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# Deskside Chats



## Standby

**B**ACK in the days when the great radio networks dominated the entertainment world, I joined a tour party for a guided look at the fabulous Radio City studios of the National Broadcasting Company in New York. Having been badly bitten by the broadcasting bug, I was utterly fascinated as the guide pointed out the unique acoustical designs, the sound effects equipment, and the stages from which big-name radio stars produced their programs.

From the observation booth of one of the smaller studios, we watched a group of musicians rehearsing. Obviously competent professionals, they looked animated, eager, and ready to perform.

"They're standby for the next broadcast in case the scheduled artists should fail to appear," the guide explained.

Standby. All ready—if needed.

The thought of it bothered me a little. How would they feel when the "real" stars showed up and the "standbys" would have to shrug and hope that some day their chance would come? Yet these musicians seemed very happy to have been selected as standbys. It was a mark of recognition. They realized it was the way the system worked, a necessary passage on the road to the top.

The standby system has been around for a long time. Continuity of leadership or performance demands a reserve of competent replacements. Governments, military forces, corporations, institutions, entertainment organizations, sports—all of these have elaborate machinery for developing experienced personnel who can step in and carry on whenever the situation requires.

Although wise men everywhere have adopted the standby idea, it was God Himself who originated the concept. When He designed a perfect man to operate a perfect world, He had the plan of salvation in reserve if man should fail. And at each crisis point in history, He has had standing by the men who were needed: Joshua for Moses, David for Saul, Elisha for Elijah, the disciples for Jesus.

Which brings us to the church today.

How is our standby system working?

What is your personal attitude to the standby idea?

If you are a leader, be sure you have a corps of others who by personality, training, and experience are ready to step forward when you move on.

If you are a standby, be thankful for and not disappointed with your status. Remember, "They also serve who only stand and wait."

Today's standbys are tomorrow's standard bearers.

Cordially,

*P. H. Eldridge*

Paul H. Eldridge, President



## To Ponder . . .

**“W**HO ever heard of a religion interfering with a child's education?”

So spoke the primary school principal to whom a father in Taiwan had gone asking permission for his daughter to be excused from attending school on Saturday. Finally, after much talking, the permission was granted. Pastor Tseng, for that was the father's name, had been silently praying during the conference.

Shirley did well in school. Every year she stood at the head of her class scholastically. This caused jealousy among the students because she received such high grades but was not present on Saturdays. To satisfy the other pupils, the teacher said he would cut her grades by several points. This happened, but still Shirley kept her grades high. She was probably the only student in her class taking piano lessons, also.

It was getting toward examination time one year, and the teacher announced that the final tests would be given on a certain Friday and Saturday. None would be excused on these two days. Seventy pairs of eyes turned and looked at our lone Seventh-day Adventist girl. What would she do now? On the way home her girlfriend said, “You'll have to go this Saturday. Teacher said so.”

Hurrying up the stairs to her home, Shirley told her parents about the announcement. Earnestly they prayed that God would intervene. How, they did not know, but they knew He could. They trusted Him and claimed the promise that He would honor those who kept holy the Sabbath day.

The week of the examinations arrived. At the beginning of the week the teacher announced there would be a change in the schedule. An interscholastic basketball meet was to be held in their school on Saturday. Their school would be host to the other schools in that area; therefore, examinations would be given on Thursday and Friday.

Again 70 pairs of eyes turned and looked at Shirley. God had seen fit to hear and answer the earnest prayers of this young girl and her family.

After hearing her story, I would like to ask if you and I would have been as faithful. God calls all of us to “remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.” And He bids parents to train up their children in the way they should go. This, of course, is the heavenly way.

Today Shirley's family has been moved to Taipei, where her father pastors the central city church. She is still having Sabbath problems, she is still faithful to her God, and her parents are still her guiding light as they pray with her through every crisis that arises.

*Marion S. Simmons*

## TO STRENGTHEN THE HOME

### Visitors from General Conference Will Speak at Ministerial Institutes

**M**INISTERS in the Far Eastern Division will look back upon 1971 as the year of double blessing. The first blessing has already been experienced through the Andrews University Extension School conducted at Mountain View College. The fellowship enjoyed, the upgrading accomplished, and the challenge received will not soon be forgotten.

Second, and yet to come, is the itinerary of Pastor J. R. Spangler and Dr. Wayne McFarland, both of the General Conference. They will visit many sections of the division for ministerial institutes beginning in mid-September and lasting until early December.

These two men—representing the voice and right arm of the message—will join in presenting to the ministers the health-education-spiritual team approach to evangelism. This plan, while many years old in counsel from God through Ellen G. White, is quite new in practice. It is anticipated that a more extensive use of this concept in evangelism will open doors and bring more favorable and lasting results.

—R. C. Williams,  
Ministerial Secretary

## OUR COVER

Throughout the whole world, 1971 has been designated Laymen's Year. A number of the articles in this issue tell of what laymen in the Far East are doing to advance God's cause. In fact, we had so many articles on this theme that next month's "Outlook" will contain more we couldn't squeeze onto our pages this month.

We hope these articles about laymen in our division will encourage others, both in the Far East and elsewhere, to rejoice in their success and to pitch in and work along with them. Our pastors cannot be expected to work alone; we all must help them. "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." ("Gospel Workers," page 352)

Our cover this month was provided by the General Conference lay activities department and adapted for our use by the Malaysian Signs Press.

## Overflow Funds to Build Schools in Africa

**I**N the very heart of Africa on the banks of Lake Tanganyika, one of the longest and deepest lakes in the world, a famous meeting took place. David Livingstone, explorer and missionary to Africa, met Henry Morton Stanley, journalist for the *New York Herald*. One man had come to Africa with a Bible in his hand, the other with adventure on his heart. After their initial meeting, the two men traveled north in an endeavor to trace the source of the Nile, and today, in the country of Burundi, their stopping point is marked by a stone with the inscription, "Livingstone-Stanley, 25th-11-1871."

Fifty years after these two explorers arrived in the heart of Africa, two other men followed on their trail. These men, pioneers of the third angel's message, set up our first mission station in the Congo. Today in the French-speaking countries of the Congo, Rwanda, and Burundi there are 109,804 Seventh-day Adventists. During the past quadrennium 48,000 new believers were added to God's church in these countries. Sabbath School members number 227,112, and there are 539 Seventh-day Adventist churches.

