched to an Indonesian high school and continued my study at the I.K.I.P. (Institute of Education, English department). Even at this school I did not have much trouble in keeping the Sabbath. I believe this is because the Lord has always answered my earnest prayer.

—Hannah Limongan,  
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