The Congo and Central African unions comprise nearly half the membership of the Trans-Africa Division—yet they have no senior secondary schools or colleges which their young people can attend.

Why can't they attend government schools? The answer to this question is simple: The government schools operate six days a week. Young people in the heart of Africa have to make a very difficult decision between receiving an education at the expense of Sabbath-keeping or remaining true to their religious convictions and remaining uneducated.

The Trans-Africa Division has voted the overflow of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for the third quarter to the upgrading and expanding of

two secondary schools. Gitwe College in Rwanda and Kivu College in the Congo can be developed to senior secondary schools if Sabbath School members around the world give liberally on Thirteenth Sabbath. Even when these schools are upgraded and expanded, only several hundred young people each year will have the privilege of Christian education in a secondary school. This is only the start of a vast educational program that is needed in the countries of Rwanda, Burundi, and the Congo. This is the minimum the church around the world can do for African Seventh-day Adventist young people, an estimated 60 percent of the total church membership in these countries.

Even with a limited educational background these people are very active in sharing their faith. The young people of Rwanda and Burundi alone have adopted a baptismal goal of 6,000 for this year 1971. The ministers and laymen are also active and are conducting hundreds of evangelistic campaigns and doing all they can with their limited facilities to influence men and women for the kingdom of heaven.

These loyal Seventh-day Adventist church members deserve the privilege of having secondary schools for their sons and daughters. Those of us who are fortunate enough to have a greater earning power and who have the privilege of secondary schools and colleges available for our children must do what we can this Thirteenth Sabbath to reward the faith of our African brethren. In this way we can help them reach the millions yet to hear the three angels' messages in the heart of Africa.

—Desmond B. Hills,  
Youth and PR Director,  
Trans-Africa Division



**AFRICA'S FUTURE.** These two boys represent 85,534 young people in the heart of Africa who need the privilege of Christian education. Unless funds are provided by Adventist believers around the world, most of this army of Seventh-day Adventist youth will never have the privilege of training in an Adventist secondary school. At the present time there is no prospect for any of these young people of the Congo, Rwanda, and Burundi to attend a Seventh-day Adventist college. Photo by A. E. Cook.

## An Active Layman in the Congo

**P**HENEAS Ndigitira is a faithful and active lay member. His work is that of a storekeeper, and, with an employee who is also a church member, he moved into an area where there no Seventh-day Adventists. There their real work began, that of evangelism. On Sabbaths they visited and talked with the people of nearby villages.

But Pheneas, anxious for the progress of the Lord's work, seemed to feel things were moving too slowly. So it was decided that his employee should work in the store for half the day and spend the remaining time visiting and holding meetings. Their efforts were blessed, and their program produced dividends. All around, people began accepting Jesus as their Saviour. The believers grew from a group to a company, and from a company to an organized church of 171 members. Then another church of 82 members grew from this mother church.

Ever seeking for new ways to win for the Master, Pheneas then conducted a Branch Sabbath School among a different tribe. One man attending these meetings was a very heavy drinker who became enraged every time Pheneas spoke against the evils of drinking. He threatened to stop coming to the meetings, but the Spirit of God was moving upon his heart, and conviction was taking hold. Soon he gave his heart to the Lord. He, his wife, and five others became the first Sabbath-keepers in this tribe.

The Lord was with Pheneas and his faithful employee, not only in their evangelistic thrusts and soul-winning program, but also in the store. While other storekeepers were experiencing reverses, Pheneas's business prospered. This too was a witness for the truth, for the people believed that God was with Pheneas and was prospering him. He became a very respected man in the community.

But another burden will soon face Pheneas and probably is confronting him right now. Schooling will be needed for the children and youth of the people who are giving their hearts to Jesus through his efforts. How desperate is the need for schools in the Congo and in Rwanda and Burundi! In these French-speaking countries we have a membership of 100,000 and no senior secondary school! This is the great tragedy of our work there! How are we going to save our young people?

All schools except Adventist ones are conducted on Saturdays, and some of our young people are lost because of this situation. We must have schools of our own. We must save our youth. Fathers and mothers in the Congo are as anxious to have unbroken families when Jesus comes as any parents anywhere in the world.

Please help by your generous offering on Thirteenth Sabbath so that our two junior secondary



**MV LEADER.** Pastor John Hancock, General Conference MV secretary, will be visiting the Far East to speak to young people. He plans to bring along his accordion in order to inspire the youth through music as well as words.

## John Hancock Will Attend Union and Mission Youth Congresses

**E**LEVEN union and mission youth congresses are planned for the latter half of 1971. Pastor John Hancock, MV secretary of the General Conference, is to be present for a number of these events. Pastor Hancock is no stranger to the Far East, and it is with eagerness that we look forward to his ministry of preaching and music. We are happy that his wife will join him for part of his trip to the Far East.

The following congresses are being planned. Elder Hancock will not be present for the ones marked with an asterisk.

*Sabah	August	4-8
*Taiwan	August	25-29
Japan	September	7-11
Korea	September	15-18
Hong Kong	September	24-25
Vietnam	October	7-10
Thailand	October	14-17
East Indonesia	October	21-23
West Indonesia	October	28-30
*Sarawak	December	8-11
*Singapore	December	15-18

We are sorry the Tri-Union Youth Congress for the Philippines had to be cancelled. A large rally will be held in Manila from October 1 to 3, and Pastor Hancock and the writer will be visiting the campuses of several academies and colleges during the period allotted to the Philippines.

Plan now to attend the meeting in your area.

—B. E. Jacobs,  
MV Secretary

schools, Gitwe in Rwanda and Lukanga in the Congo, can be upgraded to senior level. Then our youth can continue their education there in preparation for a place in the Lord's work.

—Philip P. Lemon, President,  
Congo Union

# NEWS *from the* UNIONS



## KOREA

### "In Due Season . . ."

IT was not by accident that Jesus used stories from nature to illustrate the work of the gospel; for just as seed sown by the farmer takes time for growth and harvest, so the story of salvation planted in the heart often requires years before there is a visible effect on the hearer.

It was that way with Kim Yong Bae.

When he was attending high school, Nam Kung Chul, a fellow student, often spoke to him about the Bible. In fact, this friend was so enthusiastic in missionary activities that even during the intervals between classes, he would tell him about the true Sabbath.

Time passed. Five years went by.

When life began to have many difficulties for Mr. Kim, he was reminded of his friend's stories about Jesus, and he realized his need of a religion that could be depended upon. He looked around for a Seventh-day Adventist church but could find none near his village, so he settled for one of another denomination. As he learned more of the plan of redemption, he realized what it means to believe in Jesus. But even though eventually he became a deacon in this Protestant church, there were always doubts lurking in his mind about his unresolved Sabbath problem. In fact, the more he studied his Bible, the larger loomed his questions.

Finally, last year he visited the Seventh-day Adventist church at Chung-up. The pastor began Bible studies with him. It was difficult in some ways for him to think of changing churches, for he had attended this other one for four years and on occasion had even led out in the services. But he knew he must follow truth, and so requested baptism.

You can see how much time had elapsed since Mr. Kim first heard about Seventh-day Adventists from a fellow student during high school days when I say that his former schoolmate, Mr. Nam, has been in the United States for 13 years, and of course they were together in school in Korea before that!

Then there was another classmate of this same missionary minded Nam Kung Chul. His name is Im Young Taek. Though ten years passed, he could not forget what his friend had told him. At last he

came to the Seventh-day Adventist church, received Bible studies, and on July 21, 1969, he was baptized.

But the circle kept widening. After experiencing the new birth, Mr. Im called on his elder brother and induced him to enroll for a Voice of Prophecy Bible course. He too believed that Seventh-day Adventists compose the remnant church and was baptized on May 9, 1970.

Both brothers live far from our church. In fact, the elder brother, Im Shin Taek, has to leave his house at five o'clock on Sabbath morning for an eight-mile walk to meet his brother, Im Young Taek, and together they walk the last five miles to their church. Now let me tell you an astounding fact. They have never been late to Sabbath School!

Over in Los Angeles, California, where he now lives, Nam Kung Chul has been thrilled to hear of these baptisms. "I never dreamed that after all this time, my friends would be baptized."

Certainly we should not be discouraged if there are no immediate results seen after our seed sowing, "for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Galatians 6:9)

—Lyu, Hyung Whan,  
Lay Activities Secretary,  
Korean Union



### S.S. Leaders Meet

Delegates from the newly organized Midwest Korean Mission who attended the Sabbath School Workshop in Taejon, Korea, from June 17 to 19 are pictured with Pastor K. S. Oh, Sabbath School secretary of the Korean Union Mission, and Pastor W. V. Clements, Sabbath School secretary of the Far Eastern Division, who assisted in the instruction of the Sabbath School officers and teachers.



## Daring, Diligence, and Dedication Characterize Laymen

**T**HE year 1970 was a banner year in the South Philippines. Ministers engaged in direct evangelism reported encouraging results in their public efforts, and no less inspiring were the reports of our church members. Records show that the laity of Mindanao and Sulu helped win 3,615 of the 4,592 persons who were baptized in 1970. Their experiences demonstrate daring, diligence, and dedication.

**Layman Albino Bulalahos** in the Northern Mindanao Mission is one example. With genuine concern for the salvation of his fellowman, he went to the hills of Landang, Talakag, Bukidnon, to bring the message of hope to those who lived in that area and who had never before been brought face to face with Jesus. This place was a two-day hiking distance from his home.

He endured the cold of the region, separation from his family, and also financial loss from leaving his regular work.

For months he lived and labored with these people. He was their preacher, Bible instructor, and sometimes even "doctor" to their physical ills. His dedicated labors were richly rewarded. Many of these people accepted the message, among them the chief of the tribe with whom he was working. It touched him deeply when they gathered to burn their amulets and other pagan articles used in worshiping the spirits, and on the same spot erect a chapel where they could worship the true God. By December, 1970, 141 believers had been added to the remnant church through the self-sacrificing efforts of this faithful soldier of the cross.



**DEDICATED.** Albino Bulalahos (with tie), active layman in Northern Mindanao, led 141 souls to Christ during the last two years.

**Jesus Opena** is a modern Andrew. The day after his baptism he took his Bible and walked for miles to share his newfound faith with his brothers. With patience and perseverance, he visited their homes to teach them the Word of God, most of the time at night after a hard day's work. Results? He brought five of his brothers and their wives, as well as a younger unmarried brother, to the Lord.

In his own home was a young man who seemed not to care when Opena spoke to him about spiritual things. After considering how he might arouse the attention of this young man, he invited him one evening to go fishing with him. Once at sea, they saw a storm coming. The youth became fearful and begged Opena to return to shore. Opena tarried. As they lingered amidst the beating of high waves, he spoke to the youth about his need of a Saviour because a "storm" will soon break upon the world to destroy the ungodly. The youth understood. Regular studies followed, and today this young man is rejoicing in the truth.



**MODERN ANDREW.** Jesus Opena (with Bible) worked for his brothers after his conversion and brought six of them to Christ. He is pictured here with five of them. At the left is Pastor P. M. Diaz, lay activities secretary of the South Philippine Union, and at the right is Pastor E. A. Sinco, lay activities secretary of the Northern Mindanao Mission.

From the Southern Mindanao Mission comes the interesting story of layman Gregorio Pedrena's labors. In one place, raising swine seemed to be the main obstacle in the way of reviving former church members and converting others. In the home of one former member, when he prayed that the Lord would show His displeasure at their raising of pigs, the mother pig died. This experience led eight individuals to take their stand for Christ after a series of lectures and studies.

In another place, a blind 8-year-old lad came to the meetings to listen to the music and the stories. While at the meetings, he learned about Jesus and His power to help and heal. Faith was kindled in the heart of this poor boy. He learned to trust and to pray. Coming home from the meetings one night, he told his parents that he had seen Jesus on the screen. They just mocked him.

"Don't you know that you are blind and cannot see?"

Early next morning, upon rising from bed, Rogelio applied the simple remedies our layman had instructed him to use. Soon he was shouting, "I can see, father, mother! I can see!"

His sight was actually restored. Because of this experience his mother developed interest and was baptized. The father is seriously considering the same step. I met Rogelio and his mother not long ago, and she told me the Lord had performed the miracle to point out to the family the larger miracle of a soul passing from spiritual darkness to light.

(To be continued next month.)

—P. M. Diaz,  
Lay Activities Secretary,  
South Philippine Union



VISITOR. Pastor B. E. Jacobs visits with youth leaders of the Maluku Mission during an MV leader institute.

## F.E.D. Youth Director Visits South Celebes and Ambon

**P**ASTOR B. E. Jacobs, director of youth activities for the Far Eastern Division, visited the South Celebes and Ambon Missions recently.

Pastor Jacobs was accompanied by Pastor R. Wawondatu, the acting director of youth activities for East Indonesia. The two held leadership training classes and also visited Toradja Academy in Mebali and Wajame Academy in the Ambon Mission.

Pastor Jacobs will be in Indonesia again in October, 1971, to attend a unionwide youth congress in the North Celebes.

—R. Wawondatu,  
Public Relations Secretary,  
East Indonesia Union



## Layman Donates Both Time and Means

**I**N February, 1969, Dr. Lin Ta Chuan, a Taiwanese Adventist physician in private practice, attended the regional revival meetings held in Tainan, southern Taiwan. There his heart was warmed to see several of our young preachers at work. Dr. Lin recalled that 20 years previously, when he had returned from his medical training in Japan, these preachers had been high school lads studying the truth. Today they are vigorous leaders of our work on Taiwan.

Then a sad thought came to him—during all those 20 years not one of his own relatives had joined him in the Advent faith. He had watched an older brother sink deeper and deeper into alcoholism. After Dr. Lin moved his medical practice from his home town of Lu Kang to Pei Kang, his brother continued to worsen until sometimes he had to be picked up from the streets in a drunken stupor.

The regional meetings proved a spiritual feast for Dr. Lin, who felt the deep movings of the Spirit. A burden seemed to roll upon him for his unsaved relatives.

"If only we had a church in Lu Kang," thought Dr. Lin, "then my family could have the opportunity of hearing the gospel. A chapel would be like a spiritual hospital where my poor alcoholic brother might go for healing of heart and soul. Perhaps it would be the means of saving my whole family."

A sentence from the **Desire of Ages** seemed to fit his relatives: "It is not hardship, toil, or poverty that degrades humanity. It is guilt, wrongdoing. This brings unrest and dissatisfaction. Christ would have His servants minister to sin-sick souls." (page 822)

Dr. Lin felt that for the cure and prevention of sin in his family, he must without delay build a spiritual hospital. The surge he felt in his heart reminded him of the text that says, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Philippians 2:13)

As soon as Dr. Lin saw Pastor D. W. Curry, mission president, he announced, "I have decided to personally donate a chapel for Lu Kang." Next day he restated his determination before the assembled people, though he did not yet know just how much money would be involved.

Hearing of Dr. Lin's generous offer, Pastor C. K. Liu, in whose territory Lu Kang is located, began to search for something suitable for a chapel. He was surprised at how much money it would cost. So he went to Dr. Lin with the query, "Do you want to donate a chapel in Lu Kang even if it should cost NT\$30,000?"

Without hesitation Dr. Lin replied, "Yes, I do."



Inwardly he thought, "I'm glad I have enough cash on hand to do it."

Thus he and Pastor Liu began to look for a suitable place. They finally settled on a two-story building right behind Dr. Lin's old family home—quiet and easily accessible to his relatives. The price was exactly NT\$30,000 (or US\$7,500), a considerable sum in Taiwan.

On October 5, 1969, this first chapel on Taiwan ever to be donated by a single individual was dedicated to the glory of God as a place of worship.

While the building was being renovated, Dr. Lin's older brother went over to see it several times and expressed his willingness to go there to attend services. He seemed to be happily awaiting that day. Unfortunately, just two weeks before its completion, Dr. Lin's brother died from overdrinking. This was a real blow. It seemed that just as a life boat was drawing alongside, a sinking man had drowned. Instead of murmuring against providence, Dr. Lin only sighs, "If I had only built this chapel sooner!" He fervently hopes that it may be the means of preventing other members of his family from going down to Christless graves.

"Two months after the dedication of the chapel," says Dr. Lin, "mother died, but before her death she regularly attended meetings in the chapel and testified to her new faith in Jesus. Had I not dedicated this chapel to God, it is very possible that my mother would have died without a faith at all. I am sure that when Jesus comes again, I shall meet her. God has promised to bless a hundredfold. I believe that part of the promise has already been fulfilled to me."

After the chapel's dedication, the mission assigned Pastor T. C. Lee, a retired minister of wide experience, to pastor the interest in Lu Kang. The work goes slowly in this village of idol temples and superstition. In fact, no other church groups have had success in laboring there, either. But now more than 10 are studying the Bible with Pastor Lee.

Pei Kang, the town where Dr. Lin practices, is a notorious center of superstition and the birthplace of the Matsu religion. It is indeed a town where,

as the Chinese say, "every five paces there is a shrine and every 10 steps a temple." To build up the faith of his own wife, children, and helpers, Dr. Lin has asked Brother Chiu from the city of Chia Ih to come three times a week to hold meetings in his clinic's waiting room—Tuesday, Thursday, and Sabbath afternoons at 2:30. On Sabbaths Dr. Lin gives the entire day to preaching. In the forenoon he goes to Chia Ih and alternates with the preacher as the speaker each Sabbath. In the afternoon he uses two and one-half hours to go to Lu Kang to support Pastor Lee in preaching there. If he misses the bus connections, it means even more time and money. Often it is midnight when he gets back home.

Pastor Lee says of Dr. Lin's zeal in helping God's work, "If throughout our ranks half the people would assist as Dr. Lin does, I'm sure the work would have been finished before this."

—Su Tung O,  
Lay Activities Secretary,  
South China Island Union



## NORTH PHILIPPINES



TROPHIES. Standing near the Palapas church are a few of the 24 people baptized and won to Christ by Juan Pedragosa, Layman of the Year (fourth from left), and his uncle, Evaristo Pedragosa (sixth from right). Between them, in the center, is District Pastor N. S. Pallasa.

## Southern Luzon Mission Selects Layman of the Year

JUAN Pedragosa, a member of the Palapas church located in the town of Ligao, Albay, has been named Layman of 1970 for the Southern Luzon Mission. Through his efforts, 24 individuals were baptized last year.

Each one of these had finished the Bible Says course. Brother Pedragosa personally brought the lessons to them and later corrected all the answer sheets. In addition, Brother Pedragosa gives Bible studies to his interests and brings them to Sabbath services. If any of them cannot attend church, he



WORKERS. Brother Chiu, left, was asked by Dr. Lin to hold meetings three times a week in his clinic waiting room in the town of Pei Kang.

visits them in their homes and holds Sabbath School extension classes or Branch Sabbath Schools.

No wonder then that in the entire mission, he has brought the largest number of souls to the Lord—which of course explains why he was chosen Layman of the Year.

—E. J. Tangunan,  
Lay Activities Secretary,  
North Philippine Union

## To Taiwan

Melba Cabardo, a secretary in the union office, left April 14 to connect with the South China Island Union as an office secretary. She plans to be there at least two years.



## Tailor's Work Results in 12 Baptisms

**R**ODOLFO Burce is a member of our Tabataba church. He earns his livelihood by working as a tailor. This does not bring in very much, but because he knows no other vocation, he continues this trade to support his family.



Rodolfo Burce

In 1968 he was invited to attend a lay preachers' institute. There it became clear to him that it was his duty to win souls. He realized that his Saviour wanted him to work for sinners; therefore, when he returned home, he began this new work in order to do God's will for him.

At first he did not know what to do, but love for souls had taken possession of his heart. Although he had no results to show for his first effort, he was not discouraged, but kept on visiting people and giving Bible studies. As he continued working, he was learning and gaining more power.

In 1969 he was able to bring two souls to the Saviour. Because of this, he was encouraged to continue with his soul-winning activities. He began to notice that the more he worked for souls, the more people came to his shop with clothes for him to tailor. However, when he spent shorter hours in soul winning, fewer people came to his shop. For this reason he is now devoting two days a week to soul winning. His income has increased so much so that he is no longer having difficulty supporting his family.

In 1970 Brother Burce brought 12 souls to the Lord. Despite a physical handicap, he walked some 10 kilometers to conduct cottage meetings which resulted in this splendid baptism.

—E. J. Tangunan

## Former Student Missionary Tells of Experiences in the Philippines

**T**HE mountain people, Ilocanos, Benguets, Kalingas, et cetera, are some of the nicest people to be with, for they are honest, thankful, industrious, and—most of all—hungry for the truth.

My wonderful experiences here have taught me many things: daily Bible study, constant prayer, and giving my all for Christ. I have learned complete dependence upon Christ.

I am so happy because I have been able to study with about 50 interested people in Baguio, the City of Pines. The majority are college youth, for Baguio has seven colleges and universities.

It was my privilege to conduct the Week of Prayer at Tirad View Academy, Tumbaga, Quirino, Ilocos Sur. I also conducted an evangelistic effort in Ambuklao, where the largest dam in the Far East is located.

The people there have a very strong *cursillista* (three-day indoctrination course) movement and have prided themselves on the fact that although many religious groups have held meetings there, they have not lost one Catholic member. But God has blessed us there. Where the ground is stony, a few seeds are finding fertile soil. The prejudice has been broken down by daily consistent witnessing.

These people want the Bible, so we have distributed 25 English and 10 Tagalog Bibles. It really thrills me to see a father stay up all night and miss sleep just to read the Bible that has been denied him all his life. My God's spirit continue to lead the 25 interested people in Ambuklao so that they may be in His kingdom.

—Philip Payne,  
Student Missionary from  
Southwestern Union College



STUDYING. Philip Payne, former student missionary in the North Philippine Union, studies the Bible with a family in Ambuklao.



### Large Publishing Force in Central Luzon Mission

These 14 people are all members of the publishing team of the Central Luzon Mission of the North Philippine Union. The group consists of the head of the department, Pastor Ben Martin; the secretary of the department; a Book and Periodical Agency manager and his assistant; and 10 assistant publishing secretaries. The group makes up the largest single colporteur leadership group of any local mission in the Far Eastern Division.

—M. R. Lyon

### Lay Preachers Meet for Institutes in Southern Luzon

**E**ARLY this year Pastor J. D. Haniel, local mission lay activities secretary, and the writer held institutes for lay preachers in several places in the Southern Luzon Mission. This work was to promote GOD'S WIDENING CIRCLE and the Gift Bible Plan.

In the Daet church, 60 members have finished the course for lay preachers. In Pili 35 have finished the course. In Tigaon 23 lay members and in Legaspi 20 others have likewise completed the course.

Pastor Haniel conducted the baptism of five individuals in Daet. All of these were the result of laymen's missionary work.

On the island of Catanduanes, a rally was held in Burgos for lay evangelists. The writer baptized 11 candidates during this visit. Following the baptism, an investiture service was held, at which time 12 young people, mainly students of the Rizal church school, were invested as Friends. Brother Nelson Pallasa, district pastor of Albay and a Master Guide, led out in the investiture service, the writer assisting.

—E. J. Tangunan



**LOAVES.** At Christmas time, the Dorcas Society of the Cebu Central church gave 300 loaves of whole wheat bread to the inmates of the city and provincial jails in Cebu City. Mr. Suico is handing some of the bread to the warden in this picture.

### Outstanding Layman Wins 600 Souls

**A**NICETO Suico is the elder of the Cebu Central church. His wife is an active leader of the Dorcas Society. During the Christmas season they combined their talents in helping the church members bring happiness to the inmates of the two jails in Cebu City. The church always does something for these unfortunate people, but last year the plan was different.

The Dorcas Society of the Cebu Central church ordered 300 loaves of whole wheat bread from the food factory of the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital. In addition to this, Dorcas ladies led by Mrs. Suico and Mrs. Ferrer, prepared 700 sandwiches and ice cream for distribution to the 350 inmates of the city and provincial jails. The policemen and caretakers at the prison were also given delicious whole wheat bread. The warden and his assistant received a special gift.

Before the distribution, Brother Suico made a short speech describing the significance of Christmas. He told about Jesus, the central figure of the Christmas season, the One who alone is the source of hope, and that in spite of anything that has happened to them, everyone can find comfort and salvation through Jesus.

For many years Brother Suico has conducted a Bible class every Sabbath afternoon for the prisoners. To date, as a result of his ministry, 42

souls have been baptized. After being released, these men keep in touch with him, writing and thanking him for his ministry and for the newfound faith they are enjoying.

Last year Brother Suico conducted three evangelistic efforts in different parts of Cebu City to which hundreds of people came.

Since his baptism 39 years ago, Brother Suico has brought more than 600 souls into the Adventist church. Let us pray for his ministry.

—D. M. Niere, P.R. Secretary,  
Central Philippine Union



BEHIND WALLS. An evangelistic effort is conducted by Aniceto Suico inside the provincial jail in Cebu City.

## Laymen Sponsor Free Medical Consultation

THE laymen of Iloilo Central church and the Central Iloilo Lay Activities Association, under the leadership of Brother Bel Denila, sponsored a free consultation clinic in Iloilo and nine neighboring towns.

Dr. Lope Vitangcol, Dr. Jesse Reyes, Dr. James Pastor, Dr. Vic Seralde, and Miss Rachel Gayoba, a nurse, from the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, responded heartily to the request of the laymen and donated their services to help the project. The team treated 1,287 patients. Although their days began at 8 a.m. and often didn't end until 7 p.m., they visited 13 of our churches to give health and family planning lectures. They also visited West Visayan Academy and gave medical examinations to faculty members and their families. The seven most common ailments the team found were avitaminosis, parasitism, tuberculosis, anemia, hypertension, bronchitis, and diarrhea.

This project, the first of its kind in that area, has placed the Seventh-day Adventist church in the eyes of the general public and has received hearty commendation, especially from the captains whose barrios received free consultation. This project also reveals the longing of the brethren to have a hospital in the West Visayan Mission which will take care of the physical ailments of the people.

—D. M. Niere

## News Notes

\* One hundred thirty-six delegates attended the second biennial session of the Central Visayan Mission in the East Visayan Academy chapel at Bulacao, Tilisay, Cebu, from April 26 to May 1. The session was opened by Pastor J. R. Obregon, president. During the session, delegates heard reports of the various departments and committees. The session closed on Sabbath with a symposium and a baptism of 75 persons.

\* A laymen's congress for the Central Philippine Union was held in Bacolod City March 3 to 6. Pastor C. L. Shankel, division lay activities secretary, and Pastor D. A. Roth, division public relations secretary, were the special guests and instructors of the 500 official delegates.

In a service on Sabbath afternoon, awards were given to: Miss Adelina Digidigan, who solicited Ps. 800, which made her the Ingathering "woman of the year" in 1970; Aniceto Suico, who won 72 souls during 1969-70; the West Visayan Mission for baptizing 675 in 1970; and the Central Visayan Mission for reaching Ps. 37,000, the highest Ingathering total for 1970.



## Layman Conducts Weekly Radio Program in Bacolod

Paulino C. Ibanez of Bacolod City conducts a weekly radio program in his home town. The program, "The Voice of the Lord," is heard every Monday morning on DYRN 1200 KHZ. In addition to music and the Bible, a Bible course is offered. Ibanez has been 12 previous graduates from the Bible course. These became baptized members of the church. Ibanez is a radio technician at the local radio station. Other interested persons can help him conduct the weekly program.



## Newspaper Publicity Brings Participants to Bangkok Five-Day Plan

**T**HE first Five-Day Plan to be held in the Thai capital city outside the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital compound was conducted by Dr. Andrew P. Haynal and Pastor James H. Snell at the Y.M.C.A. Center may 23 to 27.

The only morning English-language daily, the Bangkok *Post*, ran a seven-inch column about the program three days before it began. The same paper disseminated a Sunday feature on May 23 with a coverage of 32 inches in four columns, including two pictures. At the close of the program on May 27, the newspaper reporter interviewed an ex-smoker, and his story appeared in the May 29 issue with a large photograph and a write-up entitled, "How a 40-a-Day Man Gave Up Cigarettes."

According to a survey made, most of the 30 persons who attended the program said they learned of the Five-Day Plan through the news media, although hundreds of handbills were distributed and a score of colorful posters put up in strategic places. A few people were invited by church members. One man revealed that he stopped smoking the moment he read the Sunday feature at four o'clock that afternoon.

Dr. Haynal, on a two-year leave of absence from the Loma Linda University School of Public Health, at present employed by U.S.O.M. as public health advisor and with the faculty of public health at the Mahidol University in Bangkok, led out in the medical and physiological aspects of the program. His mastery of the subject matter and his easy, friendly manner quickly established good rapport with his audience. The psychological facet was presented by Pastor Snell, chaplain of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital.

On the second night, a tourist, Dr. Charles L. Dale, recently retired chief pathologist of the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital in Illinois, gave an impressive lecture as he showed his documented slides. The feature made a heavy impact on the participants. Dr. G. L. Dybdahl, Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital medical director, a pathologist, brought a cancerous lung on the first night. During the fifth night, he displayed a dissected heart showing the closing of the coronary artery, a case of coronary thrombosis. He concluded that smoking could be a predisposing cause of the ailment.

A special family hour program was presented on the fourth night. The film, "Time Pulls the Trigger," was shown, followed by a demonstration

of Smoking Sam by Pastor A. V. Pangan, Thailand Mission temperance secretary. Twenty-one of the 30 who attended indicated that they had broken the smoking habit. A group reunion, in the form of a cooking class at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital cafeteria, was held two weeks later.

—A. V. Pangan,  
Temperance Secretary,  
Thailand Mission



SHOWING. Dr. G. L. Dybdahl, Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital medical director, shows smokers the coronary artery closing of a heart specimen. In the front row at the right is Chaplain James H. Snell, one of the Bangkok Five-Day Plan leaders.

## An Explanation

**I**N the April *Outlook* (page 15) was an article about the graduation on January 23 of nine young ladies from the Saigon Adventist Hospital School of Nursing. The article stated that this was the first class ever to graduate from this school. While this is true, perhaps a little background information will give a more complete picture of the school.

In 1958 a Mrs. Aleatha Brooks started a School of Nursing which graduated nine nurses before being discontinued due to changes in personnel. In September, 1964, a School of Practical Nursing with a two-year program was begun. Another year was added to the curriculum sometime later, and 13 nurses graduated in 1967.

Dr. and Mrs. Jess Holm arrived in Saigon about this time and began to work toward establishing a diploma School of Nursing. There was considerable hesitancy in approving such a school until it could be properly developed, but finally, in December, 1969 temporary approval was granted for a three-year nurses training program to be conducted by the Saigon Adventist Hospital School of Nursing. Up to that time, the school was considered to be a School of Practical Nursing.

A letter of inquiry from a reader prompted us to do a bit of research on this matter. We hope this explanation will help to avoid any misunderstanding about this School of Nursing.

—G. C. Ekvall, M.D., Secretary,  
Department of Health

## Malaya Mission Aids Flood Victims

**G**IFTS of used clothing and cash recently were given by the Malaya Mission to aid flood victims in Malaysia, according to Pastor T. K. Chong, mission president.

Clothing sent to the mission office from the churches of Singapore and West Malaysia was taken in carloads to welfare headquarters in Kuala Lumpur. This was quite a load for the cars to carry, but the clothing was transported this way by mission workers to avoid the additional expense of hiring a lorry.

On May 6, Pastor Chong presented a check for M\$1,950 to the chief minister of Selangor for the State Disaster Fund. The money was given by members of the churches in West Malaysia and Singapore.

Pastor Chong is happy that the concern and generosity of church members in the mission made it possible for the church to do a bit for its country in its hour of national crisis.



AT HEADQUARTERS. These workers from the Malaya Mission (President T. K. Chong is at the right) have just delivered several carloads of clothing to welfare headquarters in Kuala Lumpur. The clothing had been donated for flood victims in Malaysia.

## S.A.U.C. News Notes

\* Southeast Asia Union College began its 1971 school year with an enrollment of 137. With the increase in student enrollment, there is a corresponding increase in course offerings and teaching staff. Forty-six courses are being offered in the first trimester with a total of 23 college teachers teaching either full or part time.

\* Leong Swee Keng, '67, scored distinctions in all his subjects ending his third year of premedicine at the University of the Philippines. His A average has earned him the coveted distinction of being a University Scholar, which entitles him to a scholarship. He plans to return to Singapore to complete his studies in medicine if accepted into the University of Singapore.

—Mrs. Maggie Tan, Registrar



## Mission Conducts Stewardship Course

**D**R. R. H. Tauran, academic dean of Indonesia Union College, Bandung, and concurrently stewardship secretary of the West Indonesia Union, successfully completed a stewardship course on home finance conducted in Surabaya, East Java Mission, May 22 to 24.

In a survey he previously conducted at a union-wide literature evangelist institute, all delegates and visitors (nearly 200) agreed on the need of more instruction and guidance in Christian stewardship.

All 69 graduates of the first stewardship course, representing the eight churches in Surabaya, pledged to be more faithful as stewards and to share the same spirit and determination with fellow believers.

Hopefully, these revival meetings will show significant impact on the giving habits of our constituency in that area. Similar meetings are already being scheduled on demand.

## Sermon Translator Becomes an Adventist

**M**Y name was Liauw Jit How, and I was a member of the Methodist church in Medan. I had become a Christian in my youth and felt that I must tell the gospel message to everyone I could.

How delighted I was to be invited to a public meeting in Medan by an Adventist layman, Jusuf Lie. The preacher was Pastor Rifai Burhanuddin. Since most of the audience was Chinese, I was asked by the group to translate his sermon into Chinese. I felt this was an honor for me. Brother Burhanuddin was an Adventist pastor, I was a Methodist, and almost everyone in the audience was Pentecostal. The meetings continued for some nights, and I felt my knowledge of God's Word was growing as I translated.

Then Brother Lie invited me to a Branch Sabbath School. I was very interested to learn there that Saturday is the Sabbath and that it is the day Jesus kept holy. I decided to keep the Sabbath holy too. I took my certificate of church membership back to my pastor and told him I was going to be baptized into the Adventist church.

On Sabbath, May 1, 1971, I was baptized by Pastor Burhanuddin, along with Brother Thomas Joe and Brother Andreas Nathan, two of my friends. My name was changed at that time, and now I am known as Lukas. I am very thankful to Brother Lie for inviting me to the public meetings where I learned about Seventh-day Adventists.



Lukas

## Laymen Help Win Souls and Acquire House of Worship

LAYMEN in Medan are working closely with their pastor, Rifai Burhanuddin, in obeying the gospel commission. This story illustrates how their work helped establish a new group of believers, complete with a chapel to worship in on Sabbaths.

Tomas Joe (Joe Soei Tjai) was an active layman, although not an Adventist. He had prepared a small chapel near his house, fully furnished, for his pastor and fellow believers to use on Sundays. But sometimes the pastor couldn't come.

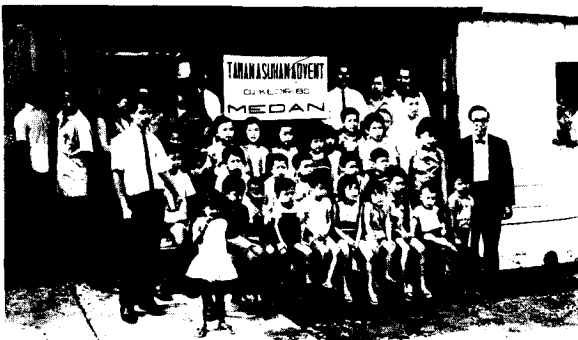
Jusuf Lie, an observant Adventist layman living nearby, suggested to Tomas Joe that perhaps his own pastor could come and preach to the devout little group.

Soon Pastor Burhanuddin and another Adventist, J. Manullang, began coming to the small church regularly to hold public meetings for the congregation. Since most of the audience was Chinese, Pastor Burhanuddin needed a translator. Brother Lie stepped into the picture again to suggest that Liauw Jit How, a Methodist, would be a good translator. Thus the meetings went on for some time, the Chinese brethren happy to be able to hear sermons in their own language.

As the meetings continued, Brother Lie studied the Bible with various members of the group. On December 26, 1970, 10 were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church. Thomas Joe and his family had not finished their Bible lessons at that time, but they took their stand and were baptized May 1.

Now that Tomas Joe is an Adventist, his little chapel is now in use by the church. Weekdays it is used as an Adventist school, taught by Lancius Saragih and sponsored by J. Manullang and Dr. Liwidjaja. On Sabbaths the chapel is used for worship services.

Pasor Burhanuddin requests prayers for him and for the laymen assisting him, that the church in Medan might grow as they work together with the Holy Spirit to win souls.



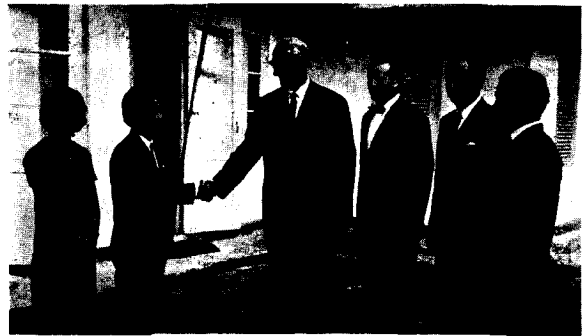
CONVERTED. The church that Brother Tomas Joe built when he was a member of another denomination is now used as an Adventist church and school. Pastor Rifai Burhanuddin is standing at the right (with bow tie).



## Five Ministers Ordained

Above, four new ministers are ordained in the South Sumatra Mission: B. M. Sihombing, Bangka district pastor; J. F. Silalahi, Lampong district pastor; A. A. Wuwondatu, mission public relations secretary; and B. H. Pandjaitan, mission Sabbath School and lay activities secretary. All four are in the front row between Pastor Ted Jones, union ministerial secretary, and Pastor C. G. Manurung, mission president.

Below, J. R. Manueke, a newly ordained minister in East Kalimantan, is welcomed to the ministry by Pastors P. H. Eldridge and C. L. Shankel of the Far Eastern Division, Pastor M. E. Thorman of the union, and Pastor A. A. Tambingen, mission president.



## J.M.C. News Note

\* The Japan Missionary College Library has been given significant and useful book collections recently. Professor Harold B. Hannum of Loma Linda University has given a special collection of books on music. Mrs. Arnold Storz, librarian at Mountain View Union Academy in California, has selected and sent to Japan Missionary College about 100 books in English and other areas from a collection given to the academy by Richard Powell of Andrews University.

These gifts are greatly appreciated. Hopefully, other individuals will also be inspired to send books to the college library. More books are needed, especially in the areas of education, physical education, religion, English, and business English.

—R. E. Klimes, President



## Japan Health Food Company Announces Major Changes

**C**OLLEGE Health Foods, for many years an industry of Japan Missionary College, has recently, by board action, been made an institution of the Japan Union Mission.

H. Imura, manager of College Foods for about seven years, has accepted a call as assistant treasurer and auditor of the Japan Union Mission. Brother Imura's faithful service will be missed at the food company, and we wish him much of God's blessing as he assumes his new responsibilities.

Masao Uruma, upon completion of his business administration studies in the United States, was called to the position of manager. We welcome Brother Uruma and his family as they join the staff at the food company, and we know that Brother Uruma will bring strong leadership to the expanding work of the company in the years ahead.

Due to prior registration by another firm of the name College Health Foods, it has been necessary to select a new name for the company. Saniku Shokuhin was chosen after much study. Saniku means for three points (physical, mental, and spiritual) and Shokuhin means foods.

New methods of promotion and distribution are meeting with success, with sales at an all-time high. Plans for further expansion are being studied with world health food leader Eric Howse and the San-

itarium Health Food Company of Australia. We believe the work of the food company in Japan has great possibilities. Let us pray that this can be accomplished.

—A. A. Cree,  
General Manager

## Okinawa Hospital Admits 100,000th Patient

**"W**E are lucky to have such a wonderful gift in addition to the treatment," said Mrs. Fumiko Tokuda while holding her 16-month-old baby, Yasuo, in her arms. Yasuo became the 100,000th new patient to be treated at the outpatient clinic of the Adventist Medical Center, Naha, Okinawa.

After Mrs. Tokuda had completed the registration process, Yasuo's name was called. Mrs. Tokuda brought Yasuo forward, and Dr. James R. Wood, medical director, presented the Tokudas with a \$25 discount certificate. Chaplain Fumihiro Atari gave Mrs. Tokuda a Japanese translation of **Ministry of Healing** and a set of **Bedtime Stories**.

Okinawa's largest newspaper, the **Okinawa Times**, sent a reporter and a photographer to the Adventist Medical Center to cover the event.

Seventh-day Adventist medical work began on Okinawa in 1953 with Dr. John Schnepfer, who was a U.S. Army physician working during his off-duty hours. Since that time over 400,000 outpatient visits have been made to the Adventist Medical Center.

Dr. Wood is assisted by Dr. Vernon C. Butler and Dr. Louis N. Christensen. Dr. John W. Kizziar is the dentist there, and Dick J. McDaniel is business manager. About 80 Okinawan and Japanese workers are employed at the Adventist Medical Center. Ninety percent of the employees are Seventh-day Adventists. The Lord is blessing the work of each one, and as a result, a good number of people are baptized every year who first heard the message at the Adventist Medical Center.



**WHAT'S THIS?** Little Yasuo Tokuda had no idea going to the doctor could be such a profitable experience. For being the 100,000th patient at the Adventist Medical Center in Naha, Okinawa, she received a \$25 discount certificate and a set of "Bedtime Stories," and her mother got a copy of "Ministry of Healing." Dr. James R. Wood, left, and Chaplain Fumihiro Atari are shown presenting the gifts to Yasuo and Mrs. Tokuda.